

Griffith Public School

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NEWSLETTER TERM 1 WEEK 6

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Term 1 2014

Calendar

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

Week 6

Wednesday, March 5 th	School Photos 7 pm P&C AGM
Thursday, March 6 th	1pm K-2 Assembly
Friday, March 7 th	2.05pm Stage 2 and 3 Assemblies

Week 7

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

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

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

Term 2-Students return to school on Tuesday 29th April.

Student Representative Council (SRC)

At Friday's assembly the students who will be this year's SRC were presented with their badges. These students will represent all students in organising fun- days and fund-raising activities and support teachers and students in the playground and in promoting the school values of Respect, Responsibility and Do your Best.

These students are Ross Aloni (2L), Savanna Reynolds (2C), Emily Power (2T), Laura Dreyer and Wotoa Toru (3/4D), Omega Liu and Sialalua Asomua (3/4L), Raymond Halaapiapi and Emmanuel Orake (3/4P), Allana Little and Joshua Ratu (3/4S), Louisa Tuiaki (5/6A), Maraea Connellan (5/6C), Riley Clark (5/6T) and our school captains, Jessica Power, David Halaapiapi, Rossana Tupa and Paul Taituave.



BUPA Visits

Once again students from K-6 will be visiting BUPA Residential Aged Care Home this year. These are valuable visits for the students and the residents. The students engage in conversation and activities with the residents and often perform for them as well. This week 5/6A visited and sang for the residents. They also engaged the residents in a beading activity.



District Swimming Carnival

On Thursday the 27th of February, twelve Griffith Public School students attended the Griffith Zone Swimming Carnival. The day was very successful with many of our students achieving their personal best in the pool. Ethan Nayden finished in 3rd place in the 50 metre freestyle and Jessica Power finished in 3rd place in four events and finished 1st in the 50 metre backstroke.

All of the GPS students displayed the school values through their sportsmanship and support for others and represented the school with pride. Well Done!

Thank you to Mr Date for his organisation before, on and after the carnival. Thank you also to the parents and family members who attended on the day to support the swimmers. Griffith East PS did a great job of organising the carnival and we hope we can do the same when it is our turn in 2015!



Vibe Basketball

Last Wednesday a group of Stage 3 students travelled to Leeton with Mrs Kitchingman and Maxine Kirby to attend 'Vibe', a 3 on 3 Basketball and Hip Hop Challenge. Vibe aims to promote healthy lifestyles, strengthen communities and boost self-esteem.

Congratulations to all the students who attended. They did their best, showing great sportsmanship and excellent behaviour. Thank you to Maxine and Mrs Kitchingman for organising our participation and attending with the students.





KR and 5/6A Buddies

KR and 5/6A are excited to be 'buddy' classes this year.

Last week, the 5/6 students helped their kindergarten buddies to write a sentence about what they love about school and then together they created a collage to illustrate their sentence. The buddies then presented their work at the K-6 Assembly on Friday.

Both KR and 5/6A had a wonderful time working together and cannot wait for the next opportunity to spend time together.



P&C News

The next P&C meeting will be the AGM meeting and this will be held this **WEDNESDAY, 5TH MARCH at 7pm** in the staffroom.

Everyone is welcome!

Thank you,

Helen Lander (P&C President)

News from 2T



Year 2 has been writing questions and Mrs Oliver and students from 2T have written these questions for Miss Hayman.

What do you like to eat?

Lots of food! Asparagus, eggs, pasta, kumara (sweet potato), salad and ice cream!

Where did you live before you came to Griffith?

I have lived in a few different places including Sydney, Bathurst, London and Goulburn.

What do you do at home?

I spend a lot of time at school but when I am at home I do my housework, cook, iron, garden, sleep, read and spend time with friends and family.

Do you have any pets?

Yes, I have a very spoilt sausage dog. Her official breed is miniature dachshund but it is easier to call her a sausage dog.

Do you have any hobbies?

Yes, I have a lot of hobbies. I like to cycle and play hockey. I love to travel and learn about other countries and cultures. I also love to read. I wish there was more time in a day to do all these things!

Harmony Day

Harmony Day celebrations will be held on Friday 21st March 2014. Children are encouraged to wear orange to symbolise harmony or to wear traditional clothes of the country they come from.

Harmony Day is very special because it celebrates the cultural diversity to which everyone belongs.

K-2 Assembly

The **time** and **day** for the **K/2 Stage Assembly** has been changed. K/2 Assembly will now be held on even weeks throughout the term on **THURSDAYS** at **1:00pm**.

Clean up Australia Day

Thank you to all the students who participated in Clean Up Australia Day which was held at our school last Friday, 28th February.

We always take great pride in keeping our school clean and tidy and looking after our grounds for the enjoyment of the whole school community.



School Canteen

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

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

Watermelon bowls	\$2.50
Chicken Burgers	\$3.50
Chicken Nuggets	\$3.00

Lunch orders need to be in by 9.30am sharp!
Brenda,

Canteen Manager

Griffith Black and Whites Panthers Junior Rugby League

Training starts this Wednesday, 5th March 4.30-5.30pm at E.W. Moore Oval. Sign up available on the day.



School Crossings

Please talk to your children about the safest way to cross the road on their way to and from school.

The crossing guards are there to help the children cross the road in a safe manner and we strongly encourage students and carers to use the school crossings.



Win a \$5.00 Canteen Voucher Week 6

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: _____