

# Griffith Public School

A quality education for all



## NEWSLETTER TERM 1 WEEK 1

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### Term 1 2012

#### Calendar

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

#### Week 2

Friday, February 8 <sup>th</sup>	K-6 School Assembly, 1pm School Hall  'Australia' Dress up Day-Gold Coin Donation
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#### Week 3

Wednesday, February 13 <sup>th</sup>	Years 3-6 Swimming Carnival P&C 7pm School office
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#### Week 4

Friday, February 22 <sup>nd</sup>	K-6 School Assembly, 1pm School Hall
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#### Week 5

Friday, March 1 <sup>st</sup>	District (Zone) Swimming Carnival
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#### Week 6

Friday, March 8 <sup>th</sup>	K-6 School Assembly, 1pm School Hall  Riverina Swimming Carnival
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#### Week 7

Friday, March 15 <sup>th</sup>	National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence
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#### Week 8

Friday, March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	K-6 School Assembly, 1pm School Hall
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#### Week 9

Monday March 25 <sup>th</sup>	Young Leaders Conference (School Captains)
Tuesday March 26 <sup>th</sup>	K-2 Easter Hat Parade
Thursday March 28 <sup>th</sup>	School Photos
Friday, March 29 <sup>th</sup>	Good Friday-Public Holiday

#### Week 10

Monday April 1 <sup>st</sup>	Easter Monday-Public Holiday
Thursday April 4 <sup>th</sup>	K-2 Cross Country
Friday, April 5 <sup>th</sup>	Years 3-6 School Cross Country

#### Week 11

Friday, April 12 <sup>th</sup>	Last day Term 1
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### Welcome

Welcome to students and families who have returned to Griffith Public School and a special welcome to all our new students and families. Griffith Public School provides a diverse range of learning opportunities for students and strives to create a school environment that is stimulating, caring and inclusive of all.

I encourage parents to regularly discuss children's progress, both academically and socially throughout the year and encourage parents to become involved with school activities such as assemblies, sports carnivals, special events, offering assistance in the classroom and by becoming involved with P&C. Your children are the ones who benefit the most from your involvement.

Also, please do not hesitate to see if I am available or make an appointment to chat with me during the year also.

The school newsletter is sent home once a week, usually on a Tuesday. The newsletter is also uploaded each week to the school website-

[www.griffith-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.griffith-p.schools.nsw.edu.au). The newsletter will keep you informed of important events and acknowledges a range of achievements by students throughout the year.

I would like to welcome new staff members to Griffith PS. Mr Lachlan Date and Mr Amarjot Chauhan (Mr C). I am confident that once again in 2013 there will be many great achievements made by the students and staff at Griffith Public School.

Jude Hayman

Principal

### Kindergarten Students First Day



### Medication

If your child requires medication during school hours please come to the school office to complete paperwork as we cannot give out medication without written permission. Thank you.

## P&C News

Welcome to all our new and returning parents, we would love for you to become involved in our friendly P&C.

Our first P&C meeting is on **WEDNESDAY 13TH FEBRUARY at 7PM** in the staffroom. Come along and meet other parents, discuss ideas and hear what is happening at GPS in 2013.

The canteen and uniform price list for 2013 is attached to this newsletter. Please note, that there has been an increase in price with some items.

Don't forget that our uniform shop is open every Thursday from 1.30-2.30pm. We apologise that we have run out of shirts and hats we will send a note home as soon as supplies arrive.

Helen Lander  
P&C President

## Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is operated by the P&C and is run by volunteers on Thursdays from 1.30-2.30pm.

If you are interested in helping with the operation of the uniform shop please contact Kerri Sutton on 0419624303 or give your name to Miss Hayman.

**Please remember to write your child's name on ALL items of clothing, bags, lunch containers etc. Thank you.**

## Unwanted Uniforms

We welcome any donations of uniforms. If you have any that no longer fit your children and no one to pass them on to please bring them to the front office. These uniforms will be given to other students when needed.

## Breakfast at the Coolah Café

Breakfast of cereal or toast is available at Griffith PS on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings between 8.40am and 9.10am. If you would like to help with serving breakfast on any of these days please leave your name and contact number with the school office staff.

## School Arrival

A friendly reminder, supervision at Griffith PS begins at 8.55am. Students should not arrive before 8.55am as they are not supervised during this time.

## Contact Details

Information cards have been sent home with students and parents. Please complete and return to school as soon as possible. These cards have information that is needed by the school in order to contact parents in case of emergencies. Thank you.

## School Canteen

Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Elena
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Elena
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Kerri

Welcome back to GPS canteen. Lunch orders are to be in by 9.30am sharp. A very big thank you to Anne Kelton for her kind donation of watermelons and rockmelons. We have had a couple of price increases:

Milk \$2.50  
Large Juice \$2.50  
LOL drink \$2.20

Brenda, Canteen Manager

## Sprinkles' Multicultural Playgroup - Families NSW funded Multicultural Playgroup

Dianne & Sarbjit invite families with children up to school age to come and join in activities that have been designed to extend children's learning and listening abilities while giving parents the opportunity to meet and make friends with other families from the Griffith and surrounding communities.

'Sprinkles' focuses on families from **culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds** with all families treated equally. Religious and cultural differences are experienced within the playgroup through art/craft, music, storytelling and puzzles.

The playgroup operates **Wednesday & Thursday 9:30AM -12:30PM** during school terms.

Cost is **\$1 per family per session** with parents staying with their children and participating in all aspects of the running of the playgroup.

Parents are also asked to bring along a piece of fruit for morning tea and a wide brim hat for themselves and their children for outside play during the summer months. No Hat, No outside play!!!



## Kindergarten Best Start Assessment

Best Start Assessment is taking place at our school this week. The assessment allows teachers to gather information which will help them to plan and teach what their students need to learn next.

The Best Start assessment is not a test. The teacher will observe each student and use tasks such as talking about a book that has been read, and record what their students know and can do. The teacher will look at your child's early reading and writing, their ability to communicate with others, and how they recognise and work with numbers, groups and patterns.

You will be given feedback about what your child's teacher has learned about your child, which you are welcome to discuss if you wish, in keeping with our usual practice.

## Australia Dress up Day

On Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> of February, students are invited to dress in 'Australia' themed clothes. We ask students to bring a gold coin donation. All money raised will be donated to a charity which will be decided by the Student Representative Council (SRC) at their first meeting.

## 2013 National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence - Friday 15 March

On **Friday 15 March 2013** our school will be taking part in the **National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence**. The day, now in its third year, is an initiative of all Australian education ministers. At our school, we are dedicated to creating supportive school environments, free from bullying, harassment and violence. By working together as a school community, we are sending clear messages to young people that bullying and violence, in or outside of school, is not okay – at any time. Please note this date in your calendars. I will keep you informed about our school plans and activities to celebrate the day.

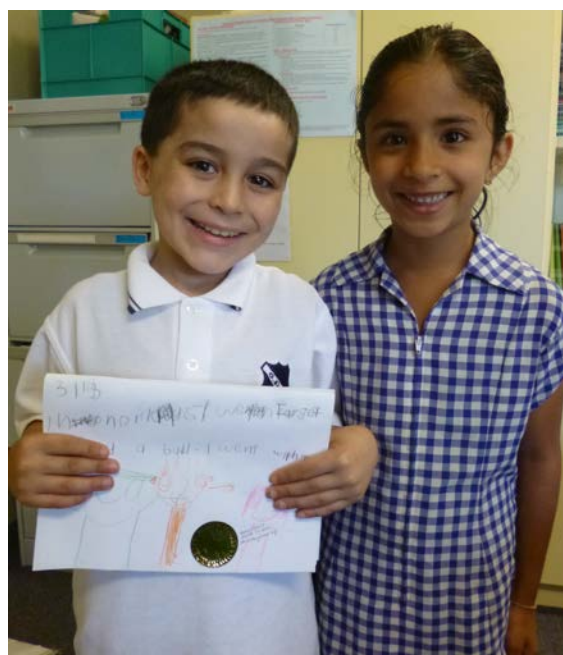
## Youth Connections Lunches

We have been informed that students who were provided with lunches as part of this program will not be receiving lunch until the end of February. Please contact Malcolm at Youth Connections if you have any questions.



## Do Your Best and Responsibility

Well done Tristan Irvin for doing his best when writing and Nove Chand for being a responsible class member. Both students are in 2D and Miss Dance was so pleased with them she sent them to visit Miss Hayman. Well done Tristan and Nove, what a great start to 2013.



## Win a \$5.00 Canteen Voucher Week 1

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: \_\_\_\_\_