



NEWSLETTER TERM 4 WEEK 9 2016

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

TERM 4 2016					
9	5/12	6/12 Volunteers' Morning Tea	7/12	8/12 Year 6 Graduation	9/12 Year 2 Graduation
10	12/12 10.30am Presentation Day	13/12 Student Reports Home	14/12 All Stars Reward Day	15/12	16/12 Last day for students and staff
2017 Term 1					
1					27/1 Staff return to school Uniform Shop open 9.30-11.30am
2	30/1 Years 1-6 Return to school	31/1	1/2	2/2 Kindergarten students start school	3/2
3	6/2	7/2	8/2	9/2	10/2
4	13/2	14/2	15/2 Swimming Carnival	16/2	17/2
5	20/2	21/2	22/2	23/2	24/2
6	27/2	28/2	1/3	2/3	3/3 Zone Swimming Carnival
7	6/3	7/3	8/3	9/3	10/3
8	13/3 Riverina Swimming Carnival	14/3	15/3	16/3	17/3

Choir

On Thursday the 1st of December, the choir were invited to sing at the Scalabrini Village annual Christmas luncheon.

All residents and their family members enjoyed the Christmas songs performed by the choir. Thank you to Mini for inviting us and Maxine for driving the bus.

The choir has also been asked to perform at Griffith Central Plaza at 10.30am on Tuesday, 13th of December. A note will be handed out this week in regards to this.



Year 2 Graduation

The Year 2 Graduation will be held on Friday the 9th December, in the school hall at 10:30am.

Parents and friends of Year 2 students are invited to attend.

Stop Work Meeting Thursday 8th December

The NSW Teachers' Federation is holding a stop work meeting on Thursday the 8th December, to consider the terms and conditions of a new award commencing at the beginning of 2017.

This action will not affect the operation of Griffith Public School and students should attend school as usual.

Year 6 Graduation

This Thursday the 8th of December, our Year 6 students have their Graduation evening. The students are asked to be at school by 4.45pm, ready for a 5pm start.

Following on from the formalities of the evening will be a disco. Year 5 students are invited to join the Year 6 students at the disco. Entry cost for Year 5's is \$5 and drinks will be for sale.

All students will need to be collected from school at 9pm.

Year 6 Big Day Out

On Friday the 9th of December, Year 6 students will be going to City Park and the Griffith Aquatic Centre. Students need to return their permission note and \$6.00 by Thursday if they wish to attend. Students are asked to wear casual clothes, enclosed shoes and a hat. Lunch will be provided for those attending.

Exciting News for K-2!

On Thursday 15th December, K-2 children will be able to participate in a fun day at school. This will involve time spent on an inflatable water slide and class parties with a visit from Santa. To go on the water slide, children will need to bring the following items labelled with their name:

- ☐swimmers
- ☐towel
- ☐sunscreen
- ☐rash shirt

For the class party, your child will need to bring one item of food to share with their class.



Thank you, K-2 Teachers.

P&C News

Our fete has raised approximately \$3500 (some bills just need finalising). If you have ideas for fundraising and how to spend money raised please make sure you come along to P&C meetings next year!

UNIFORM SHOP – The uniform shop is open in the school hall every Thursday morning from 9:00 to 10:00, thanks to a dedicated team of parent volunteers. Please help them out by bringing cash in small notes as there is no EFTPOS machine.

The Uniform Shop will be open on Friday 27th January from 9.30-11.30am. Thank you to our volunteers for making this possible!

Vanessa Clark, P&C President

Canteen News

Chicken Tender Wrap	\$4.00
Sweet Chilli Chicken Wrap	\$4.00
Fruit Salad	\$2.50
Fruit Salad and Yogurt	\$3.00

All orders must be in by 9.30am. No more late lunch orders will be taken after 9.45am as the canteen is too busy.

Thank you,
Bec, Canteen Manager

3/4SC and 3/4D Living Things Science Day

On Wednesday 30th November, Sally came from the Lake Cowal Conservation Centre to talk to us about living things.

Sally brought with her yabbies and water bugs. She also brought with her some microscopes.

We found some worms and looked at them under the microscope.

Sally talked about lifecycles and showed us the body parts of the yabby.

I really loved the yabby race and looking at the animals under the microscope.

By Lleyton 3/4SC

“Oh My Gosh! I am NOT touching that!” On the 30th November, Sally from the Lake Cowal Conservation Centre came to Griffith Public School to explore living things in our school.

First we went on a bug hunt at the billabong. There were slugs, worms, cicadas, spiders and ants. There was no way I was touching any of those! But

I did enjoy looking at them under the microscope. They were humongous. Especially the fly with its hairy legs.

Next there were the yabbies! They were dangerous but cool. The yabby race was exciting!

The science day was my best day in 3/4SC!

By Zeshan 3/4SC

SNAP! The yabby almost snapped Mr Date's finger! On the 30th November, 3/4SC and 3/4D were learning about living things. Sally from the Lake Cowal Conservation Centre came to our school.

We did lots of different activities. We started with a bug hunt. We had to split into 2 groups, one with Mrs Sarkis and the other with Mr Date. We were with Mr Date. We looked under logs and saw lots of slugs, beetles and other creepy crawlies. We didn't want to touch them as they were yuck and disgusting slimy things. Lucky we had a special spoon to pick them up. We then got to study them under the microscopes, which was very cool.

After fruit break Sally brought in 3 yabbies. They kept snapping and snapping! We were scared to touch them because we thought they would snap and hurt us too. Did you know that when you look under the yabbies tail you can tell which one is which? Let me explain. If you find 2 circles on the third set of legs it is a female. Interesting!

Anyway, we had a great day with Sally learning all about living things. Thanks Sally!

Joanna and Mele 3/4SC



FIGHT THE BITE!

Mosquito borne infections



Information for people who live in or are travelling to flood affected areas in south west and western NSW

- 1** Mosquitoes can transmit infections, including Ross River and Barmah Forest virus.
- 2** Stagnant water left behind by the recent floods and heavy rain in NSW provides ideal breeding conditions for mosquitoes.
- 3** Take simple measures to prevent being bitten by mosquitoes and reduce your risk of infection.

Summary

- In the last few months, inland NSW has experienced heavy rains and significant flooding, resulting in water lying around. This water provides ideal conditions for mosquito breeding.
- NSW Health has received reports of a large number of mosquitoes in south western and western NSW; mosquitoes in these areas have been detected carrying the Ross River or Barmah Forest virus.
- With the increased mosquito numbers, there is an increased risk for people to be infected with mosquito borne diseases, including Ross River and Barmah Forest virus. More rarely mosquitoes may carry Murray Valley encephalitis virus and Kunjin virus.
- Apply mosquito repellent regularly to exposed areas (as directed on the container). Repellents containing Diethyl Toluamide (DEET) or Picaridin are best. Repellents containing oil of lemon eucalyptus or p-Menthane-3,8-diol (PMD) also provide adequate protection.
- Devices that use light to attract and electrocute insects are NOT effective.
- When mosquitoes are present inside the room use over the counter insecticide sprays, especially behind furniture and in dark places.
- When camping, make sure your tent is well protected with flyscreens, or sleep under mosquito nets.

Signs you may have a mosquito related disease

Many people will have no symptoms if infected. However a few days after being bitten some will feel generally unwell, and may have sore joints, muscle aches, rash, fever and tiredness.

Protecting yourself from a mosquito disease

Simple steps to avoid mosquito bites include:

- Checking fly screens on all windows and doors are in place and do not have any rips or holes.
- When outside cover up as much as possible with light-coloured, loose-fitting clothing and covered footwear, especially in the early morning and evening.

Further Information

Detailed information on reducing the risk of mosquito bites at home and while travelling can be accessed from the following link:

www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/factsheets/Pages/mosquito.aspx

Detailed information on control of mosquitoes during floods and public events can accessed from the following link:

www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/factsheets/Pages/mosquito-control-floods-and-public-events.aspx



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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

This year our school magazine, The Coolah Chronicle, will be in full colour and will cost \$15.00 per copy.

To secure your copy please return the attached order form and your money to G.P.S by Friday the 2nd of December, 2016.

The Coolah Chronicle will be handed out after Monday the 5th of December, 2016.

Thank you for supporting Griffith Public School.

Mr AJ Chauhan
Coolah Chronicle Editor

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Please return this order form to Mr C or the office.