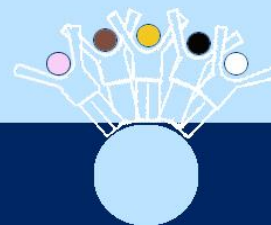


Griffith Public School

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NEWSLETTER TERM 1 WEEK 11

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Calendar

Term 1 2014

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

Week 11

Tuesday, April 8 th	K-2 Easter Hat Parade
Wednesday, April 9 th	'Cops and Robbers' Dress Up and fundraiser for PCYC
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
Wednesday, April 30 th	Years 3-6 Cross Country
Thursday, May 1 st	K-2 Fun Run

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
Wednesday, May 21 st	Rugby Union Gala Day
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
Tuesday, June 24 th	Traditional Indigenous Games
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 in K-2

The school has been selected to be part of the NSW government **Early Action for Success Program**. This program has allowed our wonderful K-2 teachers to take part in the L3 training to help students to become good readers. Teachers in Kindergarten and Year One meet every three weeks with our trainer Mrs. Anna Roberts to learn and share ideas about helping students become good readers. As part of this program the school bought \$7000 worth of books for Year One students to use in reading. Parents are children's first teachers and play an ongoing role in teaching their children to read. Parents can help their children become good readers by:

READING WITH YOUR CHILDREN

Fifteen minutes a day is all it takes to build key reading skills. Here are six ways to make your child a better reader! Create good reading habits by:

- ✓ Snuggling up together with a book.
- ✓ Reading with your child every day.
- ✓ Talking about pictures and asking lots of questions.
- ✓ Reading lots of different books or magazines or posters.
- ✓ Reading your favourite books, again and again.
- ✓ Relaxing and have fun sharing books and pictures.

Good readers start with sharing and talking about books with their parents.



Kindergarten teacher Mrs Lander and her son Jock share a book.

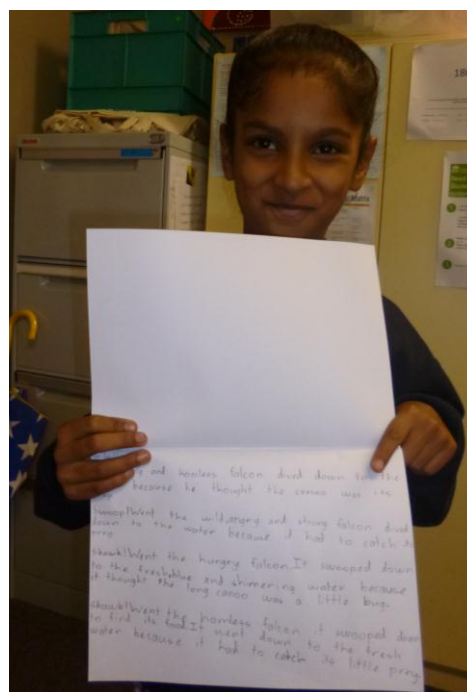
Years 3-6 Cross Country and K-2 Fun Run

Unfortunately, due to wet weather, the Cross Country was postponed. The new date for the Years 3-6 Cross Country is Wednesday 30th April and k-2 will have their Fun Run on Thursday 1st May.

Sentence Star

Kiranpreet Kaur in 2C wrote fantastic sentences in class last week. She used interesting adjectives and verbs to enhance her sentences. Well done Kiranpreet, keep working hard!

Congratulations to KB who are also working hard. They are proudly holding up the sentences they wrote in class. Well done!



PSSA Boys Cricket Knockout Competition

Apologies to the boys for not including the cricket photo in last week's newsletter.



Evonne Goolagong Cawley and Roger Cawley visit Griffith Public School

On Friday students in Years 3-6 were very fortunate to listen to Australian sporting legend Evonne Goolagong Cawley and her husband Roger Cawley. Evonne spoke about her years playing tennis and how important it was for her to continue her education while she was playing tennis. Evonne encourages all students to attend school and do their best.

On Monday, Aboriginal students in Years 3-6 attended a 'come and try' tennis day with Evonne at the local courts.



Touch Football

Last Wednesday Michael Asomua, Wycliff Tuiaki and Reuben Leao Seve attended touch football trials. All boys tried their best and played well. Congratulations to Michael and Reuben who were selected for the Riverina team.



'Nail Bangers' with Mr Pattison

Jessica and Tiffany are very proud of the mirrors they made with Mr Pattison's assistance. The mirrors are very impressive! Well done girls and thank you Mr Pattison.



Kindergarten Pirates!

Swords, eye patches, stripes and treasure. The black skull and cross bones flag had been raised, Kindergarten had been taken over by pirates!

To celebrate a great week of learning about the letter 'p', Kindergarten held a pirate party. Students came dressed as pirates, ate popcorn and played in the playground. There was a treasure hunt for items beginning with the letter 'p' and pirate songs. Kindergarten had a fun and exciting day being pirates!



News from 1S

1S have been studying "Living Things" in Science this year and students are learning about the life cycles of different animals. Jye Eslick, Elizabeth Garside and Callum McIntosh are proudly holding a caterpillar which is the same as the caterpillar found in the information book about animals.



News from 2T

Students in 2T planted seeds and watched them grow! Their eggs need a haircut!



P&C News

All money raised and raffle tickets for the Easter Egg Raffle must be back to school by WEDNESDAY 9TH APRIL. Last minute tickets are available at school. The raffle will be drawn on Thursday.



The Fun Run is the P&C's major fundraising event for this term.

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 9 th	Agnes Lolohea
Thursday 10 th	Brenda
Friday 11 th	Elena

Thank you to last week's helper, Helen Lander.

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

Happy Easter and safe holidays from the canteen.

Brenda, Canteen Manager

K-6 Easter Church Services

Children in Years Kindergarten to Year 6 will visit churches this 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.

GRIFFITH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Come and Play Junior Hockey

Want to try a new sport? How about Hockey?
Hockey is a fast paced and exciting team sport. It is a great way to enjoy some outdoor fun improve fitness. We're looking for players in the following age groups to play in our junior competitions

How do I Register?
Registrations & Round 1 will commence Saturday 10th May at 10:30am with games from 11am at Westend Oval

Cost is \$10 for the season

What do I Need?
Own Mouthguard is a must.
Sticks, Shinpads, Shirts & Socks are all provided.

Where: Westend Oval
When: Games are Saturday mornings at 11am or 12.15pm.
Minky at 11am
No Experience Necessary

OPEN JUNIOR DAY
Come to our Junior Open day!!!
When: Sat 12th April
10am to 11.30
Cost: FREE
Equipment provided. Coaches will be running drills & fun games. Free Sausage Sizzle

More Info - Call Gail on 0418 217 240
email griffithhockey@hotmail.com

Stage Assembly Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received awards at last week's stage assemblies:

KB Toakase Kula Masele Taliu Paulini Qoro	KL Leigh-Maree Goolagong Mitchell Halliburton Sieli Ualesi Seuao
KM Makyta Alai Lokeni Nancy Tietie Sophie Martin	KR William Teao Shaylani Kelly-Carberry Ahlahzae Ama
1S Ata Misi Chloe Towers Caitlyn Colgan	1B Fine Mafi Ahmet Kurt Dustin McIntyre
1D Happy Shah Maikeli Mohulami Paul Langi	2T Brendan Connors Bronwyn Murray Jannet Time
2L Breeana Little Esther Lolohea Alexander Ross	2C Seini Halaapiapi Ana Langi Lleyton Smyth
3/4D Peter Viran Wotoa Toru Siuaiki Tuiaki	3/4L Ruth Tietie Mere Tiritabua Zhyin Wang
3/4S Charlotte Currie Allana Little Jerome Rala	3/4P Amandeep Singh Tangata Toru Miguel Fabian

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 male students in Years 2-6 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. For cultural reasons only boys can perform the Haka.

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. If we cannot get approximately 10 boys to take part we will have to decline the offer of the La Festa committee to take part

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

HAKA NOTE (for cultural reasons, boys only)

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 _____

Win a \$5.00 Canteen Voucher Week 11

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: _____

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING LOTS OF STUDENTS ATTEND THE LOCAL MARCH ON ANZAC DAY-FRIDAY 25th April. PLEASE COME IN SCHOOL UNIFORM.
(see snippet in newsletter for more information)

Don't forget to like the Griffith Public School Facebook page.

**We hope our students have a safe and happy holiday...make sure you do lots of reading!
Thank you and congratulations on a fantastic Term 1.**

Term 2 begins on Tuesday 29th April.