

# Griffith Public School

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## NEWSLETTER TERM 1 WEEK 6

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### Term 1 2013

#### Calendar

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

#### Week 6

Thursday, March 7 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Dress up-Gold Coin Donation
Friday, March 8 <sup>th</sup>	K-6 School Assembly, 1pm School Hall  Riverina Swimming Carnival  'Race Day' Relay for Life fundraiser

#### 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

K-2 BUPA Nursing Home Special Assembly (no K-6 Assembly)

#### Week 11

Friday, April 12 <sup>th</sup>	K-6 Assembly, 1pm School Hall  Last day Term 1
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### Term 2

#### Week 1

Wednesday, May 1 <sup>st</sup>	K-6 return to school
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#### Stage Three – Antarctica

This term, students in years 5 and 6 are studying Antarctica and we have been lucky enough to have been sent some clothes from Antarctica to try on. Mr Workman dressed up in them at our stage assembly and then in class we got to try some on. There are many layers of clothes that people need to wear in Antarctica. The warmest day recorded in Antarctica was -10 degrees.





### Zone Swimming 2013

Last week, Miss Morante had the pleasure of taking the Zone Swimming Team to training on Thursday and the Carnival on Friday. Each of the thirteen team members represented Griffith Public School with pride and enthusiasm. On Thursday, Katrina Goldman volunteered to run a training session to share her expertise. She helped us with entries, exits and tumble turns. It was great to have an expert to help and everyone learnt a lot.

A special thank you to the parents and family members who went to the pool on Friday to support our team. Everyone appreciated your support. Thank you to Miss Morante for organising the team and training

Solo Toru needs a special mention as he has been selected to represent Griffith at the Riverina Carnival this Friday. We would like to wish Solo all the best at this important swimming event.



### Buddies

Over the past few weeks 5/6M and 2D have been working together as buddies. Students have been reading together, making artworks for 'Relay for Life' and we are looking forward to playing some Maths games together. Working with our buddies has been a great experience for all of us.



### School Photos Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March

A Flyer/envelope will be sent home with students explaining the products available.

Please ensure that each student returns his/her own envelope even if payment is made in the eldest child's envelope. Envelopes are not to be placed inside other envelopes

**Students are to return envelopes to school before Photo Day.**

We have an auto-mated system for payments by credit card. You can go online to [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) for easy to understand payment instructions. You will receive a receipt number which **MUST** be written on the order envelope in the space provided. You can also make payments by cash, cheque or money order.

Sibling Photos are also available for students at the school, please collect a "family order envelope" from the office & return it to the office. Thank you.

### P&C News

Our next meeting will be our Annual General Meeting (AGM) and this will be **on WEDNESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> MARCH at 7pm**. All parents and carers are very welcome.

Helen Lander (P&C President)

### Assembly Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received awards at the last assembly:

<b>KB</b> Domanic Natua Troy Colpo Taimataiti Orake	<b>KL</b> Shiloh Barton Jye Eslick Chloe Towers
<b>KM</b> Philip Anoniu Ata Misi Tushana Manutai	<b>KC</b> Maikeli Mohulama Sharlene Taituave Taleea Burnes
<b>1S</b> Jue McIntyre Joanna Ataala Kousar Ali	<b>1B</b> Jada Penrith Bronwyn Murray Leon Aloni
<b>1B</b> Jada Penrith Bronwyn Murray Leon Aloni	<b>2D</b> Nove Chand Ethan Nayden Joshua Ratuverebukui
<b>2L</b> Yanga Marela Kashvi Shah Lashawn Adnum	<b>3/4B</b> Susan Ranguira Moerai Ranguira Makonia William Mott
<b>3/4C</b> Druva Patel Marabelle Martini Popole Jerville Rala	<b>3/4D</b> Ned Stewart Sasha Halliburton Tina Singh
<b>3/4L</b> Matthew Taituave Lucy Bretherton Justen Kelton Joseph Waddell	<b>3/4S</b> Aeesha Fifita Kyla Rand Raymond Halaapiapi

### School Canteen

Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Siosi
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Kerry and Helen
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Elena
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Elena
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Rachael

Thank you to last week's helpers Agnes Lolohea and Kerri Sutton.

Hot Dogs	\$3.00
Hot chicken/cheese rolls	\$3.50
Nuggets	\$3.00
Pluto Pups	\$3.00

Brenda,  
Canteen Manager

### Friendly Reminder

If you need to collect your child / children early from school or they arrive late, please make sure you sign them out at the office. If you are taking them to an appointment and they are returning to school, please make sure you sign them in and out.

Good attendance is valued at Griffith PS and we encourage you to ensure your children are at school every day.

If you use the back car park PLEASE follow the directions and rules. We need to make sure all our children are SAFE.

### 'Race Day'-Relay for Life Fundraiser

This Friday, teachers have organised a fun-filled lunchtime of activities on the school oval for students as part of our Relay for Life Fundraising. We will be holding running, egg and spoon, sack and three-leg races, as well as a tug-o-war (students' v teachers).

To participate in an event, students will need to make a gold coin donation for each race they are participating in. Students are encouraged to come along and race against Jane Flemming-Lemon, Cathy Freeman-McIver, Usain Bolt-Workman, Melinda Gainsford-Tyrrell, Tatiana Gregorieva-McWhirter, Asafa Powell-Maharaj, Sally Pearson-Hayman and John Stephenson-Chauhan.

All money raised will go towards the "Griffith Public United" team's fundraising effort in this month's Relay for Life.



### Waratah Junior Rugby League

Training begins on Wednesday the 6<sup>th</sup> of March 4.30pm Exies Sports Club. Registrations will also be taken.

**Griffith Netball Association 2013 Registration-** Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March Griffith Southside Leagues Club Net-Set-Go (ages 5-8) 11am-12pm-\$60

Age and Graded Division 1-3pm Juniors \$90 Seniors \$150. Registration and team forms available at [www.griffithnetball.asn.au](http://www.griffithnetball.asn.au) Athlete's Foot, Sportspower, GB Sports. For further information; email [griffithnetball@gmail.com](mailto:griffithnetball@gmail.com) Phone Catherine 0428239696

### Have you received the schoolkids bonus?

Do you know about the Schoolkids Bonus? It is a new cash payment to help eligible families and students with the costs of primary and secondary school studies. Around 1.2 million families have already benefitted from the first wave of payments in January 2013 – have you?

If you receive a family or income support payment, including Family Tax Benefit Part A, you could be eligible to receive \$410 a year for each primary student and \$820 a year for each secondary student, with half paid in January and half paid in July.

The Schoolkids Bonus replaces the Education Tax Refund (ETR) and is a much simpler system. You no longer need to collect receipts and payments are made automatically so you don't have to wait months to make a claim via your tax return. Unlike the ETR you can choose how you use the payment of best support your children's education – whether it be school books, stationary, uniforms, school fees, or excursions.

Check your eligibility by visiting [australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus](http://australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus) and if you think you might have missed out on the January payment, contact Centrelink or visit a Centrelink-Medicare office.

### Griffith Primary School Sports Association (PSSA) Sport Fever

**When:** This Thursday!!

**What:** Wear your best 'sport' attire (local/national or international!)

**Bring:** Gold coin donation to assist the Griffith Zone PSSA for purchasing of new representative singlets.



### 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: \_\_\_\_\_

### Stewart House High Bounce Handball

Your money will support Stewart House and all the fantastic work they do for many of our students. **Only \$3!**

Return the slip below to Miss Dance or your SRC Representative **BEFORE Friday Week 7.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of bounce balls: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of money paid: \_\_\_\_\_