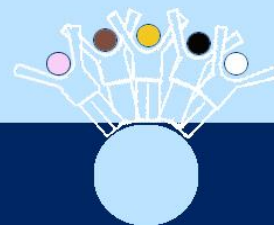


Griffith Public School

A quality education for all



NEWSLETTER TERM 1 WEEK 2

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Term 1 2015

Calendar

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

Week 2

Friday, February 6 th	2.10pm Stage Assemblies This week, Stage 2 and 3 will be combining in the double Year 4/5/6 room. It is a special assembly at which our sports captains will be presented with their badges. K-2 hold their Stage Assemblies in the hall.
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Week 3

Wednesday, February 11 th	P&C Meeting 7pm
Thursday, February 12 th	Years 3-6 Swimming Carnival
Friday, February 13 th	2.10pm K-6 Assembly Apology to Stolen Generation Day

Week 4

Thursday, February 19 th	AFL Sessions Years 2-6
Friday, February 20 th	2.10pm Stage Assemblies

Week 5

Thursday, February 26 th	Zone Swimming Carnival
Friday, February 27 th	'Clean Up Australia' Day 2.10pm K-6 Assembly

Week 6

Tuesday, March 3 rd	School Photos
Friday, March 6 th	2.10pm Stage Assemblies

Week 7

Monday, March 9 th	Riverina Swimming Carnival
Friday, March 13 th	2.10pm K-6 Assembly

Week 8

Tuesday, March 17 th	Years 3-6 Forensic Science Day
Thursday, March 19 th	Harmony Day
Friday, March 20 th	Years 3-6 Cross Country National Day Against Bullying 2.10pm K-2 Stage Assembly (no Assembly for Stage 2 / 3)

Week 9

Friday, March 27 th	2.10pm K-6 Assembly
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Week 10

Tuesday, March 31 st	K-2 Easter Hat Parade
Thursday, March 26 th	Last day Term 1
Friday, March 27 th	Good Friday. No school

2015 Term Dates

Term	
1	Wednesday 28 January–Thursday 2 April
2	Tuesday 21 April–Friday 26 June
3	Tuesday 14 July–Friday 18 September
4	Tuesday 6 October–Wednesday 16 December

Welcome!

Welcome to students and families who have returned to Griffith Public School and a special welcome to all our new students and families.

Griffith Public School provides a diverse range of learning opportunities for students and strives to create a school environment that is stimulating, caring and inclusive of all.

I encourage parents to regularly discuss children's progress, both academically and socially throughout the year and encourage parents to become involved with school activities such as assemblies, sports carnivals, special events, offering assistance in the classroom and by becoming involved with P&C. Your children are the ones who benefit the most from your involvement.

Also, please do not hesitate to see if I am available or make an appointment to chat with me during the year as well.

The school newsletter is sent home once a week, usually on a Tuesday. The newsletter is also uploaded each week to the school website- www.griffith-p.schools.nsw.edu.au. The newsletter will keep you informed of important events and acknowledges a range of achievements by students throughout the year. We also have a school Face Book page. It is useful to like and follow the page as reminders and photos showing what is happening in our school are regularly posted.

I would like to welcome new staff members to Griffith PS. Miss Kate Halliday (5/6H), Mrs Trish Sansom (Itinerant Hearing Teachers) and Mrs Lee Flood (2L).

I am confident that once again in 2015 there will be



many great achievements made by the students and staff at Griffith Public School.

Jude Hayman, Principal

Kindergarten Students First Day



Our Kindergarten students have had a great start to the year! There was lots of excitement and very few tears. Well done!



Griffith Public School Swimming Carnival

The Griffith Public School Swimming Carnival will be held on Thursday ^{12th} February at the Griffith Aquatic Centre. **ALL students** from years 3-6 are expected to attend and it would be wonderful to see more parents there this year. A permission note was sent home with all the information and details you need to know for your child to attend the swimming carnival. It would be wonderful if all permission notes and the \$4 for pool entry could be given to your child's class teacher by Friday 6th February.

Australia Dress up Day

We have many, fun, easy dress up days at GPS. Sometimes we hold them as a way to raise money for charities or school activities and sometimes we just do it for fun! Last Friday students and staff came dressed up in an Australian theme.



Assembly

Please regularly check the calendar for Assembly dates and times. This year K-6 Assembly and Stage Assemblies will be held at 2.10pm.

Stage One Assembly is held in the hall.

Stage Two Assembly is held in the Staff Meeting Room.

Stage 3 Assembly is held in the double Year 5/6 room

This week, Stage 2 and 3 will be combining in the double Year 4/5/6 room. It is a special assembly at which our sports captains will be presented with their badges.

Medication

If your child requires medication during school hours please come to the school office to complete paperwork as we cannot give out medication without written permission. Thank you.

Unwanted Uniforms

We welcome any donations of uniforms. If you have any that no longer fit your children and no one to pass them on to please bring them to the front office. These uniforms will be given to other students when needed.

School Arrival

A friendly reminder, supervision at Griffith PS begins at 8.55am. Students should not arrive before 8.55am as they are not supervised during this time.

Contact Details

Information cards have been sent home with students and parents. Please complete and return to school as soon as possible. These cards have information that is needed by the school in order to contact parents in case of emergencies. Thank you.

P&C News

Welcome back to all our parents and family members. P&C is looking forward to another year of doing our best to support the students and staff at our great school.

Thank you very much to Rachel Dreyer and Vanessa Clark for volunteering their time to the Uniform Shop. Your unpaid, hard work is greatly appreciated.

Our first meeting for the year is next Wednesday, 11th February at 7pm. We meet in the administration block.

Thank you,
Helen Lander
P&C President

School Canteen

Wednesday 4 th	Anne Kelton
Thursday 5 th	Kerri
Friday 6 th	Elena
Monday 9 th	Elena
Tuesday 10 th	Elena

Thank you to last week's helpers, Anne Kelton, Rachel Dreyer and Tracey.
Welcome back to a New Year.

We have watermelon and Rockmelon Bowls \$2.50, for this term only.

There have been some price increases due to increase in costs. We aim to keep prices as low as possible.

Chips / JJ's	\$1.20
Chicken Wraps	\$3.50
Small Orange Juice	\$2.00
Sweet Chilli Wrap	\$4.00
Frozen Yoghurt	\$2.40

Brenda, Canteen Manager

Sprinkles' Multicultural Playgroup - Families NSW funded Multicultural Playgroup

Dianne & Sarbjit invite families with children up to school age to come and join in activities that have been designed to extend children's learning and listening abilities while giving parents the opportunity to meet and make friends with other families from the Griffith and surrounding communities.

'Sprinkles' focuses on families from **culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds** with all families treated equally. Religious and cultural differences are experienced within the playgroup through art/craft, music, storytelling and puzzles.

The playgroup operates **Wednesday & Thursday 9:30AM -12:30PM** during school terms.

Cost is **\$1 per family per session** with parents staying with their children and participating in all aspects of the running of the playgroup.

Parents are also asked to bring along a piece of fruit for morning tea and a wide brim hat for themselves and their children for outside play during the summer months. No Hat, No outside play!!!

Breakfast at the Coolah Café

Breakfast of cereal or toast is available for students for free at Griffith PS on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings between 8.40am and 9.10am.

Our Breakfast Club relies on donations and volunteers.

The Red Cross will continue to donate cereal this year.

This year financial support has generously been made by the Country First Credit Union and the Lions Club.

The Ex-serviceman's Club has generously donated four high quality toasters. Garry Tucker, the General Manager visited school to present the toasters to us. Garry is pictured with Isabel who volunteers regularly in the Breakfast Club.

Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers!



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: _____

Scripture / Religious Education

Students at Griffith PS participate in weekly religious instruction lessons. They are able to attend Catholic or Non-Denominational classes. Please complete the slip below and return to your child's class teacher so classes can be arranged for 2015. Please return to school by Friday 7th February. Thank you

Student/s Name-_____

Student/s Class-_____

My child / children will attend (please circle)

Catholic

Christian Religion other than Catholic

Non Scripture



 **Tayla Made Relay Team**

Disco

6-12 Years

5-7pm

Saturday 14th February

Griffith East
Public School Hall

Cost \$3 per child

For Purchase
Sausage Sizzle
Drinks, Glow Sticks
Lucky Dips and Lollies

Tickets available prior by phoning Rene 0418 970 043 or at the door.