

Yindyamarra

Yamandhu marang (hi), gawaymbanhadhu (welcome) to our last newsletter for the year, Yindyamarra, meaning respect/learn.

Wow, 2020 will be a year to remember. Not just because of COVID-19 and the disruptions it created but also because of how resilient and innovative GPS staff, students and families have been in such an unsettled year.

We are all very proud of the many achievements made by our students such as class awards, Principal awards, PBL awards, Multicultural public speaking, NAIDOC week participation awards. One stand out achievement is winning both the NAIDOC week public speaking challenge - a local competition, and then winning the regional competition. Congratulations to Danika Broome and Madisyn Sarkis.

We even managed to hold a small birthday celebration for GPS.... 100 years!

We look forward to seeing everyone in 2021 and welcoming our kindergarten students, the newest members, to GPS. Thanks to all the parents/carers/grandparents, families and friends for a great year! Merry Christmas and stay safe over the holidays.

School returns Friday 29th January 2021, Kindergarten returns Wednesday 3rd February. Keep an eye out for Best Start letters and updates on the Griffith Public Facebook page.



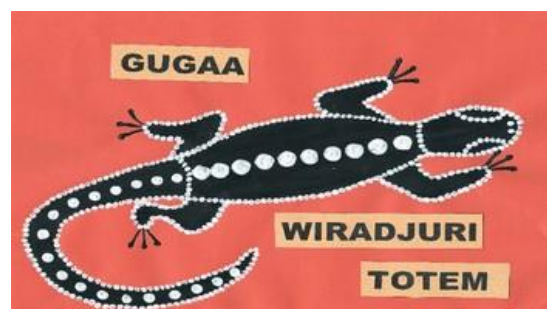
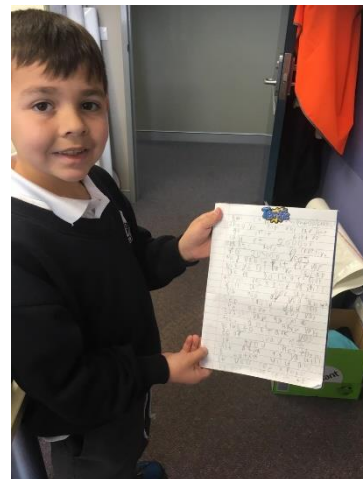


Our deadly kids still managed to achieve great things throughout the year!!!



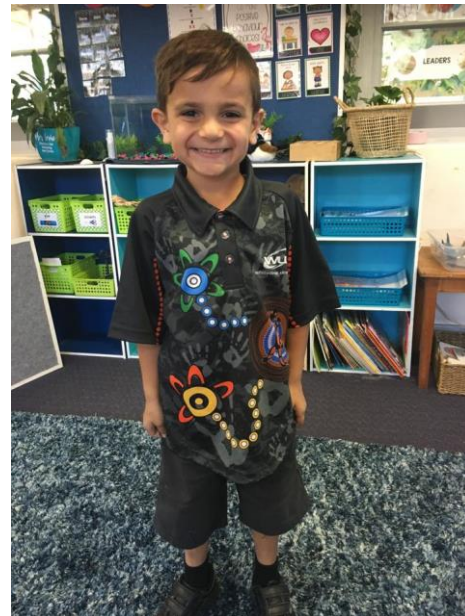
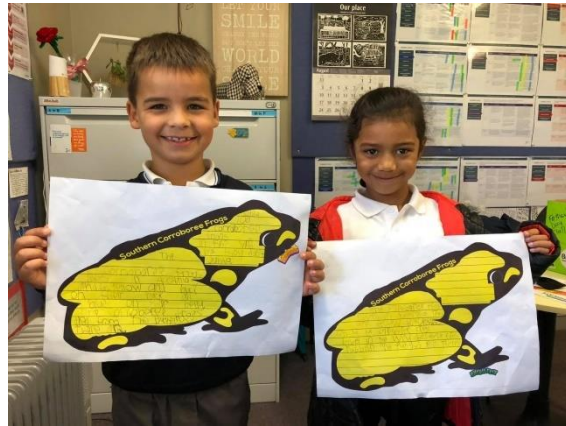


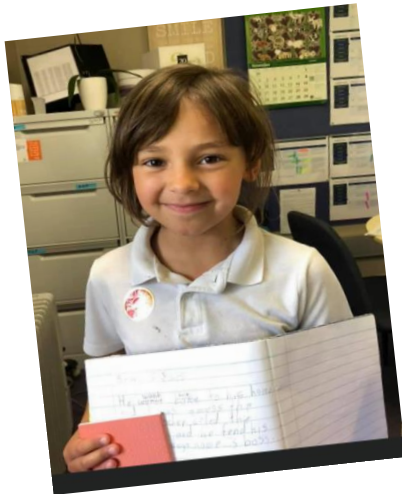
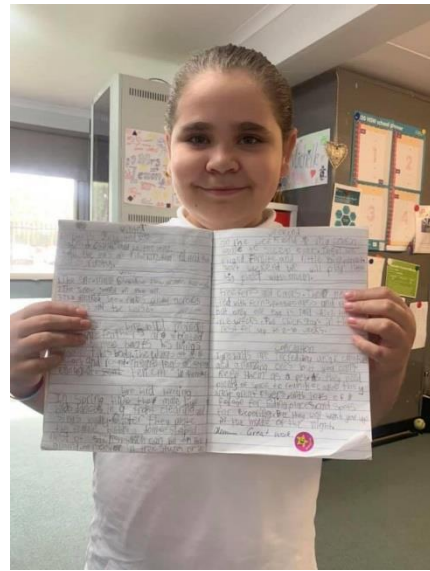
Congratulations to Madisyn and Danika on you NAIDOC Week Public Speaking Challenge. Here they are with their winning certificates from the local challenge held term 3.





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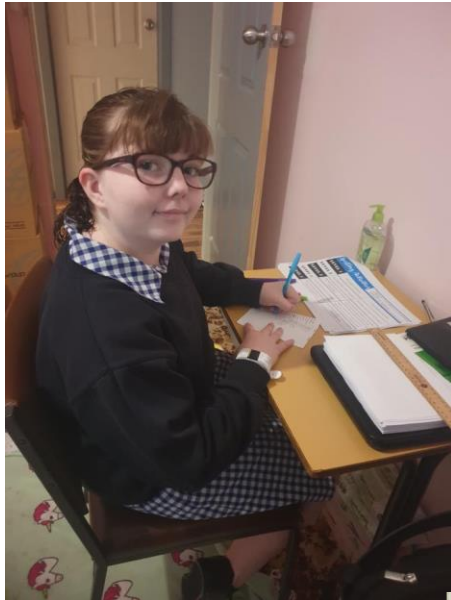






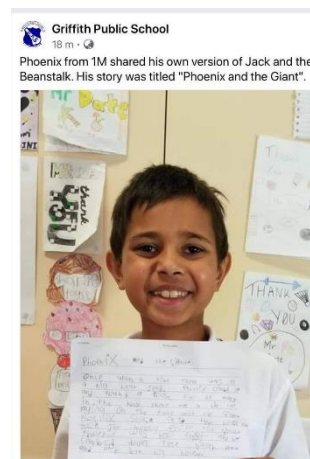


Home Learning ...



**Always Was,
Always Will Be.**
8-15 NOV 2020





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Phoenix from 1M shared his own version of Jack and the Beanstalk. His story was titled "Phoenix and the Giant".



Practical preparations for starting school

It's a good idea to have uniforms, lunch boxes, bags and stationery ready.

- Get your child to try on the uniform and shoes before the first day, just to make sure everything fits. It's a good idea to have your child wear new school shoes for a few days before school starts and practise doing up laces or buckles.
- Choose a school bag that's comfortable for your child to carry. A backpack with adjustable straps is best.
- Choose a lunch box that has an easy-to-open lid. Your child can practise using the lunch box at preschool, or during a picnic lunch at home or in the park.
- Find out if your child needs any other items for school – for example, hat, library bag, pencils, markers, crayons and so on.
- Make sure your child's name is clearly marked on all clothing, as well as her lunch box and school bag.



Starting school: the early weeks

Your child might need some support when school starts. There are some simple things you can do to help these first few weeks go smoothly:

- Try to drop off your child at school before the bell goes in the morning. Also pick your child up on time. If you're late it could make your child feel very anxious.
- Try to make after-school time a bit special, with a snack and time for the two of you to chat.
- Be patient if your child wants to blurt out every little detail about school, or clams up completely. You could try saying something like, 'Tell me one good thing about your day', rather than asking lots of questions.
- Don't expect too much academic progress too soon. If your child is happy and seems to be enjoying school, that's a real achievement. The rest will come later.
- Remember that it's normal for children to play with lots of different children, and even to play on their own sometimes. It takes a while before they settle into a group of friends.

JANUARY 2021

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

COLABORATIVE MURAL WITH SUCCA MUM

Book in for one of 7 workshops where you will use many different materials to create a collaborative mural with the help of the amazing "Succa Mum"! The mural will be displayed in the library on completion.

Suitable for all ages.

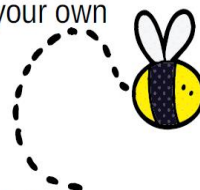
Booking essential on
wrl.eventbrite.com.au



BEE HOTEL WORKSHOP

There are more than 1500 species of native bees in Australia and they play an important environmental role pollinating plants. To encourage native bees into the garden, come along to one of our workshops and create your own

BEE HOTEL!!



Suitable for ages
6-12 years.

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FREE MOVIES

FREE Children's Movies will be screened in our new Theatrette. Call the Library on 69628300 for movie titles. "New movie each week"! Bookings are essential on
wrl.eventbrite.com.au



5 & 7 January
12 & 14 January
19 & 21 January
Screening time - 10am



Craft packs available from
4 - 23 January when you
borrow a book!

JANUARY 2021



GRIFFITH CITY LIBRARY

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE



18 December 2020 - 22 January 2021

Griffith City Library

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

is a fun program for children aged 4 - 13 years.

The aim of the challenge is to read as many books as possible during the summer holidays and receive prizes along the way! The more books you read, the more prizes you win!

Register..

at the Library to receive your start up pack!

The Challenge ends with a FREE movie

and ice cream on 22 January 2021!

Book now for the PARTY on wrl.eventbrite.com.au

STORYTIME RETURNS

Storytime will be held on
Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10am.

You **MUST** book your tickets through
wrl.eventbrite.com.au

Tickets will be released 24 hours
before each event.

Please book 1 ticket per individual.

*****Please note that Storytime will be the SAME for
the entire week*****

*"There is more treasure in books than
in all the pirate's loot on Treasure
Island." - Walt Disney*

GRIFFITH CITY LIBRARY OPENING HOURS

Monday	9 am - 5.30 pm
Tuesday	9 am - 5.30 pm
Wednesday	9 am - 5.30 pm
Thursday	9 am - 7 pm
Friday	9 am - 5.30 pm
Saturday	9 am - 4 pm

*The Library will be closed from
1pm Thursday 24 December 2020*

and will re-open 9am

Monday 4 January 2021.

The RETURNS chute will remain open.

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SUMMER SCHOOL HOLIDAY *activities*

JOIN US FOR SUMMER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AT PCYC!
Workshops run weekday | Cost is per session, per ch

AGE GROUP: 5 – 12 YEARS

TIME: 9AM – 3PM

\$35 PER DAY
Book online

GET IN TOUCH TO
BOOK TODAY SPACES
ARE LIMITED!



Arts and Crafts:

Slime Making
Clay Bead Jewellery
Tie Dying
Bracelet Making

Sport Activities:

Gymnastics for all ages and skills

WEDNESDAY 6TH JAN

GYMNASTICS/KARATE/ARTS & CRAFTS

THURSDAY 7TH JAN

GYMNASTICS/CREATIVE ARTS & CRAFTS

TUESDAY 12TH JAN

CREATIVE ARTS & CRAFTS/GYMNASTICS

WEDNESDAY 13TH JAN

CREATIVE ARTS & CRAFTS/GYMNASTICS

WEDNESDAY 20TH JAN

CREATIVE CRAFTS/KARATE/GYMNASTICS

FRIDAY 27TH JAN - TERM 1 2021

REGISTRATIONS FOR PCYC CLUB
MEMBERSHIP, GYMNASTICS AND KARATE



Creative Kids Vouchers Accepted!

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BE PCYC MEMBERS (\$10 ANNUAL FEE) | ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST WEAR CLOSED IN SPORTS SHOES | ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BE SIGNED IN & OUT AT RECEPTION EVERYDAY | PLEASE DO NOT BRING ITEMS SUCH AS MOBILE PHONES, IPODS OR OTHER GAMING DEVICES | PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR CHILDREN WITH MORNING TEA & LUNCH, SNACKS, & WATER



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