

Griffith Public School

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NEWSLETTER TERM 3 WEEK 4

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Term 3 2013

Calendar

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

Term 3

Week 4

Wednesday, August 7 th	Years 2-6 Spelling Bee
Thursday, August 8 th	Year 6 W & M Transition to High School
Friday, August 9 th	K-6 Assembly <u>Griffith High School Hall</u> Zone Athletics Carnival

Week 5

Wednesday, August 14 th	Trent Barrett Shield
Thursday, August 15 th	Year 6 T & C Transition to High School

Week 6 Life Education Van Visit

Thursday, August 22 nd	Year 6 W & M Transition to High School
Friday, August 23 rd	K-6 Assembly

Week 7-Life Education Van Visit

Thursday, August 29 th	Year 6 T & C Transition to High School
Friday, August 30 th	Dad's and Donuts P&C Father's Day Stall Riverina Athletics Carnival

Week 8

Wednesday, September 4 th	Production Rehearsal
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Thursday, September 5 th	Matinee and Evening Performance GPS 'Magical Musical Mystery Tour'
Friday, September 6 th	K-6 Assembly Year 4 Pioneer Park Action Day

Week 9

Thursday, September 12 th	Year 6 T & C Transition to High School
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Week 10

Thursday, September 19 th	Year 6 W & M Transition to High School
Friday, September 20 th	K-6 Assembly Last Day Term 3

KROP



Griffith Public School's KROP item, 'Land of the Long White Cloud' was spectacular. Over the two days of performing, the students were a pleasure to look after. At all times, they showed respect for each other and encouraged their fellow performers to do their best. They epitomised all of our school values. It was such a wonderful experience for all involved and something they will remember forever!

Thank you to all of the following staff, parents and fellow students who helped make our KROP item so brilliant; Kerri Sutton, Brenda Trembath, Mrs Lander, Mrs Woods, Mrs McWhirter, Mrs Tyrrell, Mrs Angela Catanzariti, Mrs Adams, Mrs Lemon, Miss Hayman, Isabel Brown, Shawn Pattison, Leon Bamblett, Lakeesha Nayden, Kana Marela, her sister Rosie and mum Penaia, Jackie Tupa and Pearl Orake.



Education Week at Griffith Central Plaza

Thank you and well done to the School Choir and KB and KL who all performed at the Plaza last week as part of the Education Week celebrations. It was wonderful to have parents and community members watch our students' outstanding performances. Thank you very much to the teachers who work hard to ensure the performances are of a high standard and that our students get to have these experiences.



Kindergarten's Library Visit



On Thursday 25th July, Kindergarten went to the Griffith Library to listen to some stories and to make hand puppets. Students listened to the books, 'The Wonky Donkey' and 'Is Your Grandmother a Goanna?' Some students even performed 'The Three Little Pigs' as the story was read out aloud.

Kindergarten made a paper bag 'Little Pig' hand puppet by colouring the pig in with crayons and then gluing the head and feet to the paper bag. Kindergarten really enjoyed this wonderful excursion!

Leeton Eisteddfod

On Monday 5th August, thirteen girls from Years 3 and 4 represented Griffith Public School at the Leeton Eisteddfod. They performed two Max Fatchen poems, "And s-s-so to b-b-bed" and "It's Coming". They all truly enjoyed the experience; from the bus trip to performing in front of 300 people in the Roxy Theatre. Well done girls. Thank you to Mr Pattison for driving the bus and Mrs Woods for leading the verse speakers.



5/6 Excursion to Canberra

The next instalment of **\$50.00 towards the Canberra Excursion is now due**. This will be the fourth payment and should bring your deposit up to \$200.00 with only two more payments totalling \$100.00 due after this. It is important to make payments on time to ensure a place is kept for your child on the excursion. Thank you.

Spelling Bee

The finals for our school Spelling Bee are being held this Wednesday in the Library. Year 2 will begin at 9.30am followed by Stage 3 and then Stage 2 after lunch. Parents are welcome to attend.

National Tree Planting Day

On Friday 26th August, Stage 2 students participated in National Tree Planting Day. They worked on selected areas of the school; tidying the

area, weeding and planting some small shrubs and ground covers which were donated by Griffith City Council.

All students behaved responsibly and did their best during the activity. Thank you to Mrs Sarkis for organising the activity and to the council for supplying the plants.

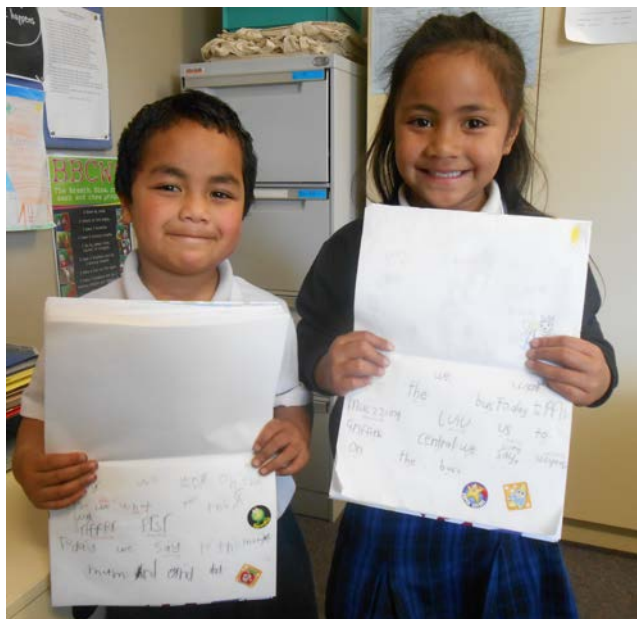


Zone Athletics Carnival

This Friday, the 9th of August, our Zone Athletics team will travel to West End Oval by bus to represent GPS and compete against other schools in the Griffith district. Students will need to wear full school sports uniform with appropriate running shoes. Please make sure students bring a hat, water bottle and a packed lunch or money for the canteen. We will be leaving school at **8:45am**. Please be on time as we are unable to wait. Parents are invited to come along and cheer on GPS students.

Any parents who can volunteer on the day with field events or time keeping please notify Mr Date.

Brilliant Writing at GPS



KB has been busy writing. Mrs Bye was so impressed with Paul and Kathleen's work that they visited Miss Hayman to show her how hard they have been working.

Intensive Swimming

Learning to swim is fun and is a vital part of Australian life. It is essential that students are aware of the importance of water safety and are equipped with the necessary skills for safety and survival. The intensive swimming program will be running again this year. Lessons will run from Monday the 9th September to Friday the 20th of September. **The cost of the program is \$35. To ensure your child has a place please return permission not and money by August 30th.** Payment can be made in instalments.

P&C News

The P&C meeting that was to be held this Wednesday 7th August has **BEEN CANCELLED.** We apologise for any inconvenience.

Helen Lander P&C President

School Canteen

Wednesday 7 th	Helen
Thursday 8 th	Anne
Friday 9 th	Elena
Monday 12 th	Elena
Tuesday 13 th	Brenda

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

Hash Browns	50cents
Hot Dogs	\$3
Nuggets	\$3
Pluto Pups	\$3

Merit Certificate recipients for Week 3 Congratulations to the following students:

5/6C Dharmik Mangrolia Brenda Carberry-Beale Cailin Pennisi	5/6M William Burns-Mullins Lini Tuiaki Puaga Ioelu
5/6T Nicholas Hulm Isaiah Buerckner Genesis Samuelu	5/6W Blake Mallise Noelani Hamer Maile Tuitufu
3/4B Vickie Auvae Ebenzer Abera George Moerai Rangirua Makonia	3/4C Tyrelle Charles Adam Gaddes Jerville Rala
3/4D Potai Ataala Tyson Vecchio Gladys Asomua	3/4L Pati Auvae Shakira Charles Alex Fatafehi
3/4S Benjamin Colgan Jessica Burns Mullins Jonathyn Barbaro	

K-2 Assembly Awards

KB Kathleen Asomua Izak Barbaro Harjas Singh	KL Iniaah Burnes Elaina Nayden Caitlyn Colgan
KM Sioeli Vea Hakaraia Barrett Fifita Tuiaki	KC Taleea Burnes Jessica barbaro William Teao
1S Billy Patmore Breeana Little Peni Tuiaki	1R Zeshan Sadiqi Leka Tuitufu Jaylan Tia
1B Brian Naua Jada Penrith Sea-King Moala	2D Trinity Harris Jaida'hope Maggs Ethan Nayden
2L Sheila Parsa Olioni Tuitufu Cassedy Vecchio	

News from Sprinkles



Olivia Couch (Contact Inc. – Griffith Links Project Officer) has been working with 'Sprinkles' to create a mothers group for women from various CALD backgrounds and holding information sessions for the mothers with representatives from community services such as TAFE, Centrelink, Community Health Clinic, Aboriginal Health Clinic and Griffith Base Hospital Maternity Unit coming in and presenting information sessions in a friendly and relaxed format.

Olivia will be flying out of Australia in the coming week to carry out voluntary humanity work in countries not as fortunate as Australia. We thank her for the work she has done with 'Sprinkles' and wish her all the best.

K-6 Assembly

Our K-6 assembly will be held this Friday at 1pm. Please come along to the Griffith High School Hall as the floor in our hall is still under repair.

Griffith Basketball 2013 Spring Competitions Junior Nominations

Thursday 8th August 5pm – 6.30pm

Juniors

11 years & under \$ 90.00

13 years & under \$ 115.00

15 years & under \$ 115.00

(Door fee is included in registration fee of \$48.00)

Aussie Hoops development \$80.00 5 –9 years development, including back pack, ball & singlet.

Junior competition individual

Nominations only, bring a friend along.

Competition commences 15th August

Griffith Junior Basketball Aussie Hoops!

Registration August 8th 5 pm to 6.30 pm

Cost \$ 80.00

Age group 5 to 9 years old

Commencing Monday 19th August

Aussie Hoops is the fun and exciting national program for young children aged 5 - 9 years.

The **Aussie Hoops** program uses a "game sense" approach where children learn basketball through playing lots of games and activities. Aussie Hoops is for all boys and girls up to 9 years of age and ALL abilities!

Basketball is a fantastic sport that can be played all year around, indoors or outdoors and you don't even need a hoop!

There are plenty of activities for the kids to do. Coaches use handy session plans provided through Griffith Basketball Association. The children are having so much fun, they don't even realise they're learning!

Aussie Hoops is delivered at West End Stadium Monday afternoons 4.15 pm – 5.15 pm PLUS a holiday super camp during the school term break.

The cost for the programs is \$ 80.00 which includes an **Aussie Hoops pack**, (back pack, ball and reversible singlet).

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: _____



Tickets are now on sale !!

Tickets can only be purchased at the Regional Theatre.

All tickets are \$10.00

All children at Griffith Public School will be on stage.

Tickets sell fast – don't miss out !!

You do not need to purchase a ticket for your child who attends Griffith Public School, as they will be performing in the show.

There will be a matinee performance at **11am** and a night performance at **6pm** on Thursday 5th September.

All GPS children must attend the matinee and evening performances.

