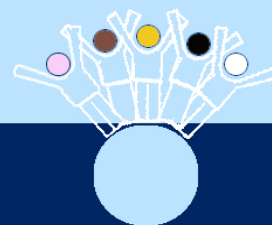


Griffith Public School

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NEWSLETTER TERM 1 WEEK 10

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Calendar

Term 1 2014

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

Week 10

Wednesday, April 2 nd	P&C Meeting 7pm
Thursday April 3 rd	3-6 Cross Country
Friday, April 4 th	10am K-2 Fun Run

Week 11

Tuesday, April 8 th	K-2 Easter Hat Parade
Thursday, April 10 th	Easter church service-\$2 bus cost
Friday, April 11 th	Last day Term 1

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

Term 2 2014

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

Week 1

Tuesday, April 29 th	K-6 return to school 10.30am School ANZAC Day Service and Stage 3 Luncheon
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Week 2

Friday, May 9 th	Mum's and Muffins and Mother's Day Stall
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Week 3

Tuesday, May 13 th	Years 3 & 5 NAPLAN
Wednesday, May 14 th	Years 3 & 5 NAPLAN
Thursday, May 15 th	Years 3 & 5 NAPLAN

Friday, May 16 th	Years 3-6 Athletics qualification field events day
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Week 4

Tuesday, May 20 th	Years 3-6 Athletics Carnival
Friday, May 23 rd	K-2 Fun Athletics Day Zone Cross Country

Week 5 Reconciliation Week

Thursday, May 29 th	Mortimer Shield
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Week 6

Tuesday, June 3 rd	Zone Athletics
Friday, June 7 th	K-6 Assembly

Week 7

Monday, June 9 th	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Tuesday June 10 th	Riverina Cross Country

Week 8

Parent Teacher Interviews

Week 9 NAIDOC Week

Monday, June 23 rd	NAIDOC Week Flag Raising Riverina Athletics Carnival
Wednesday, June 25 th	NAIDOC Week Cultural Activities
Thursday, June 26 th	Elder's Morning Tea
Friday, June 27 th	Last day Term 2

Reading at Griffith PS



Daniel Jolly in 1D read his book out loud to Miss Dance, Miss Hayman and Mrs Kitchingman! He put a lot of effort in and should be very proud of himself. Keep working hard Daniel! Daniel was happy to say he has stacks of books at home and he loves reading!

Reading aloud to children and encouraging them to read on their own will help them to become better readers, better listeners and better students. You are also helping them build vocabulary and language skills, and helping them gain knowledge about the world around them. When you read aloud together, children learn quickly that reading is important and hopefully they will also learn that reading is fun!

Some quick reading together tips.....

- Ask your child to describe pictures, repeat phrases used in the story, and predict what will happen next.
- Follow the words with your finger as you read. Your child will see that words are read from left to right on the page.
- Take time to answer questions and talk about the book as you read together.
- Read a variety of books. Encourage borrowing from the school and town library.
- Point to pictures and say the names of objects and colours.

Writing

Students at Griffith PS have been working hard to make their writing interesting by learning to use adjectives and conjunctions. Cody and Amandeep are displaying the poster they made listing lots of conjunctions. A conjunction connects words, sentences, phrases or clauses.



Young Leaders Conference

On Sunday, our School Captains, Paul Taituave, David Halaapiapi, Rossana Tupa and Jessica Power, travelled with Mrs McWhirter and students and teachers from all the Public Schools in Griffith, to Sydney. On Monday they attended 'The National Young Leaders Conference' at which they listened to inspirational speakers talk about leadership.



The speakers included Andy Griffiths, Ita Buttrose, Hon. Bob Carr, Michael Martin and Coen Ashton. Jessica and Paul were fortunate to thank Ita

Buttrose, on stage, in front of more than 6000 people!

Thank you very much to the families of our captains in enabling their children to go and to Mrs McWhirter who organised and attended the excursion.



Students also enjoyed a visit to the Sydney Eye Tower.



K-2 Fun Run

The K-2 Fun Run will be held on Friday 4th April at 10am in the Griffith Community Gardens.

Children will need to wear their sports uniform and joggers on this day.

You are most welcome to come down and watch your child participate in the Fun Run. We hope to see you there.

PSSA Boys Cricket Knockout Competition

Last Tuesday a group of Year 5 and 6 boys travelled to Beelbanger oval to play cricket against Beelbanger Public School. Unfortunately we lost the game but the boys enjoyed themselves and made a few new friends. Congratulations to Michael Asomua for taking three wickets and Karan Kamboj for taking one.

Thank you very much to Mr Chauhan and Mr Maharaj for organising and coaching the cricket teams.

K-6 Easter Church Services

Children in Years Kindergarten to Year 6 will visit churches on Thursday 10th April at 11:30am for special Easter services.

Travel will be by bus. Children are asked to bring in \$2 to their classroom teacher, as soon as possible, to cover the cost of the bus.

Years 3-6 Cross Country

Our Cross Country Carnival is on this Thursday at Lake Wyangan. Please make sure you child has returned their permission note with \$3 (cost of the bus). A reminder note was sent home yesterday with specific details.

We are looking forward to seeing our students dressing up in house colours. We are hoping to see even more parents at the carnival this year.

APPROXIMATE race times;

- 10.45am 8/9 girls begin
- 11am 8/9 boys begin
- 11.15am 10yrs girls begin
- 11.30am 10yrs boys begin
- Midday 11yrs Girls begin
- 12.15pm 11yrs Boys begin
- 12.30pm 12/13 Girls begin
- 12.45pm 12/13 Boys begin

There will a sausage sizzle running. A sausage sandwich is \$2.00 and a drink is \$1.00. Students will need to bring money to purchase their sausages or else bring a packed lunch as there is no canteen available. Students also need to bring water bottles.

ANZAC Day

All students are invited to march and attend the Griffith ANZAC Day Service on Friday the 25th of April. Staff and our school captains will meet

students at **10.15am in the area outside the Griffith Art Gallery** (pink building in Banna Avenue). Students must be dressed in their summer school uniform, including black shoes and navy socks. They should also bring their school hats.

It is important to attend this event as we are honouring soldiers who have represented and fought for Australia to be the safe and free country that it is today. Students who participate also enhance their opportunity to earn a Gold Award.

Following the march and ceremony in town students are once again invited to visit the Griffith Cemetery and place flowers provided on ex-servicemen and women's graves (995 in total). These graves are marked with little white crosses. The organiser of this activity, Mrs Marg Tucker, has also requested donations of flowers if possible.

Our school ANZAC ceremony will be held on Tuesday 29th April. This is the first day back for students next term. All parents are welcome to attend the ceremony held at the flagpole where we will meet at 10:30a.m.

Year Five and Six students are then able to attend a special luncheon with our invited guests who include returned servicemen and women, National Service men and family and friends. The cost is \$5.00 per student. Please return notes and money before the end of term.

La Festa Help Required

We are looking for students who will be in Griffith over the Easter weekend to perform the HAKA at La Festa Opening Ceremony on Easter Saturday 19th March, 2014 at 11.00am.

Costumes will be supplied by our school. Your child will need to be at our school to dress in costume at 10.15am.

We understand that this is in the middle of the school holidays and the Easter weekend and you may have other commitments, however, we would like to know if anyone is able to come along and perform on this day. We will only be able to perform if we have enough students participating.

Please complete the note on this newsletter and return to Mrs McWhirter as soon as possible.

P&C News

Please come to the P&C Meeting this Wednesday at 7pm.

All money raised and raffle tickets for the Easter Egg Raffle must be back to school by WEDNESDAY 9TH APRIL.

The P&C *adidas school Fun Run* will be held again this year as part of the schools Cross Country Carnival. The Fun Run is the P&C's major fundraising event for this term.

The Fun run will be held on the following dates- years K-2 on Friday 4th April and years 3-6 on Thursday 3rd April.

The *adidas School Fun-Run* is a healthy, fun and active fundraiser that ensures we send the right message to our children about getting active, having fun and maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

Students who raise just \$10 or more will receive a reward for effort. Please look after your sponsorship form as we do not have spares.

All money raised must be back to school by FRIDAY 12TH APRIL.

Thank you,
Helen Lander (P&C President)

School Canteen

Wednesday 2 nd	Helen Lander
Thursday 3 rd	Kerri
Friday 4 th	Elena
Monday 7 th	Elena
Tuesday 8 th	Brenda

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

Chicken Burgers	\$3.50
Chicken Nuggets	\$3.00
Hot Dog	\$3.00

Brenda,
Canteen Manager



K-2 Easter Hat Parade



The Easter Hat Parade for all Kindergarten to Year 2 children will be held on Tuesday 8th April at 12.15pm in the school hall.

Parents and friends are invited to attend this exciting afternoon.

Come along and listen to the children perform their songs and poems and look at the wonderful Easter Hats the children have made in their classrooms.

Thankyou,
K-2 Teachers



Win a \$5.00 Canteen Voucher Week 10

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: _____

HAKA NOTE

My child _____

will be available to perform the HAKA at the La Festa Opening Ceremony on Easter Saturday 19th March, 2014 at 11.00am.

Parent's name _____

Parent's phone number _____