

Griffith Public School

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NEWSLETTER TERM 1 WEEK 2

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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 th	P&C 7pm School Office
Friday, February 7 th	'Australia' Dress up Day- Gold Coin Donation 2.05pm Stage Assemblies

Week 3

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

Week 4

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

Week 5

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

Week 6

Wednesday, March 5 th	School Photos
Friday, March 7 th	2.05pm Stage Assemblies

Week 7

Monday, March 10 th	Riverina Swimming Carnival
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Friday, March 14 th	2.05pm K-6 Assembly
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Week 8

Friday, March 21 st	2.05pm Stage Assemblies National Day of Action Against Bullying
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Week 9

Friday, March 28 th	2.05pm K-6 Assembly
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Week 10

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

Week 11

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

Sporting House Captains



We are proud to announce our new 2014 sporting house captains. These students have been

selected by the students in their house and are excited to start their new leadership role at the school Swimming Carnival next week. They will be presented with their badges at the Week 3 K-6 Assembly.

Bradman Captains— John Broadbent, Val Asomua
Fraser Captains— Karan Kamboj Rolita Fidow
Goolagong Captains— Aaron Nauer, Lakira Lualua
Norman Captains— Wycliff Tuiaki, Danae Woods

Congratulations!

Years 3-6 Swimming Carnival

The Griffith Public School Swimming Carnival is being held next Wednesday the 12th February.

A note was sent home, yesterday, Monday with students outlining expectations. All permission notes are due on Friday with \$3.50 to cover the cost of the pool. We expect ALL students from year 3-6 to attend and we are hoping to see more parents there this year.

Don't forget about the poster and best dressed competitions!



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

Australia Dress up Day

On Friday the 7th 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.

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.

P&C News

Welcome to all our new families!!

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.

Our first P&C meeting is on **tomorrow, 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.

Thank you,

Helen Lander (P&C President)

School Canteen

Wednesday 5 th	Agnes Lolohea
Thursday 6 th	Elena
Friday 7 th	Elena
Monday 10 th	Elena
Tuesday 11 th	Brenda

Please have orders in by 9.30am.

Chicken Burgers \$3.50
 Chicken Nuggets \$3.00
 Watermelon Bowls \$2.50
 Pizza \$2.20

Brenda, Canteen Manager

The National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence

Our school has registered to be part of the 2014 National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence, being held nationwide on Friday, 21 March.

The National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence (National Day of Action) is Australia's key anti-bullying event for schools. It's a day where school communities across Australia 'take a stand together' against bullying and violence. Griffith PS is dedicated to creating supportive school environments, free from bullying, harassment and violence. By working together we are sending a clear message to young people that bullying and violence, in or outside of school, are not okay at any time.

The National Day of Action is an initiative of all Australian education ministers and is coordinated by the Safe and Supportive School Communities (SSSC) Working Group, with representatives from all Australian educational authorities.

The SSSC is also responsible for the Bullying. No Way! Website which offers practical resources and information to help schools, parents and students counter bullying, harassment and violence. Also available on the site is the Take a Stand iPhone app, to keep tips and advice on dealing with bullying close at hand, as well as The Allen Adventure iPad app, designed for children under 8 years.

Download these free apps now in the Student's section of www.bullyingnoway.gov.au. We will keep you informed about our plans and activities to celebrate the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence on Friday, 21 March 2014.

KLI Visiting Miss Hayman's Office



Win a \$5.00 Canteen Voucher Week 2

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: _____

Waratah Junior Rugby League Club will be holding registration days on the 15th and 22nd of February. Registrations will be taken at the Exies Main Club between 2pm and 3.30pm. Enquiries can be made to Rob Donovan on 0429689019

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 7th February. Thank you

Student/s Name- _____

Student/s Class- _____

My child / children will attend (please circle)

Catholic

Non-Denominational

Non Scripture