

NEWSLETTER TERM 4 WEEK 5 2023

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Stage 3 Excursion

Miss Sergi and our Stage 3 staff have finalised 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 10th November. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS)

Does your child travel on a bus?

Will your child need school bus travel in 2024?

Have you moved house or has your child changed schools?

Have you changed your phone number?

These are all reasons to either update your details or apply for school bus travel.

It is a simple online process that needs to be completed prior to starting school in 2024.

I need to update my details -

<https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/#/updateDetails>

I need to put in a new application -

<https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/#/howToApply>

If you are having trouble accessing the above sites at home or you require help, please drop into the office and ask. We can have someone show you how to update your details.

Year 5 Leadership Speeches

Our Year 5 students who have nominated to run for leadership positions in 2024 will present their speeches on Thursday 16th November. Boys speeches will commence at 9:45am followed by the girls at 10.30am. Parents of these children are welcome to attend. Good luck to all of these students.

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.

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. 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](https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunityclasses)

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

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.

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

**Griffith Public School - Term 4 2023**

Term 4	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
Week 5	6 Nov Kinder orientation 9.30am-12pm	7 Nov Kinder orientation 9.30am-12pm	8 Nov	9 Nov	10 Nov Remembrance Day assembly K-6 whole school Assembly	11/12 Nov
Week 6	13 Nov Kinder orientation 9.30am-12pm	14 Nov Kinder orientation 9.30am-12pm	15 Nov 2024 Kinder information night	16 Nov 2024 Captain's speeches	17 Nov Diabetes Dress Up Day White Ribbon Day	18/19 Nov
Week 7	20 Nov MRHS Year 6 to Year 7 Orientation Day	21 Nov	22 Nov Stage 3 Excursion to Canberra	23 Nov Stage 3 Excursion to Canberra	24 Nov K-6 whole school Assembly Excursion to Canberra	25/26 Nov
Week 8	27 Nov	28 Nov	29 Nov	30 Nov Year 2 Graduation Year 6 Graduation and dinner	1 Dec	2/3 Dec
Week 9	4 Dec	5 Dec Year 6 Big Day Out K-5 class parties and water slide day	6 Dec AECG meeting 2pm MRHS W	7 Dec Year 1 Excursion	8 Dec Presentation Day K-6 Assembly	9/10 Dec



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:

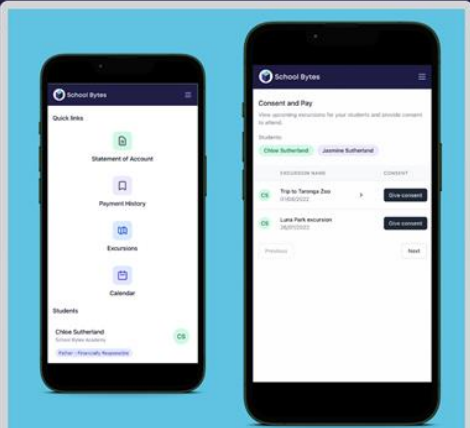
- Make school payments online (including paying for multiple siblings at once)
- Use a family credit to pay for an activity or school contributions
- Download a receipt for payments made
- View all historical payments in one place
- Complete and submit digital permission notes
- View the status of all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



Come to school dressed in BLUE on Friday 17th November to support Jesikah and the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.



GOLD COIN DONATION

Thank you.

SAVE *the* DATE

YEAR 2 GRADUATION

30.11.2023

10:30AM

more details to follow soon...

Coolah Chronicle 2023 order form

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

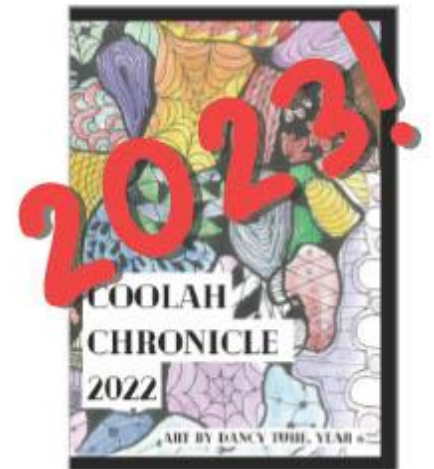
Please fill in the form and return to the Griffith Public School office

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**