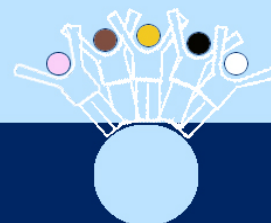


Griffith Public School

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NEWSLETTER TERM 4 WEEK 4

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Calendar

Term 4 2014

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

Week 4 School Library BOOK FAIR

Wednesday, October 29 th	2.15pm Parent Meeting for Kindergarten students starting in 2015
Thursday, October 30 th	Year 6 Transition to Griffith High School
Friday, October 31 st	'Fancy Dress Day' Gold Coin Donation

Week 5

Tuesday 4 th -Friday 7 th Nov	Stage 3 Excursion
Tuesday, November 4 th	Kinder 2015 Orientation 2.15-3pm
Wednesday, November 5 th	Kinder 2015 Orientation 2.15-3pm
Friday, November 7 th	2.15pm K-6 Assembly

Week 6

Tuesday, November 11 th	Kinder 2015 Orientation 2.15-3pm
Wednesday, November 12 th	Kinder 2015 Orientation 2.15-3pm
Thursday, November 13 th	Year 6 Transition to Griffith High School

Week 7

Tuesday, November 18 th	Kinder 2015 Orientation 2.15-3pm
Wednesday, November 19 th	Kinder 2015 Orientation 2.15-3pm
Friday, November 21 st	2.15pm K-6 Assembly

Week 8

Thursday, November 27 th	Year 6 Transition Day at Griffith & Wade High School
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Week 9

Friday, December 5 th	Presentation Day
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Week 10

Monday, December 8 th	Volunteers Morning Tea
Tuesday, December 9 th	Year 6 Graduation
	P&C Whole Year Uniform Award
Wednesday, December 10 th	Stage 2 Excursion
Thursday, December 11 th	Stage 2 Excursion
	K-2 Frolic
Friday, December 12 th	Year 2 Graduation
	Silver & Gold Awards

Week 11

Tuesday, December 16 th	Platinum Award Day
Wednesday, December 17 th	Last Day for students

2015-Students return on Wednesday 28th January

Grandparents Day



Thank you to everyone who attended Grandparents Day last Friday. Students were very excited to see family members at school. Thank you very much Miss Sergi for organising our Grandparents Day again.



More books and Resources through 'Early Action for Success' Funding for K-2 Students

Through our funding for Early Action for Success, we have trained teachers in the L3 (Language,

Learning and Literacy) reading and writing program as well as purchased many new books to support students' reading and writing. In L3 lessons, teacher's work with small groups to personalize learning and use books that are matched to student's reading levels to develop reading and writing skills.

Early Action for Success funding has allowed all Kindergarten and Year 1 teachers to be trained in L3 and we have bought a variety of books to support all students' learning. We have purchased more story books and information books, along with teaching resources to give every student the best chance of developing their literacy skills.

We have also bought books ready to start our L3 program for Year 2 students. Next year all Year 2 teachers will begin their training in L3 allowing students to have 3 years of continuous reading and support before beginning Year 3.

Early Action for Success funding has meant that Griffith Public School K-2 students will receive an excellent start to their schooling, well supported by quality teaching and quality books. Parents can continue to support their child's learning by sharing books with their children and talking about the stories and pictures in them.



Students Enrolling and Students Leaving

This term we are busy planning classes for next year, 2015. If you are leaving at the end of this year and not returning next year could you please let Miss Hayman know as soon as possible.

If you have family or friends coming to GPS next year (and they have not already enrolled) could you also let Miss Hayman know this information please?

Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Kindergarten Orientation

An orientation afternoon for those students commencing Kindergarten in 2015 and an information session for parents will be held on Wednesday 29th October 2014 at 2:15pm in the school hall.

Please come along and visit your new school and meet the teachers.

Further orientation dates will be given to you at this information session.

Stage Three Excursion

NEXT TUESDAY, October 4th, our Years 5 & 6 students leave on their major excursion to Lake Burrendong Sport and Recreation Camp. This is a reminder that the bus will be leaving PROMPTLY at 6.30am. Please ensure you arrive at the school by 6.15am, at the latest, so we have time to load the buses and organise medication. If your child is bringing medication it needs to be clearly labelled in a snap-lock bag with their name and dosage and handed to Mr Date before student's board the buses.

This is also a reminder that students will need money for lunch at McDonalds on the first day. Other than water bottles, no other drinks or food is to be packed. No mobile phones or electronic devices. You can contact the school if you need to contact your child or Lake Burrendong on 68467748.

Any further queries before departure please contact Mrs Campbell.

Parent Information Session: HEALTHY LUNCH BOX IDEAS

An information session for parents to provide ideas and suggestions for healthy lunches will be held next Wednesday 5th November at 2:15 pm at school in the Meeting Room.

All parents are most welcome to come along to the session.

2013 Coolah Chronicle

If you would like to purchase a copy of last year's Coolah Chronicle, our school magazine. We have a few remaining copies available from the office for \$10.

Selective High School Placements 2016

Selective High Schools cater for highly achieving academically gifted students. Most Selective High Schools are located in Sydney, although there are exceptions including Yanco Agricultural High School. Some have targeted positions for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. Application to these high schools is open to students in Year 5 from October 14th to November 17th 2014. These students will be commencing Year 7 in 2016.

Applications are taken online only at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shplacement Applicants will be required to sit an entry test in March 2015.

If you would like more information about Selective High Schools, please contact Mrs. Campbell.

P&C News

The P&C Mini Fete is on Friday 14th November from 1pm-3pm. If you are interested in organising a stall, please contact me at school. All children will need at least \$20.00 each to participate in and enjoy the Fete. The next P&C meeting will be on Wednesday 5th November at 7pm. Everyone is very welcome!

Thank you,
Helen Lander (P&C President)

Mystery Jars

Your help is needed for the Mystery Jar Stall at the School Fete.

Each family is asked to contribute **one** jar filled with either lollies and/or other treats in order to make the stall a huge success. Of course, if your family were able to contribute more jars that would be absolutely wonderful and your kindness would be most appreciated.

School Canteen

Wednesday 29 th	Elena
Thursday 30 th	Kerri
Friday 31 st	Elena
Monday 3 rd	Elena
Tuesday 4 th	Brenda

Thank you to last week's helper, Cathy and Agnes Lolohea.

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

Thank you, Brenda (Canteen Manager)

BOOK FAIR IS HERE!!

When: 27TH to 31st October

Where: GPS Library

**Time: Before and After School,
Lunch and Fruit Break**

**There are lots and lots of books
to buy, priced from \$1 up!**

Variety items as well.

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: _____

GPS Mini Fete

Friday 14th November
1pm– 3pm



- * SAUSAGE SIZZLE
- * JUMPING CASTLE
- * WHITE ELEPHANT STALL



- * MYSTERY JARS



- * SAMPLE BAGS
- * GO CARTS
- * DRINKS & ICE BLOCKS
- & LOTS MORE



**Come to the Fete, it
will be great!**

Better Start Moving Forward Workshop



For families transitioning out of Better Start

What is the 'Moving Forward' workshop about?

The workshop is designed to support families with information and strategies when considering their child's future after having utilised the Better Start Early Intervention funding.

It has been developed for parents and guardians whose child is preparing for, or has recently entered, primary school and who are looking at how to best support their child during this transitional period.

Families will have the opportunity to meet other parents and discuss experiences, challenges and aspirations for their child. They will also be able to share information about services and supports that are available.

Who can attend?

If your child has received the Better Start funding and you are thinking about school and other supports, you are invited to attend. Other family members are also welcome.

What if I'm interested but can't make it?

Please let us know. We are running workshops across the state until June 2015 so can invite you to an alternative. For all workshop dates please visit:

Date: Thursday 30th October.

Time: 10.15am (for 10.30am start) until 2.00pm.

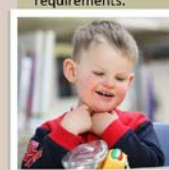
Venue: NSW Rural Fire Services, Boardroom, 200 Wakaden Street, Griffith.

Cost: Free. Morning tea and lunch provided.

To register:

Contact Helen or Mary on (02) 9280 4744 or betterstart@carersnsw.org.au

Please advise of any dietary requirements.



register
place.



FANCY DRESS DAY

Who: All children of Griffith Public School

When: Friday 31st October, 2014

How much: gold coin donation

Why: Raise money for Stage 3 Excursion to Canberra

Dress upwe dare you!!!!

PACE

PACE and GPS are excited to announce that commencing this Friday 31st October, we are holding a four week parenting group.

When Friday 31st October
 Friday 7th November
 Friday 21st November
 Friday 28th November

Time 12pm – 1pm

Where GPS Meeting Room

The ECLA Program (Engage, Learn, Community, Achieve) will empower parents/caregivers in their homes and within the school.

The program is FREE. We will offer a light lunch and free transport if needed. For further information, contact Naomi 0411875335, Fiona 0418765114 or Maxine 0413493175 if transport is required.



AVANTI ROTARY TOGETHER WITH KEITH GILL MOTORS - GRIFFITH BRING YOU



LADIES NIGHT

WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU HAD A FLAT TYRE & YOU COULDN'T CONTACT ANYONE?

Come along to our FREE information night & learn how to:

- change a flat tyre
- put air in your tyres & how much
- check for tyre wear & know when it is time to change tyres
- check fluid levels
- change wiper inserts
- jump start a vehicle

Also find out:

- when & why coolant & brake fluid needs replacing
- the importance of, and how to check your engine drive belt

Plus: LEARN TO UNDERSTAND WHAT SERVICE DEPARTMENTS ARE TELLING YOU

During the night we encourage you to interact with us so as to ensure you have the confidence to help yourself should the occasion arise in the future.

It will be a friendly & fun night which allows you to ask us any question you've always wanted answers to – there are no silly questions. If you don't know why... chance is, someone else may not know either.

Date: Thursday 6th November 2014

Time: 6.30pm (for 6.45pm start)

Place: Keith Gill Motors, 1 Ebert Street, Griffith NSW 2680

To enquire or to make a booking please...

Contact Mervyn Sjollem at Rotary on 0427 630-127 or email msjollem@hotmail.com

Come and meet our Service Manager, Joanne Whittaker today!
 Supper & gift bags will be provided to all participants on the night.
 (For safety reasons: Minimum age 15 years old please)