

### NEWSLETTER TERM 4 WEEK 4 2023

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#### Stage 3 Excursion

Miss Sergi and our Stage 3 staff are currently finalising details for our Stage 3 excursion, which will take place from Wednesday 22nd through to Friday 24th November to Canberra. Please continue to make regular payments to save a lump sum amount at the end. All final payments are to be made by Friday 10 November. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

#### Student Reports

Student Reports will go home from Monday 18th December 2023. There will not be a formal interview process this time, however, please feel comfortable to contact your child's classroom teacher and book an appointment if you require more information.

#### Kindergarten 2024 – Enrol Now

We are now taking enrolments for our Kindergarten class of 2024. Please come and get an enrolment pack from the office. Also, if you know anyone with kindergarten aged children, please encourage them to consider our school. Our Kindergarten Orientation has started, so please make yourself aware of the arrangements. I hope you find this program helpful for you and your child, as we prepare for 2024. Please call the office if you require further information or help to enrol your child.

#### Selective High School - 2025

Applications for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2025 open on 9th October 2023. Applications will close on 20th November 2023. The due date is strictly observed and requests for late applications will be approved only under very specific and well-documented circumstances. Further information about the application and placement process and apply online at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunityclasses/year-7>

All candidates are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on Thursday 9th May 2024. The online application dashboard enables parents to login and make updates and add attachments even after an application is submitted. Parents also communicate directly with the Selective Education Unit through the system's messages feature.

Parents having difficulty completing or submitting an application, should contact the Selective Education Unit through their application dashboard or, if unable to do so, by email [ssu@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:ssu@det.nsw.edu.au). Keep updated on the selective high school placement process at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunityclasses>.

Please see the front office if you require a brochure.

### Ready to apply?

For the latest updates visit: [Selective high schools and opportunity classes](#)

#### Key dates

Application website opens	9 October 2023
Application website closes	20 November 2023
Test centre and test authority advice released	25 April 2024
Selective High School Placement Test	9 May 2024
Illness/misadventure requests submitted	16 May 2024
Placement outcome expected to be released	Late-August 2024

#### 2024 Classes

We are currently working on class structures for 2024. If you are moving away from Griffith at the end of the year and your child will not be attending Griffith Public School in 2024, could you please advise the school office as soon as possible. Also, if you know of any families moving into Griffith and will be attending our school next year, please let us know as grade numbers have a significant impact on the formation of classes.

**Griffith Public School - Term 4 2023**

Term 4	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT SUN
<b>Week 4</b>	<b>30 Oct</b> Kinder orientation 9.30am-12pm  Mini book fair	<b>31 Oct</b> Kinder orientation 9.30am-12pm  Mini book fair	<b>1 Nov</b>   Mini book fair	<b>2 Nov</b>   Mini book fair	<b>3 Nov</b>   Mini book fair	<b>4/5 Nov</b>
<b>Week 5</b>	<b>6 Nov</b> Kinder orientation 9.30am-12pm	<b>7 Nov</b> Kinder orientation 9.30am-12pm	<b>8 Nov</b>	<b>9 Nov</b>	<b>10 Nov</b> <b>Remembrance Day assembly</b> <b>K-6 whole school Assembly</b>	<b>11/12 Nov</b>
<b>Week 6</b>	<b>13 Nov</b> Kinder orientation 9.30am-12pm	<b>14 Nov</b> Kinder orientation 9.30am-12pm	<b>15 Nov</b> 2024 Kinder information night	<b>16 Nov</b> 2024 Captain's speeches	<b>17 Nov</b> Diabetes Dress Up Day	<b>18/19 Nov</b>
<b>Week 7</b>	<b>20 Nov</b> MRHS Year 6 to Year 7 Orientation Day	<b>21 Nov</b>	<b>22 Nov</b> <b>Stage 3 Excursion to Canberra</b>	<b>23 Nov</b> <b>Stage 3 Excursion to Canberra</b>	<b>24 Nov</b> <b>K-6 whole school Assembly</b> <b>Excursion to Canberra</b>	<b>25/26 Nov</b>

**Presentation Day**

Our Annual Presentation Day will be held on Friday 8th December. The awards handed out on the day will be very similar to previous years. This is a time when we formally recognise the achievements of our students and all the hard work they have put into their studies this year. Further details and tickets will be released soon.

**Year 6 Graduation**

Our Year 6 graduation ceremony and dinner will be held on the Thursday 30th November 2023. Further information will be forwarded soon, however please save this date if your child is involved.

**School Hats**

Our summer hat policy starts this term. Could you please ensure that your child has a school hat to wear at lunch and recess. We have limited 'spare' hats, so your support in this would be appreciated. From this week, your child will be asked to play in the shade if they are not wearing a hat.

Have a great week.

Derek Noffke  
Principal

**Mini Bookfair**

A mini bookfair will be held in the library next week. Students are welcome to come in at lunch time to purchase books and stationary products. There will be no EFTPOS facilities this time, it will be cash only.

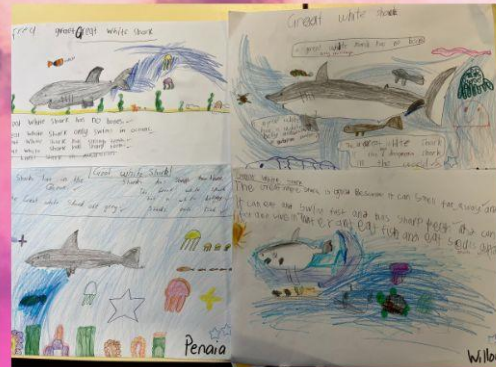




# HAPPENINGS IN 2C



## BOOK WEEK FUN



## SHARK ART AND FACTS



## 2C EXPLORING AREA WITH MAB BLOCKS



## T-BALL THURSDAY



## AUSTRALIA ART

**Check-in assessment for Year 3, 4 & 5**

Dear GPS families,

During Term 4 students in years 3, 4 & 5 will participate in the Check-in assessment.

The Check-in assessment is a NSW Department of Education online literacy and numeracy diagnostic assessment available to support schools to assess and monitor student learning.

The assessment helps the school identify how students are performing in literacy and numeracy and to help teachers tailor their teaching more specifically to student needs.

The assessment will be scheduled for our Year 6 students during Week 4 (Tuesday to Thursday) 31/10 – 2/11. **Please ensure that your child attends school on these days.**

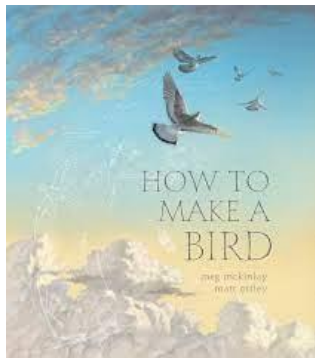
All students complete a reading assessment and a numeracy assessment.

Students may bring their own headphones or earbuds for the assessment.

Regards

Mrs Giulia Parisotto

APC&I

**5S Poetry**

5S are writing poetry based on the book "How to make a bird".

Here are some student examples to share:

**How to make a bird**

It started off with a dream...

I got some tiny, hollow bones and feathers that make it fly and keep it warm.

It needs a beating heart, beating so fast no heart is faster.

It has sharp eyes for spotting prey in the distance.  
A strong beak for building nests up high in the trees  
and powerful claws for gripping onto bark and leaves to make the nest.

It needs a tune to sing to its baby birds. Then you're almost done.

But now you have to give it warmth, breath, hope, love, courage and dreams to dream about.

Now you know it's time to open the window and let it drift into the beautiful blue sky and say goodbye forever.

By Kian Sunderland 5S

**How to make a bird**

It had all started out as an idea. I couldn't bear to let it past me.

I had to find brittle, hollow bones. I placed them so ever carefully. Some feathers long, some short.

A heart that beats faster than a human heart. Keen eyes for hunting and stalking its prey, strong claws to collect sticks for its nest.

A tune for it to chirp throughout its journey across the deep blue sky. I gently wrapped my hands around and softly blew onto the bird giving it thoughts of hope, courage and dreams that it could do anything.

As I let it go, I watched it soar through the deep blue sky, I hoped that it would survive in the real world.

By Charlotte Quinn 5S

**How to make a bird**

The creation of a bird starts as a dream or thought.

I start to assemble the bird by adding brittle, hollow bones big and small and also adding feathers long and short on the way.

I add the strongest claws for gripping and the most soothing and calming lullaby any living thing wishes they had.

Before I let my bird into the world, I give it warmth in my hands as she gets ready to soar.

I say one last goodbye to my bird as she soars high into the horizon with courage, hope and dreams in it's loving heart.

By Rifaya Islam 5S



## School Bytes

Griffith Public School is now using School Bytes for student invoicing and receipting. Please see the flyer at the end of this newsletter.

The School Bytes portal provides flexibility for you to conveniently:

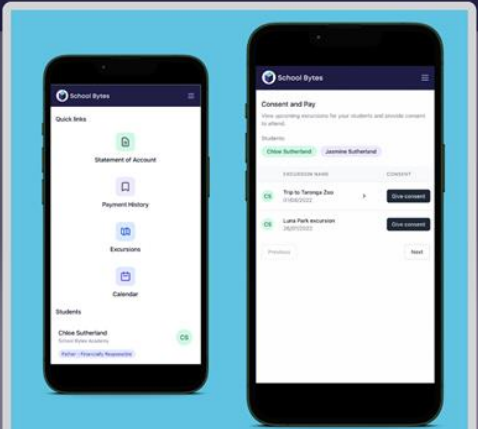
- Make school payments online (including paying for multiple siblings at once)
- Use a family credit to pay for an activity or school contributions
- Download a receipt for payments made
- View all historical payments in one place
- Complete and submit digital permission notes
- View the status of all permission notes
- Request a refund if required

This can be done where you want at any time: day or night. Through the portal, you will easily be able to download a receipt once a payment has been made and have access to view all historical payments when needed. Online payments are processed in real-time and can be viewed by school staff immediately.

While our preference is for payments to be made via the portal, we will still accept payment via cash, cheque, money order and EFTPOS.

## AVAILABLE NOW!

We are excited to announce our school offers a flexible and simplified way parent/carers can make payments




### The Parent Portal

- Easily make a payment online
- Download your receipt
- Sign and return permission notes digitally
- Use any credits on your account to make payment
- View your complete payment history

School Bytes

Register for the Parent Portal via the QR Code or visit <https://portal.schoolbytes.education>



Transport for NSW Careers

## We're hiring School Crossing Supervisors



Help protect our vibrant school communities.



Be a road safety hero for school kids, caregivers, and school staff.



Be a second set of eyes for local motorists at busy times.



Earn an income and still have time to live your life to the fullest.



**Permanent part-time roles available**  
Hanwood Public School - 89605

### Does this sound like you?

- Willing to work outdoors in all weather conditions.
- Able to communicate with different groups and give clear instructions.
- Community-minded.
- Friendly and positive manner.

### Days and hours

- 20 hours each fortnight.
- Shifts are between 8:30 am - 9:30 am and 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm.
- Work Monday to Friday during school terms.

### Apply today

Applications close Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023

Visit [jobs.transport.nsw.gov.au](https://jobs.transport.nsw.gov.au) and search for **Reference Number: 89605** or search 'School Crossing Supervisors' for a full list of vacancies or scan the QR code to apply.

For further information, contact Sandhini Chaudhary  
E: [sandhini.chaudhary@transport.nsw.gov.au](mailto:sandhini.chaudhary@transport.nsw.gov.au)  
P: 0466 343 704

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**Casual roles available**  
Griffith Local Government Area - 89606

### Does this sound like you?

- Willing to work outdoors in all weather conditions.
- Able to communicate with different groups and give clear instructions.
- Community-minded.
- Friendly and positive manner.

### Days and hours

- Shifts will fall between 8:00 am - 9:30 am and 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm, Monday to Friday during school terms with a minimum of one hour shift as required

### Apply today

Applications close Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023

Visit [jobs.transport.nsw.gov.au](https://jobs.transport.nsw.gov.au) and search for **Reference Number: 89606** or search 'School Crossing Supervisors' for a full list of vacancies or scan the QR code to apply.

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# Coolah Chronicle 2023 order form

**\$15 each | orders close 1st December | handed out  
11th December**

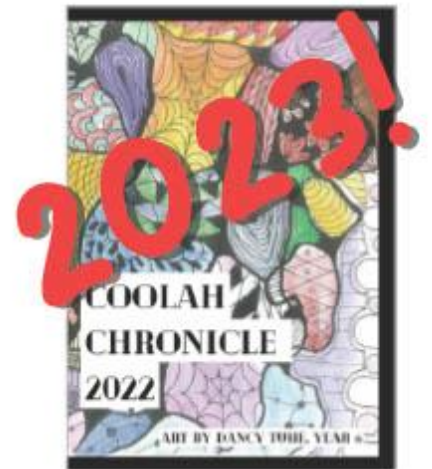
Please fill in the form and return to the Griffith Public School office

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_

Class \_\_\_\_\_

Order Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL AMOUNT OWING \_\_\_\_\_



## CARNIVALE USB ORDER FORM

Please fill in the form and return to the Griffith Public School office.

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_

Class \_\_\_\_\_

Order Quantity \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL AMOUNT OWING \_\_\_\_\_

**USB**  
**\$10 each**