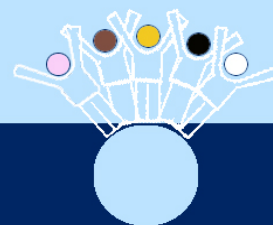


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NEWSLETTER TERM 2 WEEK 4

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Term 2 2013

Calendar

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

Week 4

Wednesday, May 22 nd	Mortimer Shield POSTPONED
Friday, May 24 th	K-2 Athletics Events K-6 Assembly-Sorry Day Assembly- <u>Griffith HS Hall</u> Interschool Chess Challenge

Week 5 Book Fair

Wednesday, May 29 th	Southern Inland Rugby Union Grand Final Wagga
Thursday, May 30 th	10.30am Speech Therapist Parent Meeting Koori Room Mortimer Shield (new date)
Friday, May 31 st	Zone Cross Country

Week 6

Wednesday, June 5 th	P&C 7pm
Thursday, June 6 th	Years 3-6 Athletics Carnival

Week 7

Monday, June 10 th	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Tuesday June 11 th	Riverina Cross Country

Week 8-Parent Teacher Interviews

Monday, June 17 th	Reports sent home
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Week 9 NAIDOC Week-Parent Teacher Interviews

Monday, June 24 th	10.30am NAIDOC Week Assembly
Tuesday, June 25 th	Indigenous Games Sessions
Wednesday, June 26 th	Aboriginal Cultural Activities
Thursday, June 27 th	Elders Morning Tea
Friday, June 28 th	Last Day Term 2
TERM 3 Students Return Tuesday 16 th July	

PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) Launch

The PBL Launch was held on Tuesday 7th May. Parents viewed a PowerPoint presentation explaining how PBL is working at our school. As part of the PBL process, new signs have been erected in the school displaying our school values- Respect, Responsibility and Do Your Best and our expected playground behaviours. Keep your eye out for our new signs! Thank you to all the parents who attended. The Power point was also presented at the P&C Meeting.



Wheelchair Basketball

Over the next 5 weeks Stage 2 students will be walking to West End Stadium to participate in Wheelchair Basketball as part of their sports program.

3/4L thoroughly enjoyed participating in wheelchair basketball at the stadium today. Thank you Mrs Lemon for organising this activity.



Mortimer Shield

Mortimer Shield has been postponed due to predicted bad weather.

The new date is THURSDAY, WEEK 5, 30th May

Debating

Today three Stage 3 students Leni Tuiaki, Jannie Williams and Mele Fifita attended the Arts Unit Debating workshop. They learned valuable debating skills, such as how to present themselves and how to develop arguments.

The GPS debating team will be selected over the next week and will compete against Hay and Lake Cargelligo Schools in the Premiers Debating Competition. Students will be also competing in an inter school competition which will be held on the 12th June.

K-2 Athletics Carnival

This Friday is the K-2 Athletics Carnival. The carnival will start at 10am on the school oval and finish at the start of lunch. The day will consist of age and novelty races. All students are to wear full sports uniform. Parents are more than welcome to attend and watch their child.

Thank you,

K-2 Teachers

Book Fair Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May

Start saving your pocket money! Book Fair is on its way! Mrs Woods will be once again holding a Scholastic Book Fair in the Library next week, Week 5. Books, posters, novelty pencils etc. will be for sale. Our school is able to purchase books for our Library with points earned from sales.

Interschool Chess Challenge

This Friday 12 students from Stage 3 will be participating in an Interschool Chess Challenge at Yenda PS. We wish them all the best and thank Mr Maharaj for preparing the students for the tournament.

Silver Reward

Students on Silver will, once again, be able to use the 'Express Line' at the canteen tomorrow and skip the queue! If you are on silver and are going to the canteen tomorrow, don't forget to wear your silver lanyard.

SRC News

Unfortunately one of our 3/4S Student Council Representatives, Samson Vaireka, has left GPS. We would like to thank Kyla Rand for taking on the responsibility of the SRC role. Congratulations Kyla

KROP

Good luck to all the students involved in KROP, who audition for this year's KROP spectacular next Thursday. We hope all their hard work pays off.

WANTED TO BORROW-CONCH SHELL

The KROP group are in desperate need of a **conch shell** for their special New Zealand performance for their 2013 KROP item, "The Land of The Long White Cloud".

If you know of anyone that can loan us a conch shell could you please contact Mrs Lander or Mrs McWhirter as soon as possible? We have a conch player (Tanielu Isaia) but no conch shell!

SORRY DAY AND RECONCILIATION WEEK.

Sorry Day 26th May and Reconciliation Week (27th May-3rd June) will be acknowledged at our K/6 Assembly this Friday 24th May in the High School hall commencing at 1:00pm.

All parents and community members are invited to this special assembly.

Information Meeting

A meeting with *Sian Draffin, Speech Pathologist* from the Aboriginal Medical Service, will be held for all parents on Thursday 30th May at 10:30am in the Koori Room.

This meeting will provide parents with information on the importance of children's speech in their overall development and how it affects their learning at school.

The meeting will also tell you how you may receive assistance for your child, if you think they may be having trouble with their language skills.

Please come along and listen to this informative talk! If you require transport to the meeting, please contact the school on 69 623199.

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea



This Thursday the 23rd of May the SRC will be holding a Biggest Morning Tea cup cake stall at Lunch Time in Area A. We are raising money to support people with cancer or for cancer research.

Cup Cakes will cost 50c or \$1. Come and see our friendly SRC people next Thursday and buy some YUMMY cakes.

STAGE 2 MERIT CERTIFICATES TERM 2 WK 3

Class	Student
3/4B Tanielu Isaia Aletta Samu Tairell Corkery	3/4C Sieni Tafili Althea Fabian Jake Rand
3/4D Ruth Tietie Deondre Samuelu Seini Taunisila	3/4L Sione Tonga Jock Lander Chad Waring-Bryant
3/4S Maraea Connellan Lilly-Anna Fell Ojhan Samuelu	
K-2 Assembly Awards	
KB Naa Manu Jordan Tomkins Anisa Sarwary	KL Elizabeth Garside Liku Lauhinga John Tinomana
KM Riley Coutts-Collins Philip Aloni Tithi Patel	KC Deekoda Reynolds Demitri Samuelu Mert Sen
1S Timote Liu Rebecca Tupa Alex Ross	1B Seini Halaapiapi Jada Penrith Leon Aloni
1R Wesley Tupuola Sophia Langman Tiare-June Orake	2D Zac Aloni Tristen Irvin John Brien
2L Arriane Anau London Toalepai Mele Brien	

P&C News

Thank you to staff and a few families who are selling chocolates for our fundraiser. Chocolates are available to collect from the office.

Our next P&C meeting is Wednesday 5th of June at 7pm, we look forward to seeing lots of people there!

Thank you
Helen Lander
P&C President

School Canteen

Wednesday 22 nd	Cathy
Thursday 23 rd	Kerri
Friday 24 th	Elena
Monday 27 th	Elena
Tuesday 28 th	Brenda

Thank you to last week's helpers, Siosi, Cathy and Kerri.

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

Woolworths Earn & Learn 2013

This week we only collected **720 stickers**. This brings our total so far to **4740 points**.

We have a long way to go to get to our target of 80,000 points so please start collecting and bringing the sticker charts to school.



Complete Learning Initiative - Huge savings on EdAlive software bundles

EdAlive has announced the new Complete Learning Initiative (CLI) to give families the opportunity to use the same software at home that we have licences for use at school.

- 46 titles up to 95% off
- Incredible value bundles from \$19.95
- Complete, consolidate or update your collection
- Fun learning for your child
- Free 3 month ZooWhiz Premium subscription for each child

We have distributed the CLI leaflets to school families. **Please return your orders to the school by Friday 31st May, 2013**

The leaflets were handed out yesterday.

Win a \$5.00 Canteen Voucher Week 4

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: _____

Sprinkles Multicultural Play Group and Contact Inc. would like to invite you to a new Multicultural Mother's Group

Join us weekly for morning tea, information sessions and to have a chat.

Where: Griffith Public School, Coolah Street

When: Thursdays during May and June

Time: 10.30am to 12pm

Cost: There is no cost to attend the group and morning tea is provided free of charge

Childcare: If you are attending with your child, activities will be arranged so that you can participate in the group

Transport: The Mother's Group Co-ordinator can assist in arranging transportation to and from the Mother's Group - please call Olivia on 0428 642 202

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Keeping Kids In Mind

A Course for Parents Experiencing Conflict After Separation

2013 Course Information
Courses run each school term

Parents love their children and want the best for them. However, after separation, parenting often gets much tougher.

'Keeping Kids in Mind' is a **5 week course** for separated parents who are experiencing on-going conflict.

The course is designed to:

- Assist parents to see through their children's eyes the experience of parental separation.
- Develop greater understanding about how to support children following family separation

The course covers the following topics:

Grief and Loss after Separation
The Hidden World of Children
Rebuilding Resilience
Bridging the Gap
Looking Back and Moving Forward

Next Course: May 28th 2013
Venue: Centacare Griffith

Time: 6.30pm to 9pm
Cost: Sliding scale

Registration by May 28th 2013

All participants must register their interest in attending the course & preferably have spoken to the course facilitators prior to the course.

To register or obtain further information please contact:
Centacare on (02) 69641447 or
Email: ysadgrove@centacarewagga.org.au

Keeping Kids in Mind is facilitated by qualified and experienced parent educators and counselors.

Presented By:
Centacare Griffith

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P&C Chocolate Fundraiser.

Please support our school.

Pay \$50.00 up front and receive a box of
Cadbury chocolates to sell.

\$1.00 each



Chocolates can be collected from the
front office.

All profits support all children at GPS.

P&C Chocolate Fundraiser.

Please fill in the order below and return it to school if you would like to purchase a box of chocolates to be sent home with your child.

Childs Name _____

Class _____

Number of Boxes _____

Total money enclosed (\$50 per box) _____

Freddo /Caramello / Strawberry / Fun Pack (Please circle)