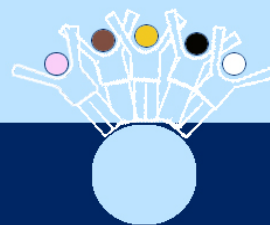


# Griffith Public School

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## NEWSLETTER TERM 2 WEEK 10

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### Term 2 2012

#### Calendar

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

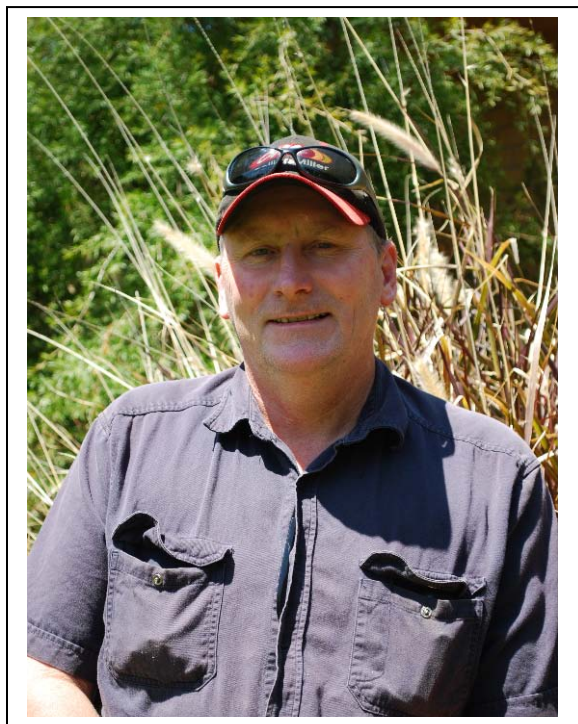
#### NAIDOC Week 10

Friday, June 29<sup>th</sup>

K-6 Assembly

Last Day Term 2

#### Farewell Terry



The school community was devastated by the recent death of Terry Murphy. Terry was the proud General Assistant at Griffith Public School who always went above and beyond his role. He was passionate about the students and the environment. Terry was responsible for the beautiful grounds that we have today. He has touched the lives of thousands of students and countless staff. Terry will be remembered fondly.

Terry's funeral was held on Tuesday and it was wonderful to have a guard of honour formed by

students who were, and are, involved in the 'Dirty Dozen', our School Captains and other students. Terry's family appreciated this mark of respect shown to him and to the family. Thank you to those who attended.

Our thoughts are with Terry's family at this difficult time. Terry's family have a long association with Griffith PS. His mother, Mrs Joan Murphy was a teacher here, Kayleen, Terry's partner, attended Griffith PS, as did their three children.

We hope at some stage to organise a memorial plaque and garden to honour Terry's memory.

#### NAIDOC Week



NAIDOC Week is being acknowledged and celebrated throughout the week at Griffith Public School.

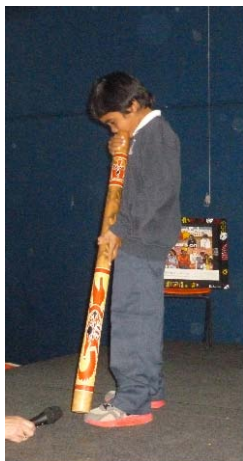
On Monday, an assembly was held in the school hall. The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags were raised to recognise this important week. Noah Carberry-Beale played the didgeridoo. Items were performed by the choir, the Koori Girls Dance group and children from the Kindergarten classes. Selected children also received awards for their artwork which depicted a Dreamtime Story that they had learnt about in their classroom. Ms Raelene Fox, Student Liaison Officer, was the guest speaker at the assembly and spoke of her life journey. A BBQ was held at the completion of the

assembly for parents, community members and students.

Today, the Elders were invited to our school for morning tea. They were entertained by our school choir.

Tomorrow, Koori children will share afternoon tea with their invited friend.

Thank you to all the parents and community members who supported our activities. Thank you also to Mrs Jan Kitchingman and Maxine Kirby for being instrumental in the organisation of our NAIDOC Week activities.



### Debating

On Thursday the 21st of June, six stage three students travelled to Hanwood Public School to compete in a Premiers Debating Challenge Gala day. These students had to prepare and deliver three consecutive debates with only an hour to construct their speeches for each debate. The day was highly successful with Griffith Public School winning all three debates against Hillston, Lake Cargelligo and Hanwood. The next debate will be against Griffith North Public School early next term. Well done to Rose Bretherton, Mikayla Coram, Meleseini Kaati, Bianca Sutton, Vienna Tanuvasa and Pauga loelu for their great work and determination. Thank you also to Mrs Woods for teaching the students debating techniques and for attending the day with the students.



### Multicultural Public Speaking Competition

On Tuesday the 26th of June two students represented Griffith PS at the Multicultural Public Speaking Competition at Griffith East. Both girls performed very well, narrowly missing out on a highly commended for their efforts. Jacinta Simpson presented a speech on the topic, "One Land, Many Voices" and Rose Bretherton spoke about "Getting a Multicultural Education". The impromptu topic for this year was "Going for Gold". Congratulations to both of these young ladies for their effort and application in preparing for this competition. Thank you to Mrs Woods for organising and assisting the students participation.

### P&C News

**ALL SOLD AND UNSOLD RAFFLE TICKETS MUST BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL BY THIS THURSDAY 28TH JUNE AS WE ARE DRAWING THE RAFFLE ON FRIDAY 29TH JUNE.**

This fundraiser is currently running at a loss and we would appreciate any help with selling raffle tickets. Great prizes to win!

50c a ticket.

The child who sells the most tickets will receive a canteen voucher.

The P&C were very saddened to hear of the death of Terry Murphy. Terry always supported the P&C in many ways from cooking BBQ's at La Festa and Athletics carnivals, helping to put our Fete and Carnivale together and to driving children in the bus to KROP and choir activities. He was always interested to hear about our children and eager to help in any way. Terry always believed in our children and what they could accomplish and achieve. The P&C would like to thank Terry for his dedication to Griffith Public School and the love and support he always gave to our children.

The Griffith Public School P&C offers our condolences to Terry's family and friends.

Thank you,  
Helen Lander, P&C President

### Thank you Sewing Bee Helper

Thank You to Anne Kelton who came in on Friday to assist Mrs Lander, Mrs Brown and Mrs McWhirter sew some costumes for our KROP item. We really appreciate Anne's time and expertise.

## Woolworths Earn and Learn!



### We only have 1 week to go!!!

So shop hard at Woolworths and bring in lots of stickers, please. Whatever you collect over the weekend either hang on to until next term or drop it into the box at Woolworths.

Total points collected for Griffith Public School to date: **15,200**  
Our target this year is 20,000 points! Can we do it??? We have already beaten last year's total of 8,000 points



Thank you so much and keep collecting. **This promotion ends 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2012.**

## Coles – Sports for Schools Program

Our school is once again participating in the Coles-Sports for Schools Program in 2012. By shopping at Coles and collecting the vouchers you can help our school work towards receiving sporting goods and equipment for students to use. Please collect your vouchers from family and friends and place them in the Coles – Sports for Schools box in the front office.

So far we have collected: **1246 vouchers**

## Educational Internet Programs

Over the course of this week, students will receive a letter from Mrs McWhirter about Educational Internet programs. These programs can be accessed by students if they have the internet at home. Attached to this letter will be a user name and password that students need to be able to access each website.

These websites are ABC Reading Eggs, StudyLadder and ZooWhiz. ABC Reading Eggs is a reading program we use from K-6 to help students with their reading, spelling and comprehension. Griffith Public School has paid for full access to ABC Reading Eggs and students may access it from home if they wish. It is an

outstanding program that caters for individual student needs.

StudyLadder and ZooWhiz are free for schools to use and enable students to have limited access from home for free. Families may choose to subscribe for full access if they wish. Both of these programs are Australian and reinforce concepts taught at school.

If your child misplaces this letter please email Mrs McWhirter and she will do her best to get those usernames and passwords to you as quickly as possible.

Email: [leanne.mcwhirter@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:leanne.mcwhirter@det.nsw.edu.au)

## Reading Eggs

As part of computer education at Griffith Public School students have been working at their own level on ABC Reading Eggs. One of the activities in Reading Eggs is to write a story from stimulus pictures in the Story Factory. Last week Wycliff Tuiaki of 4T wrote a story called 'Black Fish' that was shortlisted in the writing competition. Congratulations Wycliff. Children do not receive prizes for winning these competitions, however their names do go up in lights on the Reading Eggs website!

## Rugby League Holiday Clinic

"Kids To Kangaroos"

Boys Rugby League and Girls League-tag Clinic

### Venues:

Lake Cargelligo Sportsground – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

Loftus Oval Junee – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July

Ron Crowe Oval West Wyalong – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July

Nicholson Park Cootamundra – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July

Age 5-12yrs

Boys & Girls

For more Information

Contact Dean Whymark

Ph 0411159456

To Register go online to –

[www.arldevelopment.com.au/riverina](http://www.arldevelopment.com.au/riverina)

**TERM 3 STUDENTS  
RETURN ON TUESDAY  
17<sup>th</sup> JULY**



### Holiday fun at Griffith Central

LifeSourceChurch and Griffith Central are running a Holiday Kid's Club @ Griffith Central near Ritchies IGA for K-6 students.

**Activities, stories, songs and craft.**

**July 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> from 10am till 12 noon**

Participation is free. To register please call 6962 7284 or 6964 9953 before the day or in the morning of the day/s you would like your child to participate.



Country First Credit Union's School Banking Program helps teach children about the importance of good savings habits, budgeting and setting long and/or short term financial goals.

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

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### Girl's Netball

Congratulations to the Griffith Public Netball Teams. Last Friday a Gala team and a Knockout team played in a carnival at Jubilee Netball Courts. The Gala team played against 4 schools and had an extremely enjoyable day. Thank you to Kylie Woods for managing the team on the day. Your words of wisdom and encouragement were very

beneficial. The Knockout team won all 3 rounds at the state knockout. Next term the Knockout team will play their round 4 match against Leeton early in the Term 3. Congratulations to all girls for a fantastic day at the netball courts. Thank you to all parents who braved the cold and came and supported your child at the netball courts your presence and help on the day was wonderful. Thank you to Mrs Vearing for organising such a wonderful day.



Lydia Johnson , Hollie Penrith, Abbiey-Jean Enness, Sahinde Kunduz, Jessica Power.

Absent: Danae Woods, Mikayla Coram



Jacinta Simpson, Tina carberry, Tyra Simpson, Parisa Abdollahi, Rose Bretherton, Leni Tuiaki, Nargis Sadiqi





## AFL HOLIDAY CAMP

The camp provides a **FUN** and **HEALTHY** program for **BOYS** and **GIRLS** aged 5-16 years.

You don't have to play AFL to attend the camp.

Holiday camp will feature the following:

- Fun Games
- Skill sessions
- Draft Camp Testing for teenagers
- AFL Activity Book

**Camp Date:** Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> of July – West End Sports Stadium,  
Merrowie Street Griffith

**Time:** 9:30am – 3:30pm

**Cost:** \$50 (GST Incl.)

Group bookings of 5 or more are \$40 each (GST Incl.)

**To Register:**

**Call:** 6921 5000

**Email:** karen.suckling@aflnswact.com.au

## Olympic Games Craft Days

*School Holiday Storytime*  
Friday July 6 & Friday July 13 at 11am



Join us for some Olympic fun during the school holidays and get in the spirit of the 2012 London Olympic Games!

Lots of fun craft activities for kids of all ages to be had!

For more information, contact the Library on 69 622515

[www.griffith.nsw.gov.au/Library](http://www.griffith.nsw.gov.au/Library)



## KROP PERFORMANCE

Dear Parent/Carer,

Griffith Public School has secured **30 tickets** for the 11am KROP performance on Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2012. Allocation of tickets will be given out on a 'first in, first served' basis. The students will be accompanied by two staff members from GPS.

The cost of the tickets is \$10 each.

If you would like your child to attend the performance, please return the attached permission note and \$10 as soon as possible. (First 30 notes and money returned will secure tickets).

I give permission for \_\_\_\_\_ in class \_\_\_\_\_

to attend the KROP performance on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> August at 11am.

I have enclosed \$10. I understand the note and money will be returned if the 30 tickets have been sold.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_