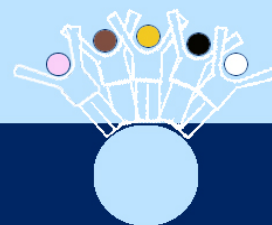


Griffith Public School

A quality education for all



NEWSLETTER TERM 1 WEEK 2

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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 th	K-6 School Assembly, 1pm School Hall 'Australia' Dress up Day-Gold Coin Donation
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Week 3

Wednesday, February 13 th	Years 3-6 Swimming Carnival Meet the Teachers (see newsletter for times) P&C 7pm School office
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Week 4

Friday, February 22 nd	K-6 School Assembly, 1pm School Hall
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Week 5

Friday, March 1 st	District (Zone) Swimming Carnival
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Week 6

Friday, March 8 th	K-6 School Assembly, 1pm School Hall Riverina Swimming Carnival
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Week 7

Friday, March 15 th	National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence
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Week 8

Friday, March 22 nd	K-6 School Assembly, 1pm School Hall
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Week 9

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

Week 10

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

Week 11

Friday, April 12 th	Last day Term 1
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KL Visits Miss Hayman

Last week Mrs Irvin took KL on a tour of the school including a visit to Miss Hayman's office.



GPS Swimming Carnival 2013

On Wednesday, 13th February we will be holding our annual Years 3-6 Swimming Carnival at Griffith Aquatic Centre. All students are strongly encouraged to attend and participate in the carnival. We will be holding traditional races and novelty events.

This year we will be giving out special prizes for the best dressed student and best poster design for each house. There will also be a special trophy awarded to a student who tries their best all day.

Permission notes and pool entry fee of \$3.20 to be returned to your child's classroom teacher by Friday, 8th February, 2013.

Meet the Teachers

Please come along to meet the teachers, have a brief chat and find out some information about the class routine.

The meeting for Kinder (Early Stage One), Year One and Two (Stage One) will take place at 3.30pm in 2L's classroom (Infants building).

Year Three and Four (Stage Two) will meet in Mrs Lemon's classroom (the new classroom building) at 4.30pm.

Years Five and Six (Stage Three) will meet in the Library at 6pm.

Teachers are looking forward to meeting our student's parents and carers.

School Assemblies

During odd weeks (when there is not a K-6 Assembly on the calendar) stages hold assemblies.

They are held at the following times and locations on Fridays;

- Early Stage One (Kindergarten) and Stage One (Years 1 and 2)- 1pm in the School Hall
- Stage Two (Years 3& 4)-
- Stage Three (Years 5&6)-1pm in 5/6M & 5/6W rooms

We encourage parents and family members to attend. Students run the assemblies, merit awards are presented and often students perform.

P&C News

It is wonderful to see so many children in their full school uniform. Thank you to all parents and carers for helping this to happen. Our uniform shop is open every Thursday from 1.30pm-2.30pm.

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.

Each year at the swimming carnival, the P&C provide morning tea to all teachers and volunteers. We are asking parents and carers, if they could help by making a cake or slice. These could be left in the old staffroom on the morning of **Wednesday 13th February**. We would also love any volunteers to help us serve the morning tea.

Thank you,
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.

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

Wednesday 6 th	Siosi
Thursday 7 th	Kerri
Friday 8 th February	Elena
Monday 11 th February	Elena
Tuesday 12 th February	Rachel

The new kindergarten children have settled in well and many are using the canteen with confidence. Please encourage your child not to share their food or money.

Watermelon or rockmelon bowls \$2.50

Chicken Burgers \$3.50

Chicken Nuggets \$3.00

Pluto Pups \$3.00

Thank you,

Brenda, Canteen Manager

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 8th 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 The Cancer Council's 'Relay for Life'.

Griffith Public School Website

Our school website is a valuable communication tool. All newsletters are uploaded on Wednesdays,

so that if your paper copy goes missing you can access our school website for a copy.

Photos of our special events are also put onto the website.

Please visit our website by either searching (Googling) 'Griffith Public School' or go to the following web address: <http://www.griffith-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

Rabbitohs Visit



On Monday (yesterday) Matt King from the Rabbitohs visited our school to talk about football and bullying. Matt reminded students that Bullying is not cool and talked about what to do if you are being bullied and he also told students not to be a bully.

Bullying is **repeated** verbal, physical, social or psychological behaviour that is harmful and involves the misuse of power by an individual or group towards one or more persons. Behaviours that do not constitute bullying include: mutual arguments and disagreements (where there is no power imbalance), not liking someone or a single act of social rejection, one-off acts of meanness or spite, isolated incidents of aggression, intimidation or violence (however, these conflicts still need to be addressed and resolved). Cyber bullying refers to bullying that is carried out through information and communication technologies.



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.



GCFC REGISTRATION DAY

Calling for Junior and Senior registrations.

DATE: Saturday 2nd February 2013 and Sunday 10th February 2013

TIME: 11-3pm

Please bring ID and Cash/Cheque only

For junior parents/players there will be no canteen or ground duty commitments for season 2013.

Supporting Griffith CANASSIST.

GCFC will be hosting a 2013 Junior Academy and discounts will apply to GCFC players.



YENDA Blueheelers JRLFC

FUN FOOTY STARTS HERE

Yenda Blueheelers JRLFC invites junior boys and girls of all abilities to their Club for a fun and safe way to develop and learn new skills; promote sportsmanship and enjoyment through Rugby League and League Tag. Yenda offers experienced coaching staff, strong family values and commitment towards giving your child the best possible environment to learn Rugby League and League Tag.

Registration Days

Monday 4th February 2013
Jubilee Park Griffith 4.00pm - 5.00pm

Saturday 9th & 23rd February 2013
Griffith Central 10.00am - 2.00pm

New players must bring ID

Don't panic if you can't make it on the day, players can still sign on at training

Training commences
Thursday 7th March at Jubilee Oval, Griffith - 4.30pm

For further information contact:
David Busnello 0427 160 466 or Jodie Payne 0429 140 484

YENDA DIGGERS CLUB

YENDA PRIMER 10 TO 16 YRS

YENDA PRIMER 17 TO 19 YRS

POCKETON BRIDGE

EARTHMOVING & HAULAGE

Liquitech

CAMDEN LANE

Great Southern

water dynamics

Yenda Fruit & Veg Supply

fire

SUMAN'S

PRESTO

SERAFIN LANDPOWER

Griffith Laundry Service

Moore Contracting Solutions

Win a \$5.00 Canteen Voucher Week 2

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: _____