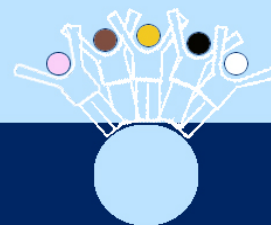


Griffith Public School

A quality education for all



NEWSLETTER TERM 1 WEEK 3

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Term 1 2015

Calendar

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

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, April 2 nd	Last day Term 1
Friday, April 3 rd	Good Friday. No school

2015 Sports Captains



Griffith Public School is proud to announce our new 2015 Sporting House Captains who were presented with their sporting house badges at a special Years 3-6 assembly. These students have been selected by the students in their sporting house and are excited to start their new leadership role at the school Swimming Carnival this Thursday. Our new sporting house captains are:

Bradman (Red) - Captains- Maraëa Connellan and Riley Clark

Fraser (Blue) - Captains- Lili Henderson-Clark and Tanielu Isaia

Goolagong (Yellow) - Captains- Reuben Leao-Seve Simpson and Vanessa Parker

Norman (Green) - Captains- Deondre Samuelu and Louisa Tuiaki

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

Griffith Public School believes in a positive school environment which:

- Ensures that the school is a happy, safe, respectful place for learning.
- Allows students to experience happiness and success each day.
- Values the diversity of our community.
- Provides quality education for all.

To assist us in our mission to have such an environment, GPS has implemented Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL).

PBL encourages positive behaviour from students, which has been shown to improve their self-concept and motivation to learn. PBL operates as a systemic umbrella for a broad range of programs in schools, including values education and anti-bullying.

Our school values, as determined by our school community, are 'Respect', 'Responsibility' and 'Do Your Best'.

Signage around the school reminds students of our values and expected behaviour in the different areas of our playground (see the 'Expected Behaviour Matrix' attached to the newsletter. Teachers are currently working on developing 'PBL Classroom Systems' and more information will be shared in the newsletter in the near future.

Please do not hesitate to chat to your child's class teacher if you would like to know more about PBL.

Griffith Public School Swimming Carnival

A reminder, that the Griffith Public School Swimming Carnival will be held this Thursday 12th February at the Griffith Aquatic Centre. Permission

notes are now due with the \$4 for pool entry which can be given to your child's class teacher. ALL students from years 3-6 are expected to attend. It would be wonderful if you could spend even a short time at the carnival to support our students.

Canberra Raiders Visit GPS



Last Friday three Canberra Raiders players visited our school to talk to all our students about 'Wellbeing'. They spoke about exercising daily, eating healthy food and being good sports. Students also asked the players lots of interesting questions. Everyone enjoyed the assembly with the players.

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.

2014 Coolah Chronicle

The Coolah Chronicle is our school's yearly magazine. It is a record of 2014 at Griffith Public School, filled with photos of the students at our memorable activities held throughout the year.

We still have copies available for \$20.

Active After School Sport / Sporting Schools News

Active After School Sport has changed. It will now be called Sporting Schools however it is very similar to Active After School Sports. Because of changes made by the Government, Sporting Schools will not begin until late July. More information will be provided regarding activities in Term 3.

Computer Lessons

Last week during your child's computer time, students practiced logging onto computers with their DEC username and password.

Over the coming weeks we will be setting up profiles for your child on many online programs. Each week we will be focusing on one program and send home with the student's information about the program and how to access it from your home computer or tablet device. Your child will NOT be able to chat with anyone using these online educational programs. However, we still encourage you to supervise your child at all times when using the internet.

This week our online educational program is called 'StudyLadder'.

'StudyLadder' is a web based educational program designed by teachers. The program is curriculum based and covers Mathematics, Literacy as well as other subjects. Your child has been given a username and password which can be used to access 'StudyLadder'. A letter will be sent home with students which will include their username and password for this website www.studyladder.com.au. It is not compulsory for your child to use StudyLadder at home, however regular access will help them reinforce what they have been taught in school. It will also help to build their confidence through practice.

If you have any queries about the programs we give our students access to, please email leanne.mcwhirter@det.nsw.edu.au, our computer teacher at Griffith Public School.

K-2 Assembly Awards

KSI Jordan Kelsey Liana Natua Meena Sadiqi	KL Savannah Harvey Sina Tupuola Bobby Moore
KR Lakira Wighton Eternity Tamala Eziah Tautua	1M Marley Tafili PJ Colotti Benson Narker
1S William Teao Paulini Qoro Layla Corkery	1D Ericka Tonga Mitchell Halliburton Ahlazae Ama
2B Mathew Barker Philip Aloni Kathleen Asomua	2M Bella Mafi Lathan Vanzanten Trae Jones
2L Ternaya Williams Darrell Connellan Lemafoe Setefano	

P&C News

Welcome to all our new families!!

Our uniform shop is open every Thursday from 1.30pm-2.30pm. The Uniform Shop is operated by the P&C and is run by volunteers. If you are interested in helping with the operation of the uniform shop please contact Mrs Lander at school.

Our first P&C meeting is on tomorrow, WEDNESDAY, 11th FEBRUARY at 7PM in the staffroom. Come along and meet other parents, discuss ideas and hear what is happening at GPS in 2015.

Thank you, Helen Lander (P&C President)

School Canteen

Wednesday 11 th	Agnes Lolohea
Thursday 12 th	Brenda
Friday 13 th	Elena
Monday 16 th	Elena
Tuesday 17 th	Brenda

Watermelon bowls \$2.50

Chicken Burgers \$3.50

Chicken Nuggets \$3.00

Please have orders in by 9.30am SHARP

Thank you.

Brenda, Canteen Manager

News from 2M (Mrs McGrath)

In 2M we have been reading and learning about Possum Magic. We talked about all the things we would do, see and eat if we were invisible. There are so many amazing things we would do!

If I was invisible I would...

*Go and eat cake with my brother and have a big party at City Park.
By Natalia

*Go to the pool and stay there when it is night time and stay as long as I want to, then make a potion called 'see through'.
By Fifita

*Visit Princess Jasmine in India, play games with her and then sleep in her castle.
By Naa

*Go to Hungry Jack's and take all of the food and drinks. Then make a potion that would turn me into a spider, so I could scare my mum, dad and sister.
By Callum

*I would visit Smartie World. I would take lots of friends and eat lots and lots of smarties!
By Caitlyn

*Find a toyshop and play with all of the toys for as long as I want and when I am hungry I would go to the shop and eat m&ms.
By Paul

*Explore the jungle, it would be a great adventure. I would take pictures of the monkeys swinging in the trees. I would even try and ride an elephant!
By Elenoa

What would you do???

Meet the GPS Staff

At Griffith Public School we are very lucky to have dedicated staff who work hard to do their best for your children.

Over the next few weeks we will be introducing staff at our school to you by sharing photos of them with you.

This week I would like to introduce you to our Kindergarten staff for 2015.

KR Mrs Elise Russo



KL Mrs Helen Lander



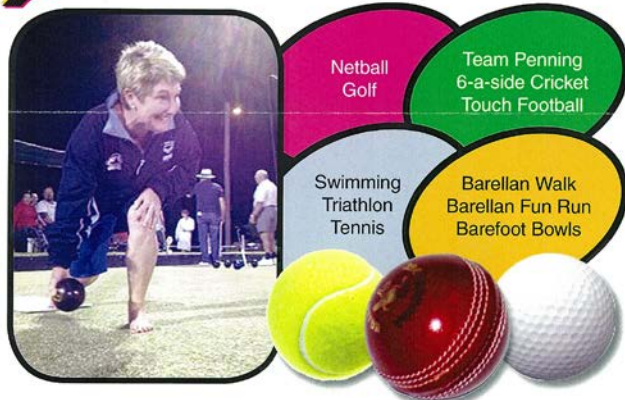
KSI Mrs Marg Star and...



Mrs Celeste Irvin



Barellan Masters Games Welcomes You...



Netball
Golf

Team Penning
6-a-side Cricket
Touch Football

Swimming
Triathlon
Tennis

Barellan Walk
Barellan Fun Run
Barefoot Bowls

BARELLAN MASTERS GAMES 20TH, 21ST & 22ND FEBRUARY 2015

It's Never Too Late To Participate

www.barellanmastersgames.com.au



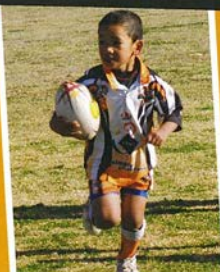
Contact:
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Griffith Waratah Tigers

YOUR PATHWAY TO NRL

JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE



Griffith Waratah Tigers Junior Rugby League invites junior boys and girls of all abilities to their Club for a fun and safe way to develop and learn new skills, promote sportsmanship and have fun through Rugby League and League Tag.



GIRLS LEAGUE TAG

REGISTRATION DAYS



ID required for registration: birth certificate / passport

WHERE: Exies Main Club

TIME: 2:00pm - 3:30pm

DATES: Sat 14th, 21st & 28th Feb 2015

For further info contact: R. Donovan 0429 689 019

Email: waratahtigers@gmail.com

Age Groups: Boys & Girls, Under 6 - 16 years

Training Days: Jubilee Park. Wednesday - All Grades. Fridays - International Teams

Commence: 4th March, 4:30pm - 6:00pm
at Jubilee Park



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Griffith Motor Group

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ISUZU

Win a \$5.00 Canteen Voucher Week 3

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: _____



Get Ready for the New Season Junior and Senior Autumn Competition 2015

Junior and Senior - Nomination Night

Thursday 12th February 5pm-6.30pm
Thursday 19th February 5pm- 6.30pm

Junior competition- individual Nominations only

Commence 26th February, 2015

Monday Night Aussie Hoops

- New member \$80.00
- Renewal \$60.00

Thursday Night Competition

- 11 years & under \$90.00
- 13 years & under \$115.00
- 15 years & under \$115.00
- Door Fee included in registration fee

If Child is playing in a second game an extra \$40 is added to the Registration Fee.



GRIFFITH PUBLIC SCHOOL EXPECTED BEHAVIOUR MATRIX

	RESPECT	RESPONSIBILITY	DO YOUR BEST
All Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be kind to others Follow teacher directions and instructions Hands off / feet off Use your best manners Look after property and equipment Use appropriate language 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stay in bounds Put rubbish in the bin Keep walkways, stairs and verandahs clear at all times All play stops on the first bell Follow rules 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Play safely Maintain control
Area A (Primary COLA) Infants COLA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Share the space Be aware of others 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walk on all concrete areas Sit down to eat Safe games 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Play by the rules Play for fun Be a good sport
Area B Oval Wanderer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Share the space Be aware of others 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Food/drink free area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Play by the rules Play for fun Be a good sport
Playground Equipment (Fixed)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take turns Move in one direction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use equipment safely Food/drink free area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be a good sport
Lines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Listen to the speaker Hands free Food/drink free area Clap appropriately 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walk to and from lines promptly Be on time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Join the end of the line Walk in straight, orderly lines
Assembly (Hall)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clap appropriately Acknowledge achievements Listen to speakers and staff Be courteous to parents and visitors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stay seated Move quietly and sensibly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sing National Anthem with pride Repeat creed Accept awards with pride and honour Be proud
Canteen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use your best manners Be patient 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wait patiently for your turn Join appropriate line Return to eating area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Order on time
Toilets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respect privacy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wash your hands Keep floor dry Use toilet appropriately Report damage to teachers Clean up after yourself Food/drink free area 	
Bus Lines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> K-2 children first 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stay seated until bus arrives 	
Car Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stop, Wait, Look Be patient 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wait to be collected from gate Walk cautiously to car with an adult 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wear seat belt Travel safely
Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use manners Be patient Use inside voice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have a purpose Follow directions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Listen carefully Speak in full sentences
Classroom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ask first Use inside voice Hats off 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be neat and tidy Be prepared Follow directions Follow rules 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Persevere Be on time