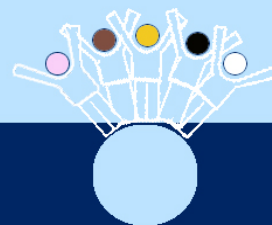


# Griffith Public School

A quality education for all



## NEWSLETTER TERM 3 WEEK 4

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### Calendar Term 3 2014

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

#### Term 3

##### Week 4

<b>Tuesday August 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>AMS Hearing and Eye Tests</b>
<b>Wednesday August 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7pm P&amp;C Meeting</b>
<b>Thursday, August 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Year 6 Transition to Griffith HS</b>

##### Week 5

Monday, August 11 <sup>th</sup>	Debating Team at Hanwood PS
Wednesday, August 13 <sup>th</sup>	Debating Team at Griffith PS
Friday, August 15 <sup>th</sup>	K-6 Assembly

##### Week 6

Monday, August 18 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming Notes and Payment Due
Thursday, August 21 <sup>st</sup>	Year 6 Transition to Griffith HS Stage 3 Excursion to Griffith Library

##### Week 7 National Literacy and Numeracy Week

Friday, August 30 <sup>th</sup>	K-6 Assembly
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##### Week 8

Thursday, September 5 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Transition to Griffith HS
Friday, September 5 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Pioneer Park Action Day

##### Week 9

Friday, September 12 <sup>th</sup>	K-6 Assembly
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##### Week 10

Thursday, September 18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Transition to Griffith HS
Friday, September 19 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day Term 3- Students return Tuesday October 7 <sup>th</sup>

### Education Week

Thank you to everyone who was involved in celebrating Education Week with us last week. It was a great opportunity to highlight the wonderful school community we have, the outstanding work by staff and the excellent achievements of the students at GPS.

Our school held a special assembly at which guest speaker; Mr Darron Watt spoke fondly of his years as a student at GPS. Mr Watt is now a teacher at the Riverina Environmental Education Centre in Wagga and he presented some trees and bushes to the school to plant in the school grounds. Mr McCormack, the Federal Minister for the Riverina was also a guest at our assembly. Mr McCormack presented the winners of his ANZAC Day Poetry Competition with their books and certificates.





Spelling Bees were held throughout the week. The choir, multicultural public speakers and ANZAC Day Poetry Award winners performed at Central Plaza and our 'Incredible Illusionists' were outstanding performers at KROP.

## KROP

KROP was outstanding once again. Congratulations to all students for their dedication and hard work. Thank you to all parents and staff who supported our KROP students by going along and watching the performance, without an audience there would be no reward for the performance!

Thank you to Mrs McWhirter and Mrs Lander for their dedication and hard work and also to the staff who have supported them, and the students, through the KROP journey.



## Spelling Bee

Last week we held our school Spelling Bee finals, WOW!!! We have some very good spellers!



Year 2 saw nine students compete with the final three being decided after 13 rounds! Congratulations to Joe Tora 1<sup>st</sup>, Seini Halaapiapi 2<sup>nd</sup> and Ailaulau Tietie 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Stage 2 went to 19 rounds before a winner was found. Well done to Beyonce Marela 1<sup>st</sup>, Ma Agnes Anouvae 2<sup>nd</sup> and Ruth Tietie 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Stage 3 competed through 14 rounds to see Priscilla Tiera take out first place, Jabez Tietie 2<sup>nd</sup> and Mary-Magdalene Puleholoto Nosa 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The first 2 in the Junior (Stage 2) and Senior (Stage 3) progress to the regional finals to be held later this term.

Thank you to Mrs Woods for announcing the words and to Miss Hayman and Mrs Kitchingman for time keeping and quality control. Thank you to Mrs Lemon for organising and coordinating our spelling bee competition again this year. Well done to all the audiences for sitting quietly on the edge of their seats.



## Riverina Athletics Carnival

Yesterday Kyhisha Morris, Danae Woods and Rossana Tupa travelled to Albury and competed in a variety of events at the Riverina Athletics Carnival.

Kyhisha competed in high jump and jumped a whopping 1.25 m. She also competed in the 100 m race and came 4<sup>th</sup> in her heat. Danae competed in discus and she threw an incredible 24.9 m and finished in 1<sup>st</sup> place. Rossana also competed in discus and she threw 20.47 m and finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place and missed out on going to state by 27cm (so



close!). She then competed in shot-put but did not place even though she tried her best.

Good luck Danae at the State carnival which will be held in Sydney. Thank you to all parents for their support and time to take these mini Olympians to Albury.



## LIFE EDUCATION NSW

LIFE EDUCATION NSW will be visiting Griffith Public School from 20<sup>th</sup> August until 25<sup>th</sup> August 2014 **FOR K/2 CLASSES ONLY.**

A note will be sent home tomorrow outlining the details, cost and permission slip.

## Years 5 and 6 Excursion

Students who are attending the Lake Burrendong/Wellington excursion have received updated information. The excursion will run from Tuesday November 4<sup>th</sup> to Friday November 7<sup>th</sup>. Students have already made a minimum payment of \$50.00 towards this. The final costing is \$312.00 per student. Contributions of any size towards this amount can be paid at any time to the office or you may prefer to pay in one lump sum payment. All completed payments must be made by October 24<sup>th</sup>. Students who have not paid the full amount by this date will be unable to attend the excursion. If you have any queries please contact Mrs Campbell.

## P&C News

Unfortunately, we are unable to organise a Cultural Night as we had no parents or carers ring the school to express an interest or attend the meeting last week. Thank you to the staff members who volunteered their time.

Our next P&C meeting will be held on **WEDNESDAY 6TH AUGUST at 7pm.**

Thank you,  
Helen Lander (P&C President)

## School Canteen

Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Agnes Lolohea
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Rachel
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Elena
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Elena
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Brenda

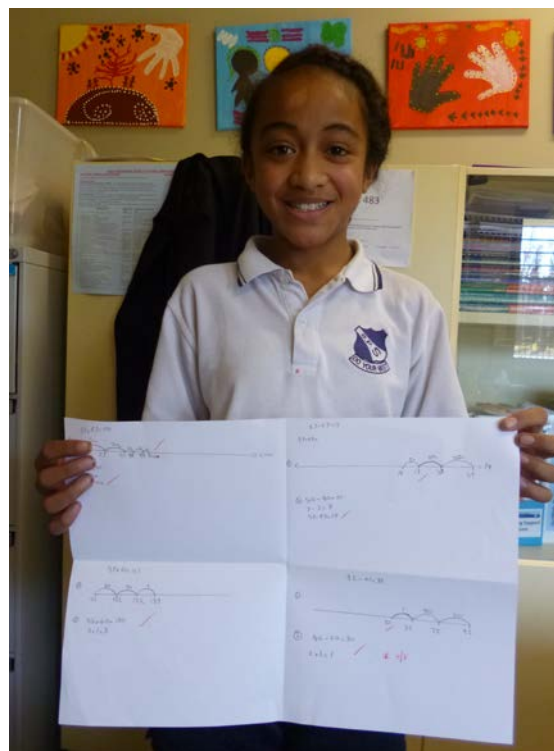
Thank you to last week's helper Agnes Lolohea.

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

Thank you,  
Brenda (Canteen Manager)

## 3/4L Addition and Subtraction Work

Students in 3/4L have been working hard, learning strategies to help them solve algorithms. Tanisha and Blake shared the strategies they used with Miss Hayman. Keep working hard 3/4L!



## Griffith Base Hospital Dental Clinic

Murrumbidgee Local Health District employs dental therapists from the Griffith Base Hospital Dental Clinic which is on the grounds of the Griffith Base Hospital in Warrambool St.

Dental Therapists are registered clinicians who provide general treatment for children and adolescents ages 0-18 years. All that is required is a current Medicare card.

The treatment is **free**. Please ring **1800 450 046** to register your child.

## Intensive Swimming

A reminder that the intensive swimming program takes place this term. It is a great opportunity for your child to gain confidence in the water. Notes along with \$35 must be returned by **Monday 18th August**.



### The Griffith Community of Schools would appreciate your feedback...

We would love to hear your view on public secondary schooling options in Griffith. Please visit the link below to complete a short survey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/KYD8NCT>

Please note this survey closes on Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2014.



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## SRC Jeans for Genes Day

Well done Griffith Public School. \$177 was raised for children's medical research on our 'Jeans for Genes Day' last Friday.



## Get Ready for the SPRING Junior Competition Starting 7<sup>th</sup> August 2014

Griffith Junior Basketball is looking for individual and or teams for their 13 and 15 years and under competitions. Nominations are still being taken on this coming Thursday afternoon at the stadium.

### Junior Competition Individual and Team Nominations

#### Monday Night Aussie Hoops

Commences 19<sup>th</sup> August.

New member \$80.00

Renewal \$50.00

#### Thursday Night Competition

11 years & under \$90.00

13 years & under \$115.00

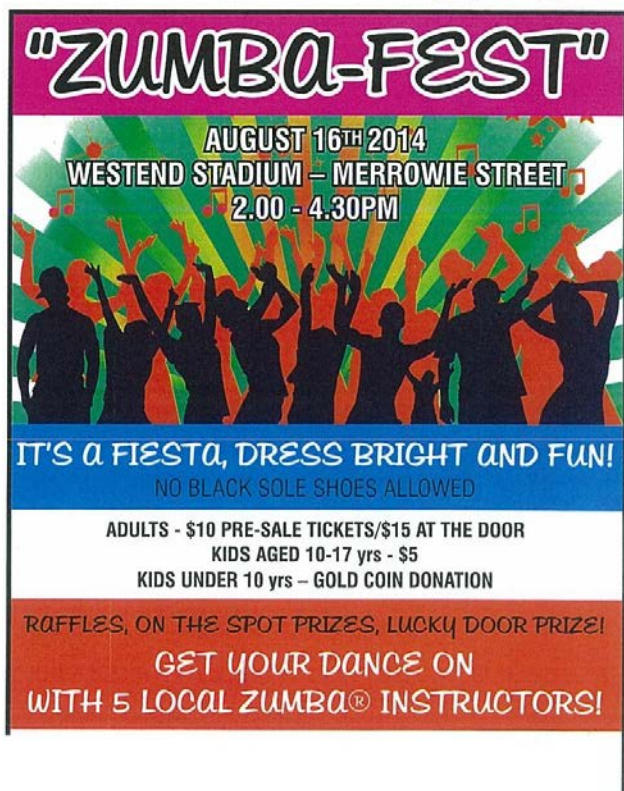
15 years & under \$115.00

If child is playing in a second game an extra \$48 is added to the Registration Fee.

### GET YOUR FRIENDS TOGETHER IN A TEAM FOR A GREAT GAME COME AND ENJOY THE GAME IN A RELAXED ATMOSPHERE







## Sip & Sign



Practice your Auslan (signing) skills

**WHERE:** Griffith Central (eating area)

**WHEN:** Thursdays weeks 1,3,5,7,9 of term

**TIME:** 4pm – 5pm

All Welcome to meet with local DEAF community members and school staff - a very informal get together

Just turn up

Contact Christine – 0434146150 for more details

## Education Week Photos



### Win a \$5.00 Canteen Voucher Week 4

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: \_\_\_\_\_