

NEWSLETTER TERM 3 WEEK 6

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Calendar Term 3 2014

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

Term 3

Week 6

Tuesday, August 19th	Stage One (Years 1&2) Book Week visit to Griffith Library
Wednesday, August 20th	Stage 2 Book Week visit to Griffith Library
Thursday, August 21st	Year 6 Transition to Griffith High School Stage 3 Book Week visit to Griffith Library

Week 7 National Literacy and Numeracy Week

Friday, August 30 th	K-6 Assembly
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Week 8

Thursday, September 4 th	Year 6 Transition to Griffith High School
Friday, September 5 th	Year 4 Pioneer Park Action Day

Week 9

Friday, September 12 th	K-6 Assembly
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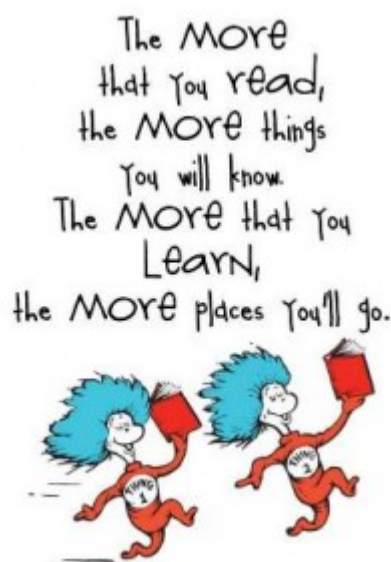
Week 10

Thursday, September 18 th	Year 6 Transition to Griffith High School
Friday, September 19 th	Last Day Term 3- Students return Tuesday October 7 th

Book Week Visits to Griffith City Library

Each year, schools and public libraries across Australia spend a week celebrating books and Australian authors and illustrators.

Students from Kindergarten to Year 6 are attending sessions at our local town Library throughout the week as part of 'Book Week' celebrations. At the Library they are listening to Tony Flowers, an Australian author and illustrator.



Students have also been exploring many of the books nominated for awards during Library sessions.

We highly recommend that children are read to, and read to someone on a daily basis. Reading opens us up to learning in so many ways. Encourage children to borrow books from the school or the local Library. As a treat, or as a reward, why not take children to a book shop to buy their own book.

Happy reading and happy Book Week!

Griffith Public Schools Community Transition to School Program

We have started an early transition to school program aimed at children who do not attend preschool or day care. It is funded by the State Government's **'Early Action for Success'** initiative that targets literacy and numeracy in Kindergarten to Year 2.

Our program runs on Wednesdays and we use the Griffith Public School bus driven by Maxine Kirby our Aboriginal Education Officer to pick up and drop off students. Mrs Lander plans and runs the program and travels with the children on the bus. Miss Isabel Brown from School Learning Support Staff assists in the classroom.

Children complete lots of fun activities that help get them ready for school. They practise counting to ten, listening to and talking about stories, writing their name and settling into school routines.



As part of the program children are given a book each week to keep and share with their families. Books are an important part of children's learning and the more children read and talk about books, the better readers they will be.



2T made Stone Soup

The ingredients that we smelled and touched....waiting, waiting, waiting for the soup to be ready.....



What the soup looked like.



Wow! It was a yummy soup; it was the best soup I ever tasted!

By Patu

It was the best day of my life!

By Dev

We made stone soup. I got to chop up some of the vegetables. The white cups were filled with delicious soup.

By Kayla

Yummy! I couldn't wait to make the soup; I knew it was going to be delicious.

By Amardeep

2T thought the soup was delicious!



Stage 2 Communication

This term Stage 2 are investigating communication and information. They have been studying various forms of communication from non-verbal through to electronic communication.

Yesterday 3/4D and 3/4L made string and cup telephones and tested them in Area A. It was a lot of fun. We tested whether a taut string would transfer sound clearer than a loose string. Some of us also tried to communicate with more than one person at a time by crossing our wires (strings).



Debating

On Wednesday the 13th of August, Griffith Public School hosted the 3rd and 4th rounds of the Premier's Debating Challenge. Students and teachers from Hanwood, Beelbangera and Hay attended, with everyone excited to conclude this level of the competition. The topics continued to be

challenging, with students being asked to "make Saturday sport compulsory" or "to ban gambling in Australia".

GPS was strongly represented by Rosanna Tupo, Val Asomua, Rolita Fidow and Lakira Lualua. Unfortunately the girls were unable to progress to the local finals but they should be congratulated for their efforts. They are looking forward to the Griffith local debating competition on the 27th of August at Griffith East Public School. Thank you to Mrs Brown and Mrs Davis for adjudicating on the day.

Book of the Year - News from the Library

To celebrate Book Week 2014, Griffith Public School students, during Library lessons, have been reading and voting on the shortlisted books from the Children's Book Council of Australia's Book of the Year contest.

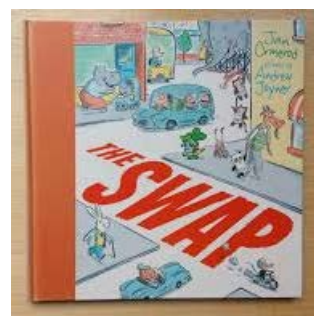
The children have enjoyed exploring these high quality books, and the voting was very tight.

The winners of the GPS Book of the Year Award are:

Infants – *The Swap* by Jan Ormerod

Primary- *The Treasure Box* by Margaret Wild

Our students showed excellent taste. *The Swap* was the overall winner of Young Readers Book of the Year for 2014.



Intensive Swimming

Swimming lesson places are now full. If your child is in Year 2-6 and you would like to be placed on the waiting list please contact Sue or Ines in the office.

P&C News

Here are some important dates for your calendar;

Thursday 4th September- P&C Father's Day Stall. All presents are \$5.00.

Saturday 11th October - P&C Mega Garage Sale from 8am. Please start cleaning out your cupboards and sending items into school. All donations must be in a good condition. **PLEASE..... NO BROKEN RUBBISH.**

Friday 14th November- P&C Mini Fete from 1pm-3pm. If you are interested in organising a stall, please contact me at school.

The next P&C meeting will be **Wednesday 3rd September at 7pm**, everyone is very welcome!

Thank you,
Helen Lander (P&C President)

School Canteen

Wednesday 20 th	Anne Kelton
Thursday 21 st	Agnes Lolohea
Friday 22 nd	Elena
Monday 25 th	Elena
Tuesday 26 th	Brenda

Thank you to last week's helpers Cathy, Kerri and Anne Kelton.

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

Lunch orders in by 9:30am please.

Thank you,
Brenda (Canteen Manager)

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 4th to Friday November 7th. 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 24th. 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.

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 Warrnambool Street.

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.



P&C
MEGA
Garage Sale

Saturday 11th October



8am



in the school hall.

Start cleaning out your
cupboards.....all donations
need to be in good condition.



Fathers Day Stall

The P&C are having a
Fathers Day Stall on

THURSDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER

All children from K-6 will be able to
purchase a gift from the stall.
There will be a variety of gifts to buy.

All gifts are \$5.00 each.



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: _____