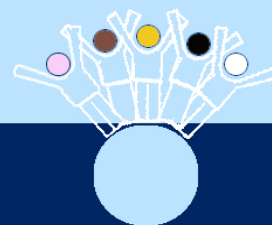


Griffith Public School

A quality education for all



NEWSLETTER TERM 1 WEEK 7

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Term 1 2013

Calendar

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

Week 7

Wednesday, March 13 th	P&C 7pm
Friday, March 15 th	National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence

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
	K-2 BUPA Nursing Home Special Assembly (no K-6 Assembly)-to be confirmed.

Week 11

Friday, April 12 th	K-6 Assembly, 1pm School Hall
	Last day Term 1

Term 2

Week 1

Wednesday, May 1 st	K-6 return to school
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PSSA Cricket

Last Thursday the PSSA Cricket boys travelled to Beelbanger Oval to play cricket against Beelbanger Public School. The weather was perfect, 35 degrees of cricket heat! The boys



performed their best but unfortunately lost the game. Congratulations to Jimesh Patel who got 3 wickets and Reni Marela-Kirirua with 4 wickets. The team all had fun in the sun with some good cricket memories! Thank you very much to Mr Chauhan (Mr C) for his coaching and organisation.

Kyle Mahon
Jimesh Patel
Joel Misiloi
Dhruv Patel
Dakel Smyth
Andre Gamera

Solo Toru
Dharmik Mangolia
Inam Ullah
Genesis Samuelu
Reni Marela-Kirirua
Tushar Dogra

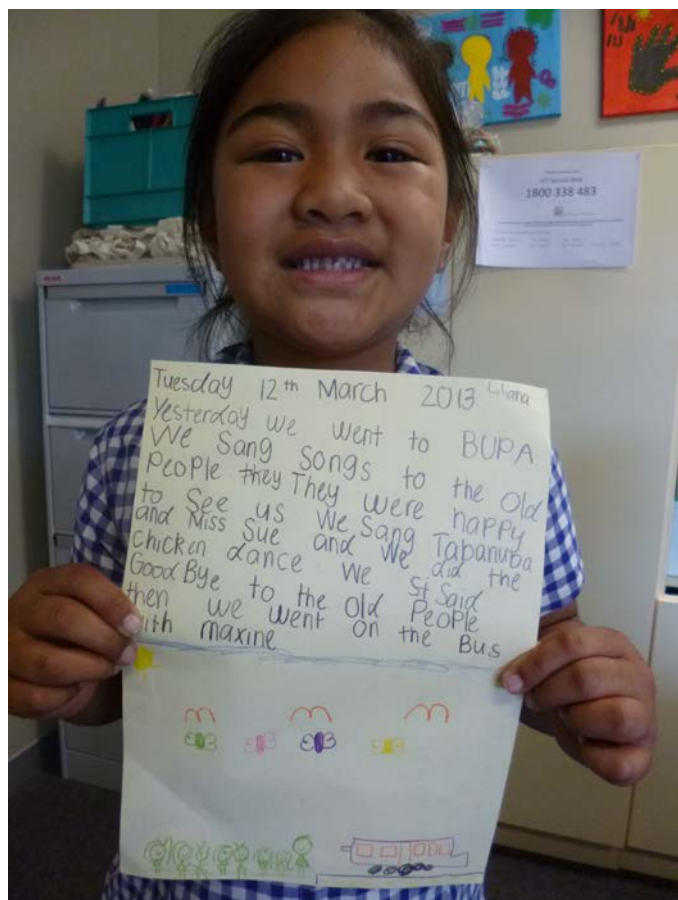
2012 Annual School Report

The 2012 Annual School Report is now available on our school web site <http://www.griffith-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/> and there are also some printed copies available at the school office.

1S Visit BUPA

Liliana from 1S is sharing her recount of 1S visiting BUPA Nursing home yesterday.

As you can read 1S performed for the residents and enjoyed the visit! Thank you 1S and Miss Sergi.



School Photos Thursday 28th 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 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 AGM and this will be this **WEDNESDAY 13th MARCH at 7pm**. All parents and carers are very welcome.

The P&C *adidas school Fun Run* will be held again this year as part of the schools Cross Country Carnival. The Fun Run is the P&C's major fundraising event for this term.

The Fun run will be held on the following dates-

Years K-2 on Thursday 4th April.

Years 3-6 on Friday 5th April.

The *adidas School Fun-Run* is a healthy, fun and active fundraiser that ensures we send the right message to our children about getting active, having fun and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. Students who raise just \$10 or more will receive a reward for effort. **All money raised must be back to school by FRIDAY 12TH APRIL.** Sponsorship forms will be sent home today with the children.

Thank you, good luck and happy fundraising!

Helen Lander (P&C President)

School Canteen

Wednesday 13 th	Agnes
Thursday 14 th	Kerry
Friday 15 th	Elena
Monday 18 th	Elena
Tuesday 19 th	Brenda

Thank you to last week's helpers Siosi and Kerry
 Hot Dogs \$3.00
 Chicken Burgers \$3.50

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

Thank you to everyone who participated in the fun events held last Friday. \$65.00 was raised for Relay for Life. The 'Griffith United' team has to date raised just over \$1000! Thank you for your support.

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 and if you think you might have missed out on the January payment, contact Centrelink or visit a Centrelink-Medicare office.

Parent / Carer Involvement

At GPS we value the involvement of parents and carers. It was wonderful to see so many parents and carers attending the meetings that were held to meet the class teachers earlier in the year.

P&C supported these meetings by donating lucky door prizes of uniform shop vouchers. P&C and the P&C operated canteen support our school in many ways. The canteen has generously donated \$2000 to help reduce the cost of some excursions this year. The upcoming Kindergarten excursion to see the Play-School show in Leeton was discounted thanks to this donation.

The P&C would like to continue to be able to assist the school and our families in many ways but need ongoing support to do this. Please volunteer a short amount of your time this Wednesday night to attend the P&C Meeting at 7pm in the main office. Thank you.



Guitars!

Mr Pattison, with the assistance of some students, has been repairing old guitars. Lakeesha and Leon are ready to start learning how to play the guitar. Thank you Mr Pattison!



Waratah Junior Rugby League

Players are still required for junior rugby league and junior league tag. Training at Exies Sporties at 4:30pm on Wednesdays

ACTIVE KIDS

"because active kids are happy kids"

Run by PCYC & Motivated Mums Fitness

When: Monday 4.30 pm - 5.15 pm PCYC
Wednesday 4.30 pm - 5.15 pm PCYC

Cost: \$8 each
\$15 for 2 Children
\$20 for 3 or more

Sessions: Grouped in Age Categories
Run by Cert III & Cert IV Trainers
Classes operate per school term

Some School Holiday Classes will operate!

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- Promotes Confidence
- Helps Concentration
- Improved Behaviour
- Increased Energy
- Increased Self Esteem
- Increased Mental Focus
- Reduces Depression
- Decrease Stress Levels
- Enhances quality of Sleep
- Improves Circulation

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 this Friday, 15th March!**

Name: _____

Class: _____

Amount of bounce balls: _____

Amount of money paid: _____

Win a \$5.00 Canteen Voucher Week 7

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: _____

