

# Griffith Public School

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## NEWSLETTER TERM 1 WEEK 1

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### Term 1 2014

#### Calendar

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

#### Week 2

Wednesday, February 5 <sup>th</sup>	P&C 7pm
Friday, February 7 <sup>th</sup>	'Australia' Dress up Day-Gold Coin Donation 2.05pm Stage Assemblies

#### Week 3

Wednesday, February 12 <sup>th</sup>	Years 3-6 Swimming Carnival
Wednesday, February 12 <sup>th</sup>	3.30pm K-2 Parent, Teacher 'Meet and Greet' 4.00pm Stage 3 (Years 5/6) Parent, Teacher 'Meet and Greet'
Friday, February 14 <sup>th</sup>	2.05pm K-6 Assembly

#### Week 4

Wednesday, February 19 <sup>th</sup>	Stage 2 (Years 3/ 4) Parent, Teacher 'Meet and Greet'
Friday, February 21 <sup>st</sup>	2.05pm Stage Assemblies

#### Week 5

Thursday, February 27 <sup>th</sup>	Zone Swimming Carnival
Friday, February 28 <sup>th</sup>	'Clean Up Australia' Day 2.05pm K-6 Assembly

#### Week 6

Wednesday, March 5 <sup>th</sup>	School Photos
Friday, March 7 <sup>th</sup>	2.05pm Stage Assemblies

#### Week 7

Monday, March 10 <sup>th</sup>	Riverina Swimming Carnival
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Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup> 2.05pm K-6 Assembly

#### Week 8

Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup> 2.05pm Stage Assemblies

#### Week 9

Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup> 2.05pm K-6 Assembly

#### Week 10

Monday April 1 <sup>st</sup>	Easter Monday-Public Holiday
Thursday April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	3-6 Cross Country
Friday, April 4 <sup>th</sup>	K-2 Cross Country

#### Week 11

Tuesday, April 8 <sup>th</sup>	K-2 Easter Hat Parade
Friday, April 11 <sup>th</sup>	Last day Term 1

### Welcome

Welcome to students and families who have returned to Griffith Public School and a special welcome to all our new students and families.

Griffith Public School provides a diverse range of learning opportunities for students and strives to create a school environment that is stimulating, caring and inclusive of all.

I encourage parents to regularly discuss children's progress, both academically and socially throughout the year and encourage parents to become involved with school activities such as assemblies, sports carnivals, special events, offering assistance in the classroom and by becoming involved with P&C. Your children are the ones who benefit the most from your involvement.

Also, please do not hesitate to see if I am available or make an appointment to chat with me during the year as well.

The school newsletter is sent home once a week, usually on a Tuesday. The newsletter is also uploaded each week to the school website- [www.griffith-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.griffith-p.schools.nsw.edu.au). The newsletter will keep you informed of important events and acknowledges a range of achievements by students throughout the year.

I would like to welcome new staff members to Griffith PS. Miss Jessie Wythes, Mrs Giulia Parisotto and Mrs Karyn Burge. We also welcome Mrs Tyrrell back after a year's leave.

I am confident that once again in 2014 there will be many great achievements made by the students and staff at Griffith Public School.

Jude Hayman  
Principal



Mrs Parisotto and Miss Wythes



Mrs Burge

## Kindergarten Students First Day



## Medication

If your child requires medication during school hours please come to the school office to complete paperwork as we cannot give out medication without written permission. Thank you.

## P&C News

It is wonderful to see so many children in their full school uniform. Thank you to all parents and carers for helping this to happen. Our uniform shop is open every Thursday from 1.30pm-2.30pm. The Uniform Shop is operated by the P&C and is run by volunteers. If you are interested in helping with the operation of the uniform shop please contact Mrs Lander at school.

Please remember to write your child's name on all items of clothing, bags, lunch containers etc.

Our first P&C meeting is on **WEDNESDAY 5th FEBRUARY at 7PM** in the staffroom. Come along and meet other parents, discuss ideas and hear what is happening at GPS in 2014.

Each year at the swimming carnival, the P&C provide morning tea to all teachers and volunteers. We are asking parents and carers, if they could help by making a cake or slice. These could be left in the old staffroom on the morning of **WEDNESDAY 12TH FEBRUARY**. We would also love any volunteers to help us serve the morning tea.

Helen Lander  
P&C President

## Australia Dress up Day

On Friday the 7<sup>th</sup> of February, students are invited to dress in 'Australia' themed clothes. We ask students to bring a gold coin donation. All money raised will be donated to a charity which will be decided by the Student Representative Council (SRC) at their first meeting.

## Assembly

Please regularly check the calendar for Assembly dates and times. This year K-6 Assembly and Stage Assemblies will be held at 2.05pm to avoid disrupting Literacy and Numeracy learning time.

Stage One Assembly is held in the hall.

Stage Two Assembly is held in the Library

Stage 3 Assembly is held in the double Year 5/6 room

## Kindergarten Best Start Assessment

Best Start Assessment is taking place at our school next week. The assessment allows teachers to gather information which will help them to plan and teach what their students need to learn next.

The Best Start assessment is not a test. The teacher will observe each student and use tasks such as talking about a book that has been read, and record what their students know and can do. The teacher will look at your child's early reading and writing, their ability to communicate with others, and how they recognise and work with numbers, groups and patterns.

You will be given feedback about what your child's teacher has learned about your child, which you are welcome to discuss if you wish, in keeping with our usual practice.

## Unwanted Uniforms

We welcome any donations of uniforms. If you have any that no longer fit your children and no one to pass them on to please bring them to the front office. These uniforms will be given to other students when needed.

## Breakfast at the Coolah Café

Breakfast of cereal or toast is available for students for free at Griffith PS on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings between 8.40am and 9.10am.

## School Arrival

A friendly reminder, supervision at Griffith PS begins at 8.55am. Students should not arrive before 8.55am as they are not supervised during this time.

## Contact Details

Information cards have been sent home with students and parents. Please complete and return to school as soon as possible. These cards have

information that is needed by the school in order to contact parents in case of emergencies. Thank you.

### School Canteen

Welcome back to 2014. Our prices are the same as last year at the moment. We may have to increase them in the next few weeks. Please have orders in no later than 9.30am.

Watermelon Bowls \$2.50  
 Chicken Wrap \$3.00  
 Chicken Burger \$3.50  
 Farm Fresh Egg Sandwich \$2.50  
 Hot Dog \$3.00

Brenda, Canteen Manager

### Sprinkles' Multicultural Playgroup - Families NSW funded Multicultural Playgroup

Dianne & Sarbjit invite families with children up to school age to come and join in activities that have been designed to extend children's learning and listening abilities while giving parents the opportunity to meet and make friends with other families from the Griffith and surrounding communities.

'Sprinkles' focuses on families from **culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds** with all families treated equally. Religious and cultural differences are experienced within the playgroup through art/craft, music, storytelling and puzzles.

The playgroup operates **Wednesday & Thursday 9:30AM -12:30PM** during school terms.

Cost is **\$1 per family per session** with parents staying with their children and participating in all aspects of the running of the playgroup.

Parents are also asked to bring along a piece of fruit for morning tea and a wide brim hat for themselves and their children for outside play during the summer months. No Hat, No outside play!!!

### Win a \$5.00 Canteen Voucher Week 1

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: \_\_\_\_\_

### Scripture / Religious Education

Students at Griffith PS participate in weekly religious instruction lessons. They are able to attend Catholic or Non-Denominational classes. Please complete the slip below and return to your child's class teacher so classes can be arranged for 2014. Please return to school by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February. Thank you

Student/s Name-\_\_\_\_\_

Student/s Class-\_\_\_\_\_

My child / children will attend (please circle)

Catholic

Non-Denominational

Non Scripture