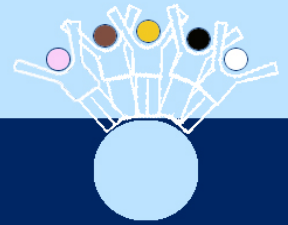


# Griffith Public School

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## NEWSLETTER TERM 1 WEEK 10

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### Term 1 2013

#### Calendar

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

#### 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-No K-6 Assembly

#### Week 11

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

### Term 2

#### Week 1

Wednesday, May 1 <sup>st</sup>	K-6 return to school
	School ANZAC Day Service

#### Week 2

Friday, May 10 <sup>th</sup>	Mum's and Muffins
	K-6 Assembly

#### Week 3

Tuesday, May 14 <sup>th</sup>	Years 3 & 5 NAPLAN
Wednesday, May 15 <sup>th</sup>	Years 3 & 5 NAPLAN
Thursday, May 16 <sup>th</sup>	Years 3 & 5 NAPLAN

### Term Two Dates

Please be aware that students do not return to school until **WEDNESDAY the 1<sup>st</sup> of MAY**. Staff

return on the Monday and Tuesday. An additional staff development day has been allocated to all schools to allow for staff training in the National Curriculum.

The last day of Term Two is Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June.

### K-2 Easter Hat Parade



Thank you to everyone who attended the Easter Hat Parade last week. Students hats looked fantastic and they all enjoyed the chocolate that the

Easter Bunny delivered. Thank you to Mrs Kitchingman and the K-2 staff, for once again organising the event.



### Young Leaders Conference

On Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March, 82 students and teachers went to Sydney for the Young Leaders Excursion. Students from 15 schools in the Griffith District joined forces and enjoyed a couple of days in the big city. Our School Captains and Mrs McWhirter attended from GPS.

After arriving in Sydney they enjoyed the sights of Darling Harbour and the Sydney Maritime Museum before heading back to our accommodation on the monorail. On Monday our students joined 6000 other students, teachers and parents at the Young Leaders Conference at the Sydney Entertainment Centre. We listened to Creel Price, an entrepreneur; Brett Lee (not the cricketer) Cyber police; Jess Fox, Olympic kayak silver medallist and Nathan Hindmarsh, former NRL player and captain of Parramatta Eels.



It was a wonderful experience for all the captains and teachers that went. The captains were outstanding ambassadors for their schools and our four, Bianca, Jannie, Genesis and Andre were a pleasure to take.



My favourite thing about the Young Leaders Conference was meeting school captains from other schools. At the conference my favourite speakers were Jessica Fox and Nathan Hindmarsh. Jessica won a silver medal at the London 2012 Olympics. -Bianca Sutton

My favourite thing about the Conference was getting to meet other students from different schools and my other favourite thing was eating MCDONALDS! My favourite speaker was Jessica Fox and Nathan Hindmarsh -Jannie Williams

My favourite thing about going to Sydney was meeting other school captains and prefects and eating McDonalds. My favourite speaker was Creel Price who became a millionaire before he was 30 years old and retired from business when he was 35. - Andre Gamera

My favourite thing was eating at McDonalds. My favourite speaker was Jessica Fox because she talked about following your dream and to never let that dream go. Jessica competed in the kayaking event at the London 2012 Olympics when she was only 19 years old. - Genesis Samuella

Thank you to Mrs McWhirter who accompanied the students on the excursion and gave up a Sunday with her family to do so.



## La Festa Flag Parade

Thank you very much to the students, family members and staff who participated in, organised and attended the flag parade at La Festa on Saturday. Once again Griffith PS students did a wonderful job of opening La Festa wearing traditional costumes and carrying our flags.



## Netball and Rugby League Trials

Last week we congratulated to the students who proudly represented Griffith Public School at the recent PSSA District Representative trials. Apologies to Danae Woods who was absent on the day of the photo which was published in last week's newsletter. Danae also attended the netball trials. Thank you to her mother who took the girls to the trials.

## 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 the assembly.

## KROP

We are already busy getting our KROP item ready for this year's performance. This year, our item will feature traditional New Zealand Maori dancing and the HAKA. The photo shows the girls making their poi's for the girls dance. Mrs McWhirter, Mrs Woods, Mrs Lander and the KROP team would like to thank Ms Schwalger for helping us to make the pois and helping us to choreograph the dances.



## Crazy Hair Day

The SRC will be holding a **Crazy Hair Day** next Friday (the last day of Term 1) to help raise money for KROP costumes.

Bring a **Gold Coin** donation and wear your hair in the **craziest** possible way! One person from each class with **Crazy Hair** will be chosen to go in a special draw to win a SECRET prize! The winner will be drawn out at the K – 6 assembly.

**GET CREATIVE!!!**



## Rugby Union

Jack Burey, the Brumbies Rugby Development Officer, has been visiting the school to teach boys in years 3-6 the skills involved in playing Rugby Union. The boys have had a wonderful time and would like to thank Jack for his assistance.

Four teams have been entered into a Gala Day which will be held on Wednesday 3rd April at Jubilee Oval. Notes have been sent home with the boys involved and these should be returned to Mrs Catanzariti. Parents are most welcome to come along and support their children on the day.



## ANZAC Ceremony

Our school ANZAC ceremony will be held on Wednesday May 1st, this is the first day back for students next term. All parents are welcome to attend the ceremony held at the flagpole where we will meet at 10:30a.m.

Year Five and Six students are then able to attend a special luncheon with our invited guests who include returned servicemen and women, National Service men and family and friends. The cost is \$5.00 per student. Money and permission note need to be returned to the school this week.

## Win a \$5.00 Canteen Voucher Week 10

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: \_\_\_\_\_

## School Canteen

Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Siosi
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Kerri and Helen
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Cross Country
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Elena
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Rachel Dreyer

Thank you to last week's helper, Kerri Sutton.

Chicken Burgers \$3.50

Pluto Pups \$3.00

Nuggets \$3.00

Brenda, Canteen Manager

## P&C News

### P&C Meeting Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 7pm

Our P&C needs members

Please come along to our Annual General Meeting (AGM)

**If we don't have a P&C we will have to close our P&C operated canteen and uniform shop**

*The Fun run is this week!*

*Years K-2 on Thursday 4th April.*

*Years 3-6 on Friday 5th April.*

**All money raised must be back to school by FRIDAY 12TH APRIL.**

Thank you,

Helen Lander (P&C President)