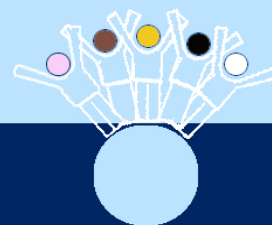


Griffith Public School

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NEWSLETTER TERM 2 WEEK 2

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Calendar

Term 2 2014

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

Week 2

Tuesday, May 7 th	7pm P&C Meeting
Friday, May 9 th	2.15pm Mum's and Muffins and Mother's Day Stall

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 2.15pm K-6 Assembly

Week 4

Tuesday, May 20 th	Years 3-6 Athletics Carnival
Wednesday, May 21 st	Rugby Union Gala Day
Thursday, May 22 nd	K-2 assembly
Friday, May 23 rd	K-2 Fun Athletics Day Zone Cross Country Stage 2 & 3 Assemblies

Week 5 Reconciliation Week

Tuesday, May 27 th	Zone Athletics Carnival
Thursday, May 29 th	Mortimer Shield
Friday, May 30 th	K-6 Assembly

Week 6

Tuesday, June 3 rd	Zone Athletics
Thursday, June 5 th	K-2 Assembly

Friday, June 6th Stage 2 & 3 Assemblies

Week 7

Monday, June 9 th	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Tuesday June 10 th	Riverina Cross Country
Friday, June 13 th	K-6 Assembly

Week 8

Parent Teacher Interviews	
Thursday, June 19 th	K-2 Assembly
Friday, June 20 th	Stage 2 & 3 Assemblies

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

ANZAC Day School Service and Luncheon

Last Tuesday our school ANZAC Day service and annual luncheon was held.

We were very fortunate to have many special guests attend this event, including guest speaker Warrant Officer Class One Graham Toll. Officer Toll is Mrs Kitchingman's brother in law and travelled from Sydney to attend our service. He has travelled all over the world in his role performing many duties. Officer Toll spoke to Stage 3 students at the luncheon about the important role dogs played in the army and the devastation caused by land mines around the world.

Stage 3 students participate in the luncheon and have the opportunity to talk to service men and women about their war experiences. The annual event is a fantastic learning experience for our students and a wonderful opportunity for different generations to socialise.

Our Choir, under the careful guidance of Mrs Lander and Mrs Kitchingman, performed beautifully and our award winning poets had the opportunity to read their poem to the guests and students. The hall was beautifully decorated with students art work.

Thank you very much too all staff involved, a particularly big thank you to our Stage 3 team. A lot of behind the scenes work goes into such an event and as usual our staff go above and beyond.

Our students are also to be commended on their outstanding behaviour and manners.



Years 3-6 Cross Country

On Wednesday the 30th of April 2014 3-6 went to Lake Wyangan for our cross country. The juniors ran 2000m and the seniors ran 3000m. The top 8 runners get to go to zone. There were lots of races. We had to go through bushes, it was fun. We got to see some animals when we came in on the bus. Mrs Campbell started all the races. We had an awesome day.

Thank you to all the parents who helped out.

Written by Chelsea Mahon



Thank you also to Mr Date and the staff for the fantastic organisation. The students who have qualified for the Zone Cross Country will compete at Lake Wyangan on Friday 23rd of May.

Rugby League Riverina Representatives

Last Friday Michael Asomua, Aaron Nauer, Wycliff Tuiaki, Joshua Low and Noah Carberry-Beale travelled to Leeton for the Riverina Rugby League trials. Aaron, Wycliff and Michael were selected in the team and will now compete against the best players in the state. We congratulate and wish the selected players all the best with their training and the state championships in Sydney later this year.



K-2 Fun Run

On Thursday 1st of May K-2 had their 'Fun Run' in the Community Gardens. All of K-2 participated well on the day showing great enthusiasm and sportsmanship. It was great to see so many students do their best on the day. Well done to all of K-2.

Thank you to the parents and family members who came along to support the students and to the staff for their organisation.



Netball Trials

Yesterday, Denae Woods participated in the Western Riverina Netball trials. Unfortunately Denae was not selected for the team. However, she played three games of netball extremely well and tried her best throughout the day. It was great to see that Denae had made it that far and we congratulate her on her effort.

Thank you to Miss Brain for organising and running the selection.

Starting School 2015 Survey

As part of the Instructional Leadership Program we would like to prepare for kindergarten in 2015 by finding out which children are starting kindergarten next year and the types of programs they may have attended. This survey is very important as it will help us to plan the best possible programs for children at Griffith Public School. A survey for parents to fill out will go home with students this Wednesday. All surveys that are completed and returned to school by Monday 12th May will go in the draw for a \$50 Rossies gift voucher.

At Griffith Public School we have high expectations for all our students. Please help us to plan for great kindergarten programs by filling out this survey.

P&C News

Please come along to the P&C Meeting tomorrow night, Wednesday, 7th of May at 7pm.

Thank you,
Helen Lander (P&C President)

School Canteen

Wednesday 7 th	Cathy
Thursday 8 th	Kerri
Friday 9 th	Elena
Monday 12 th	Elena
Tuesday 13 th	Brenda

Thank you to last week's helper Agnes Lolohea.

Chicken Burgers	\$3.50
Chicken Nuggets	\$3.00
Hot Dogs	\$3.00
Pies	\$3.00

Please have your orders in by 9.30am sharp.
Thank you,

Brenda,

Canteen Manager.

Information for Year 4 Parents

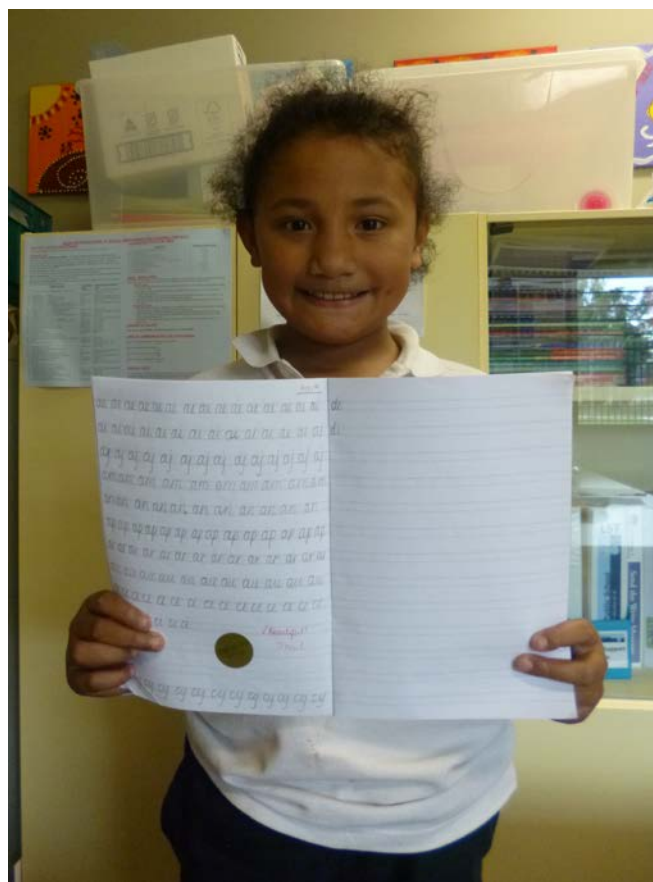
Parents of Year 4 students are able to apply for an opportunity class placement for their child moving in to Year 5 next year. These classes cater for high

achieving, academically gifted students. Unfortunately there are no opportunity classes in the Griffith area however students are eligible to apply for classes in other parts of the state. Entry is via a rigorous testing schedule. Further information is available from the school.

Do Your Best

Ruth Tietie showed her very neat handwriting to Miss Hayman last week as Miss Pisan is so pleased with the effort Ruth makes.

Keep doing your best Ruth! Well done.



Auslan Meeting

Open invitation to anyone who wants to practice using Auslan (sign language).
First and third Thursday of the month.
Meet at Griffith Plaza (Target plaza) near the lift at 4pm - coffee and a "voice off" chat.
No pressure to come every time - pop in when you can.

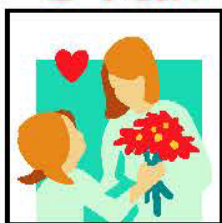
A great opportunity to meet more signers and practice using Auslan - Use it or lose it!!

Kind regards

Christine Ripper

Assistant Principal – Hearing

Mother's Day Stall



The P&C are holding a Mother's Day Stall on **Friday 9th May.**

There will be a variety of gifts to buy.

All gifts are **\$5.00.**

Thank you for supporting our P&C.



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

Minky Development - Yr. K to 2

Primary School Mixed Division - Yr. 3 to 6

High School Mixed Division - Boys Yr. 7 to 8 & Girls Yr. 7 to 10

(older ages please contact below details for alternative competitions)

How do I Register?

Contact details below to register interest before 10th May.

Registrations forms & first rnd 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 provided.

Where: Westend Oval

When: Games are Saturday mornings at 11.20am 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



Yenda Blue Heelers

The Yenda Blue heelers are looking for more under 12 players. Training is at 4.30pm on Thursday afternoons at Jubilee Oval.

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: _____