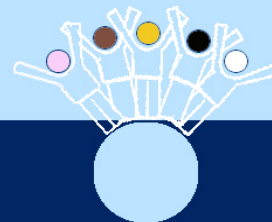


Griffith Public School

A quality education for all



NEWSLETTER TERM 1 WEEK 9

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Calendar

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

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 Holiday	Monday-Public Holiday
Thursday April 4 th	K-2 Cross Country	
Friday, April 5 th	Years 3-6 School Cross Country-No K-6 Assembly	

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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Harmony Day

Harmony Day was celebrated on the 21st March. Despite the rainy, cooler weather, many students dressed in cultural clothing, cultural colours and the colour orange. Many students also participated in Harmony Day activities in the classroom.



Students in 5/6M and 5/6W put a lot of effort into 'Harmony Day' artwork that conveys the message 'Everyone Belongs'.



Kindergarten Loved Play School!



Last Tuesday all of the Kindergarten classes attended a special Play School Concert in Leeton.

They saw the Play School house, sang songs with Alex and Abbey, danced to music and listened to stories. They were also able to meet the famous Play School toys such as Humpty Dumpty, Little Ted, Big Ted, Meeka, Jemima and Fergus the Frog.

Kindergarten then went to the park for lunch and a play before travelling back to Griffith.

A big thank you is extended to our GPS P&C and Canteen for covering the cost of the bus travel for the students. We sincerely thank you for your generosity and for supporting our students so they can attend special events in the community.



K-2 Easter Hat Parade

The Easter Hat Parade for all Kindergarten to Year 2 children will be held on Tuesday 26th March at 12.15pm in the school hall.

Parents and friends are invited to attend this exciting afternoon.

Come along and listen to the children perform their songs and poems and look at the wonderful Easter Hats the children have made in their classrooms.

Thank you, K-2 Teachers

K-2 BUPA Assembly

The K-2 students will be having a special assembly for BUPA residents next Wednesday 3rd April. This assembly will commence at 1pm in our school hall. We will be singing some songs and watching some classes perform items. You are all most welcome to attend.

Netball and Rugby League Trials

Congratulations to the students who proudly represented Griffith Public School at the recent PSSA District Representative trials and thank you to the parents and family members for making it possible.

A special congratulations to Noah Carberry-Beale, Wycliff Tuiaki, Michael Asomua and Solomona Toru who were selected for the PSSA District Rugby League team.



Back Row L-R; Michael Asomua, Lara Abera-George, Solomona Toru, Joel Misiloi.

Front Row L-R; Jessica Power, Noah Carberry-Beale, Wycliff Tuiaki

News from KB

KB were 'little dragons' at last week's K-6 assembly. They performed a dragon exercise routine dressed in their very scary dragon hats.



KB were learning about the letter 't' last week. The Kindergarten children brought their teddy bears to school for a Teddy Bears Picnic.



La Festa Flag Parade

A reminder to those involved in the flag parade that the school carpark will be locked on Saturday. Flag bearers will still be meeting at the carpark but parents will find somewhere else to park.

School Canteen

Wednesday 27 th	Cathy
Thursday 28 th	Kerri
Friday 29 nd	Good Friday
Monday 1 st	Easter Monday
Tuesday 2 nd	Elena

Thank you to last week's helpers Kerri Sutton, Cathy and Anne Kelton.

Hot Dogs	\$3.00
Chicken Burgers	\$3.50
Pluto Pups	\$3.00
Nuggets	\$3.00

Brenda, Canteen Manager

Great Workers in 1R

Lleyton Smyth and Ross Aloni came to show wonderful writing to Miss Hayman last week. Well done boys, keep doing your best!



P&C News

Thank you to the very small group of parents who attended last week's P&C meeting. Unfortunately due to limited numbers attending the meeting, we were unable to hold the AGM. The AGM will now be held at the next meeting on **Wednesday 3rd April at 7pm**. We hope to see more parents and carers in attendance at the next meeting. 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 to attend the next P&C Meeting.

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 have been sent home with the children. We have ordered more sponsorship forms and they should arrive at school this week. Thank you for your patience.

Thank you, good luck and happy fundraising!
Helen Lander (P&C President)

School Photos Thursday 28th March-THIS THURSDAY!!

Students are to return envelopes to school before Photo Day-THIS THURSDAY

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

Gaining Control of Ourselves (Youth)

Friday 12 April

9:30am to 3pm

Youth Connections Office,
81 Kooyoo St, Griffith.
The old bank residence behind
the State Bank, around the
corner from the Post Office.



- For people who have problems managing angry feelings.
- Gain better control and understanding of yourself
- Keep situations in perspective

Bookings are essential so please contact
Stacey at Mission Australia on 6942 8001 or
taylors@missionaustralia.com.au

A sausage sizzle lunch will be provided



Mission Australia



Easter Holiday road safety tips

As the Easter long weekend approaches, thousands of families are set to hit the roads for holiday trips. A concern for everyone across the country is always that of road safety over the long weekend. There are more people using our roads at this time meaning there is a higher risk for accident, injury or even death. Motorists are urged to be extra cautious especially at night and when passing through residential areas, due to the unpredictable actions of pedestrians.

Here are some useful road safety tips you can take in to make sure your journey is a safe one:

- Don't set off on a long trip at the end of a day's work.
- Sleep well before travelling. Don't drive at times you would normally be asleep.
- Take a 15 minute break outside your car every two hours. There are almost 100 community driver reviver sites that operate throughout NSW during holiday periods.
- Eat well balanced meals at regular times. You need the energy for brain activity and concentration while driving.
- Do not use your mobile phone while driving. Turn off your mobile phone or keep it on silent.
- Pack some quiet activities for the children in the car such as portable DVD players, books, small computer games, portable music player with headphones.



Easter /ANZAC double demerit period

Double demerit points apply to all speeding and seatbelt offences from Thursday 28 March to Monday 1 April inclusive. Demerits also apply in the ANZAC period 24-28 April inclusive

Please remember that children are inexperienced road users and that it's important that they are supervised in the traffic environment. Please remember to:

- Hold your child's hand while in the car park, on the footpath and when crossing the road.
- Always buckle up in your seatbelt and follow the national child restraint laws for 0-7 year olds.
- Help your children exit the car using the rear passenger door on the footpath side.
- Ensure your child wears a helmet and rides in a safe place away from the road while on a bike, scooter or skateboard.

**Have a safe and happy Easter
From Griffith Public School**

Win a \$5.00 Canteen Voucher Week 9

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: _____

