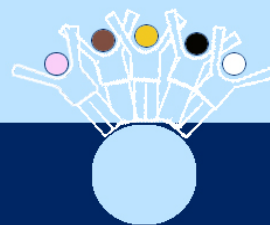


Griffith Public School

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NEWSLETTER TERM 2 WEEK 6

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Calendar

*Please note dates from week to week as there are occasionally some changes.

Week 6 Reconciliation Week

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| Thursday, May 31 st | K-2 Fun Athletics Day |
| Friday, June 1 st | 3-6 Athletics Carnival |

Week 7

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| Wednesday, June 6 th | P&C Meeting 7pm |
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Week 8

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| Monday, June 11 th | Queen's Birthday-Public Holiday (no school) |
| Tuesday, June 12 th | Regional Cross Country |
| Friday, June 15 th | K-6 Assembly |

Week 10 NAIDOC Week

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| Monday, June 25 th | NAIDOC Week Assembly |
| Tuesday, June 26 th | Indigenous Games |
| Wednesday, June 27 th | NAIDOC Week Cultural Activity Day |
| Thursday, June 28 th | Elders Morning Tea |
| Friday, June 29 th | K-6 Assembly |

Empowering Local Schools

Griffith PS is one of 229 schools in NSW who have been selected to participate in the Empowering Local Schools (ELS) initiative. The Empowering Local Schools (ELS) initiative is a national partnership between the Commonwealth and NSW State government. ELS schools will be given a grant of between \$40000 and \$50000 to assist them in the transition to more local decision making authority.

Information about the initiative will be shared with the community via the newsletter and P&C Meetings.

Book Fair

Thank you to Mrs Woods for organising and running a very successful book fair last week. Thank you also to parents and carers who purchased books for the students. \$\$\$\$ was raised for the school.

K-2 Athletics Carnival

The K-2 Athletics Carnival was postponed on Friday. It will be held this Thursday the 31st of May starting at 9.45am on the school oval. Age and novelty races will be held for the children. Please come along and join in the fun!

District Cross Country

Last Friday was a cold, wet and windy morning. Griffith Public students had to brave the chilly weather to represent the school. 60 students from year 3-6 competed in the Griffith Zone Cross Country. The rain continued throughout the day, but that didn't stop Griffith Public from trying their best.



Each student who raced achieved their best and displayed good sportsmanship. The frog Rex came

along and cheered us on! Unfortunately Rex couldn't race because he didn't have his wet weather gear. Even though it was cold we behaved as if it was a beautiful sunny day.

We would like to thank Miss Morante and Mrs Vearing for having the day off their classes and taking us to the carnival. We would also thank Mrs Campbell for organising the transport for the day when it got too cold for us to stay. Also thank you to the parents who braved the cold and cheered us on. It was greatly appreciated.

By Rose Bretherton and Tina Carberry

Special congratulations to Kyeesha Simpson who placed sixth in the 10 year girls' race. Kyeesha qualified for the reserve team. Congratulations also to Rose Bretherton who came second in the 11 year girls and to Tina Carberry for coming first in the 12/13 year girls race. Good luck girls and all the best when you compete at Deniliquin at the Riverina Cross Country.



Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

At the end of last year staff at GPS made the decision for the school to become involved in the implementation of PBL. This is a process aimed at refining our discipline system (rules, rewards and consequences etc.) to create more consistency and positive outcomes for all children.

As a result of the survey that was completed by students, staff and parents the following three

values were selected to be the key values of our PBL program.

RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY and DO YOUR BEST



To assist us further in establishing PBL, please complete the minor and major behaviours sheet that is being sent home today.

If you have any queries about PBL please do not hesitate to contact the school or come along to the next P&C meeting.

Canteen News

| Canteen Roster | |
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| Wednesday 30 th | Cathy |
| Thursday 31 st | Agnes Lolohea |
| Friday 1 st | Elena |
| Monday 4 th | Elena |
| Tuesday 5 th | Kerri |

Thank you to last week's helpers Kerri Sutton, and Anne Kelton. We now have the 100% fresh orange juice available. It's made locally from local oranges.

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| Small juice | \$1.50 |
| Large juice | \$2.20 |
| Nuggets | \$3 |
| Pluto Pups | \$3 |
| Hot Dogs | \$3 |
| Chicken Fillets | \$3.50 |
| Hot chicken/cheese rolls | \$3.50 |

P&C News

A recent decision by our canteen supervisor, Brenda, to do the daily banking from the comfort of her car proved to be particularly valuable. As luck would have it, Brenda won \$500 for our students of Griffith Public School in Country First Credit Union's Drive-Thru Banking Cash Giveaway competition. Thank you Brenda and Elena for all the hard work you do in the Canteen.



Our major fundraiser for term 2 is a raffle. Please support the P&C who support all children at GPS by selling your raffle tickets. **Tickets are 50c each.** There are terrific prizes to win!! Every time a child returns a book of sold raffle tickets to school, their name will go in the draw to win a canteen voucher. The raffle will be drawn on Friday 22nd June.

Our next P&C meeting is on Wednesday 6th of June at 7pm.

Thank you

Helen Lander, P&C President

School Photos

School photos were sent home last week. There is a display of SRC, Choir and School Captain photos in the school foyer. Order forms for these photos are available at the front office.

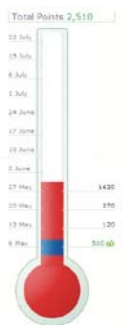
Science and Technology in 5/6C

5/6C have been learning about life cycles. They have had eggs in an incubator and they have recently hatched!

Thank you to Mrs Kelton for donating the eggs and to Mr Pattison for building a box for the hatched chickens.



Woolworths Earn and Learn!



Thank you to everyone who has been collecting Earn and Learn stickers from Woolworths supermarket (self-service too) to place on your family's sticker card. Once completed, simply drop the sticker card into a collection box that is in the front office, or at either of the Woolworths Supermarkets or put the stickers into one of those boxes.

Total points collected to date: **2512**

Our target this year is 20,000 points!

So keep collecting and filling up the sticker charts. When your chart is full simply collect another one from the table near the collection box in the office.



Star collectors this week: Sukhwinder Singh, Breeana Little, Tanielu Isaia, Gemma Taylor, Jock Lander Sarah O'Keeffe, Adnum Family, Sione Taituave, Charlotte McDonald, Karanina Tafili, Jacyntha Samuelu, Elina Anau, Tanisha Lualua, Joany Abria, Harsimar Kaur and Gypsy Warr.
 Super Star Collectors (all collecting 60 stickers): Ma'ata Alai Lokeni, Isabel Vozzo, Tyrelle Charles and Mr Pattison's Family.
 Mega Super Star Collector (90 stickers): Jerome and Jerville Rala

Thank you so much and keep collecting.



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If you would like more information regarding opening an account, please call: 69647333.

Before you consider taking any of our products or services please read our Disclosure Statements relating to our products.

Proud Sponsors of School Banking and the Uniform Subsidy Program. School banking is collected each Tuesday. Please remember to send your child's bank case in if you wish to continue banking.

New accounts may be opened by collecting a form from the school office.

Win a \$5.00 Canteen Voucher Week 6

Give your newsletter to your parent or carer to read. Ask them to sign this slip and put it in the box in the front office. If your slip is drawn out at Friday's assembly, you will win **one \$5 canteen voucher!** Two slips will be drawn out at each assembly.

Student / Family name: _____

Parent / Carer Signature: _____

Winners of last week's canteen vouchers were Anmol Singh and Joe Bretherton



