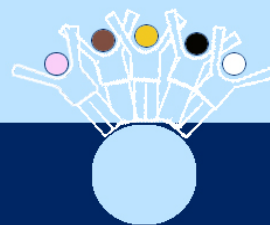


# Griffith Public School

A quality education for all



## NEWSLETTER TERM 3 WEEK 5

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### Term 3 2012

#### Calendar

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

#### Week 5

Tuesday August 14 <sup>th</sup>	Maths ICAS
Wednesday August 15 <sup>th</sup>	Trent Barrett Shield
Friday August 17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Pioneer Park

#### Week 6

Wednesday August 22 <sup>nd</sup>	1.45pm Year 6 Transition to Griffith HS
Friday August 24 <sup>th</sup>	K-6 Assembly

#### Week 7

Wednesday August 29 <sup>th</sup>	1.45pm Year 6 Transition to Griffith HS
Friday August 31 <sup>st</sup>	Dads and Doughnuts

#### Week 8

Tuesday September 4 <sup>th</sup>	Life Education
Wednesday September 5 <sup>th</sup>	1.45pm Year 6 Transition to Griffith HS
Friday September 7 <sup>th</sup>	K-6 Assembly

#### Week 9 – Intensive Swimming

Mon Sept 10 <sup>th</sup> – Thur 13 <sup>th</sup>	Life Education
Wednesday September 12 <sup>th</sup>	1.45pm Year 6 Transition to Griffith HS

#### Week 10 – Intensive Swimming

Wednesday September 19 <sup>th</sup>	1.45pm Year 6 Transition to Griffith HS
Friday September 21 <sup>st</sup>	K-6 Assembly Last day of Term 3

### Ron Inglis Memorial Tidy Towns Award

On Monday August 13<sup>th</sup> Terry Murphy's family were presented with a special Tidy Towns Award, by Councillor Pat Cox, to acknowledge the dedication and work Terry did for many years as the General Assistant at Griffith Public School. Terry was responsible, along with former Principal, Chris Cundy, for restoring the school grounds and introducing special areas such as the Billabong. Terry was passionate about the environment and shared this passion with many students over the years through his work with the Dirty Dozen.



Thank you to Terry's partner Kayleen and their daughter, Hannah for sharing the award with students and staff. The Memorial Plaque will be in the display cabinet in the school foyer for the year.

### Zone Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to all students who attended the carnival last Friday. Behaviour and good sportsmanship were outstanding. More results and news will be in next week's newsletter.

## Intensive Swimming

Learning to swim is fun and is a vital part of Australian life. It is essential that students are aware of the importance of water safety and are equipped with the necessary skills for safety and survival. The intensive swimming program will be running again this year. Lessons will run from **Monday the 10<sup>th</sup> September to Friday the 21<sup>st</sup> of September. The cost of the program is \$40. To ensure your child has a place, please return the permission note and money by August 31<sup>st</sup>. Payment can be made in instalments.**

## Life Education

LIFE EDUCATION NSW will be visiting our school on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September and Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September to Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September.

Please see the attached sheet for the outline of the program that your child will be participating in.

The cost is only \$2 and this has been heavily subsidised by The Griffith Lions Club and Life Education NSW in order that ALL children will have access to the program. The \$2 not only allows each child to visit the Life Education van but also provides each student with a relevant workbook to continue with, back in the classroom.

The Life Education programs address many of the components and outcomes within the NSW PDHPE syllabus. Therefore, it is strongly encouraged that your child attends the Life Education program and pays the relevant cost of \$2. Please don't forget to return the permission slip as well which can be found on the attached sheet.

## Years 5 and 6 Excursion

All students who are going on the Borambola excursion in Term Four were given behaviour contracts to take home and sign and return to school. Thank you for the prompt return of so many.

Students were also given a letter outlining behaviour expectations over the coming weeks in order to keep their place on the excursion. Students going on excursion **MUST** be on Bronze or above level by September 7<sup>th</sup>. This is the Friday of week 8 this term. They must maintain this level to be eligible for the excursion.

A reminder also that money owing towards the excursion is due and can be paid at the office at any time. Final payments must be made by the last day of Term Three. Thank you.

## P&C News

Thank you to everyone who supported our Krispy Kreme Donut Drive. It was a great success and a wonderful fundraiser for our school. Thank you to Vanessa and Wayne for organising this fundraiser and for driving to Melbourne to collect the donuts.

Our next fundraiser is a Movie night featuring the movie "The Bourne Legacy". This is on Wednesday 29th August at the Griffith City Cinema and tickets are \$16.00 each and can be purchased from the GPS office.

Last week was a big week for the P&C with helpers at the Athletics carnival and the Krispy Kreme Donut drive. A very big "Thank you" to all these helpers who took a day off work to help GPS.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 5th September at 7pm.

Everyone is very welcome to attend!

Helen Lander

## Week 2 Assembly Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received an award at assembly in week 2

<b>KB</b> Elina Anau Feleti Faigafa Elenoa Tiritabua	<b>KV</b> Millie Raynor Mele Tuitufu Saula Lalagavesi
<b>KL</b> Sea-King Moala Naa Manu Cameron Irvin	<b>1B</b> Hezron Kaisa Jaida'hope Maggs Miguel Fabian
<b>1F</b> Tangata Toru Nove Chand Ethan Nayden	<b>2L</b> Jake Rand Tairell Corkery Moerai Rangirua Makonia
<b>2D</b> Tyrelle Charles Jerome Rala Latisha Tia	<b>2B</b> Alex Fatafetti Siukaki Tuiaki Devarsh Pancholi
<b>3R</b> Reuben Leao-Seve Simpson Althea Fabian Samson Vaireka	<b>4B</b> Dezree Samuelu-Kirby John Broadbent Morrison Fatafehi
<b>4T</b> John Taunisila Jessica Power Danae Woods	

**FOUND -In the meeting room - Black and grey shawl- Please see Mrs Lander.**

### Transition to High School

All Year 6 students have received permission notes that need to be signed and returned to school regarding transition afternoons at Griffith High School. These will start next week and students will attend the high school for a range of orientation activities every fortnight. Please ensure these notes are returned to your child's teacher. Thank you.

### Canteen News

Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Helen
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Cathy
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Elena
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Elena
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Kerri

Thank you to Trish Enness, Helen Lander and Kerri Sutton for helping all day in the kiosk at the athletics carnival last Friday. Also, a big thank you to Ray Schaefer for cooking our BBQ and Nicole Myers and Pam Harris for helping him all day. Your help was very much appreciated and we had a very successful day.

Thank you also to Siosi for helping at the school canteen.

### Time for a Spring Clean!

**Wanted** – Donations of Children's games, toys and clothes for the Griffith Public School Trash and Treasure Stall

Please take donations to the Griffith Public School office during office hours 8.45am – 3.30pm any week day.

**Wanted** – Donations of second hand school clothing. Please leave at the school office.

### PCYC After School Activities

Are you looking for a fun and exciting activity after school? Griffith PCYC is offering the following activities:

- Gymnastics
- Karate
- Introduction to Archery
- Boxing for fitness
- After school care (\$20 per day-CCB accepted)

For further information call us at the PCYC on 6964 2004

### 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.

We have just over 14000 vouchers to date! Well done!!

You can check our voucher goals and progress on the Coles Sports for Schools Website: [www.sportsforschools.com.au](http://www.sportsforschools.com.au)

Start Collecting TODAY!!!

### Woolworths Earn and Learn is OVER!



Woolworths Earn and Learn promotion has now ended.

Please send in any stickers or sticker charts, whether they are full or not. **These must be returned to our school by this FRIDAY please.**

So far we have collected **39,380** points. Thank you to everyone who has been collecting stickers and putting them in the collection boxes at either Woolworth's stores or at our school. We will purchase some wonderful resources for our school very soon.



## Mini Olympics

Last Wednesday students had an excellent time participating in School Olympic activities.

Thank you to Mrs Vearing for organising such a special event and to all the staff for their input. By all accounts all staff and students had a great time and will be looking forward to Rio 2016!!

Lighting the GPS Olympic Flame!!



A great team sport!



Winners of the canteen vouchers at last week's assembly were Luke Tonga and Shiloh Barton.

### Win a \$5.00 Canteen Voucher Week 5

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: \_\_\_\_\_



# KROP - THANK YOU



Mrs Lander and Mrs McWhirter would like to thank the children and their families for a wonderful couple of days of KROP 2012. The children were very well behaved and performed sensationally despite the horrible illness that tried to knock us all down! We would also like to thank the children for the beautiful flowers that they sent to us. It was a very thoughtful thank you gift and we were delighted to receive them.