

### NEWSLETTER TERM 1 WEEK 10 2023

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#### Tell Them From Me Survey

Early in Term 2, our school is taking part in the Tell Them From Me student survey. The survey will provide us with valuable feedback on what our students think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. The survey is completed on-line and is run by an independent research company, The Learning Bar, which specialises in school-based surveys.

Staff in schools will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey typically takes 30 minutes or less to complete and will be administered by the school during normal school hours. Once the surveys are completed by students, reports are prepared and in most cases are available to schools within three business days.

Individual students will not be identified in any publication and all information will be handled in accordance with the relevant privacy legislation. Students' personal information will not be disclosed by the department to any other person or body other than as required by law.

This research will help schools in New South Wales to better understand how to improve student wellbeing and engagement. It will also help teachers and principals discuss what works to improve student outcomes.

Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. Your child will not take part if either you or your child do not wish. If, during the survey, your child is uncomfortable, he/she can choose to stop the survey at any time. The majority of questions in the survey can be skipped.

If you do not want your child to take part in the survey, please contact the school office and have them withdrawn.

More information about the survey and the research is available in English on the CESE website: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/student-wellbeing/tell-them-from-me/information-for-parents-and-carers>

#### Stage 3 Excursion

Mrs Lemon and staff are gathering information and costing for the Stage 3 excursion to Canberra which will take place 22 November to Friday 24th November. Permission notes have been sent home and you can start making payments now. Hopefully by doing this, it will ease the financial pressure as the dates get closer. At this stage we estimate the cost of the excursion to be \$320 per child, however confirmation of the exact cost will be forwarded soon. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

#### Harmony Day

Our school held its Harmony Day celebrations last Friday. Thank you to those students and staff who took the time to dress in cultural clothing. It was great to see so many colours and cultures represented at our school and the items at our assembly were amazing. Thank you, Mr Maharaj and staff, for organising and creating such wonderful displays around the school.

#### School Holidays

School holidays are fast approaching. Our last day of school this term is Thursday 6th April 2023. The first day back for Term 2 will be Wednesday 26th April, with the teachers returning on Monday 24th April for the Staff Development Day. I hope you enjoy the school break, spending time with family and friends.

#### ANZAC Day Community March

The community ANZAC Day March will be held on Tuesday 25th April 2023. Please be aware that this is right at the end of the school holidays, so it would be appreciated if you could arrange to have your child attend. The details are as follows:

Date: Tuesday 25th April 2023  
 Time: 10.15am for 10.30am start  
 Meeting Place: Outside the Post Office  
 Wear: Full school Uniform  
 It would be great to see as many students as possible attend to pay respect on this significant day. The school will hold our ANZAC Day assembly on Friday 28th April.

Our school Cross Country Carnival will take place this Friday at the Lake Wyangan Picnic Area. Please feel welcome to come and watch your child.

Finally, I would like to wish our Stage 2 Rugby Union and Stage 3 Rugby League teams all the very best as they compete in their respective gala days in Leeton and Griffith this week. They all have been training hard and I know they will do well.

Have a great week.  
 Derek Noffke  
 Principal

### Library News

Book club went home last week. All book club orders are due back at school on Friday 31st of March.

### Easter Church Services

On Thursday, 6th April 2023 the local Griffith Churches will be holding their Easter Church Services. Students who participate in a scripture group will be attending. They will travel to and from the service by bus leaving the school at approximately 9:45am and returning at approximately 11:20am. Happy Easter!

### Stage 3 excursion

Deposits for the Stage 3 excursion in Term 4 to Canberra are due by the end of the term. This will allow us to finalise the numbers of attendees, which then will allow us to finalise the total cost of the excursion. The more that attend the lower the cost is for all students. The deposit is non-refundable, and the final cost will be approximately \$320. You are welcome to pay more than the deposit and continue to make regular payments throughout the year. You can make payments via cash, eftpos at the front office, online through the make a payment tab on the school website. You can also use your back-to-school vouchers.

### Year 6 Polo Shirts

Orders for the Year 6 polo shirts are due in with payment by Friday 31 March. No late orders will be available. Don't miss out on this awesome opportunity to purchase a memorabilia shirt to mark your final year of primary school. Why not order 2, wash one and wear one. The front and back designs were chosen by Year 6. Don't they look great!



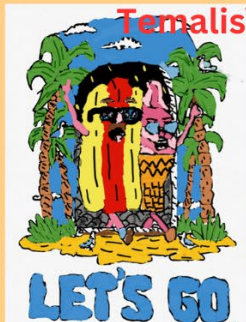
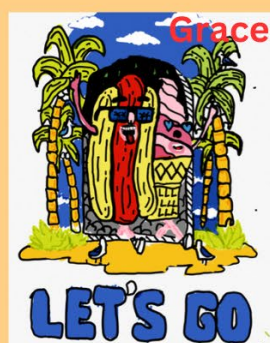
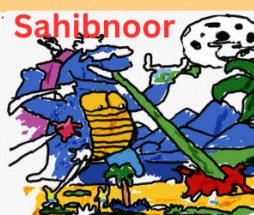
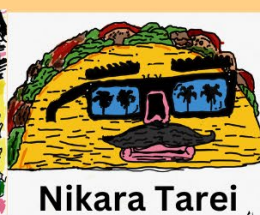
## Griffith Public School - Term 4 2022

Term 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT SUN
Week 10	27 March NAPLAN	28 March Stage 2 Rugby Union Leeton	29 March	30 March	31 March K-6 Cross Country	1/2 April
Week 11	3 April	4 April K-2 Easter Hat Parade	5 April	6 April Last Day term 1 Easter Church services	7 April Good Friday	8/9 April
Term 2 Week 1	24 April SDD No students	25 April ANZAC Day	26 April Students return to school	27 April	28 April ANZAC Day assembly	29/30 April



# 3K'S MULGA ART

WE HAVE BEEN STUDYING MULGA ART. JOEL MOORE IS AN ARTIST WHO USES ANIMALS AND FOOD TO MAKE FUNKY ARTWORKS. WE USED THE I-PADS TO MAKE RECREATE OUR FAVOURITE PIECES.





## Harmony Day

Thank you to our parents and carers for supporting and promoting our fabulous harmony day celebration.

The children were dressed in the most spectacular traditional and orange outfits which reflected the diversity and the rich cultural mix of our wonderful school. You have helped to cement and celebrate our inclusiveness, respect and a strong sense of belonging for all Australians.

We thank our teachers and support staff for being such a great network in supporting this community event. Our students' performances on stage were simply breath-taking.



## Stepping Stones

**Mrs Lander is organising our Stepping Stones program for 2023. Please contact the school on 69623199 if you have a child who will be coming to GPS in Kindergarten in 2024 and they do not attend a Pre School or Day care program.**

**Thank you**

## K-2 Easter Hat Parade

**TUESDAY 4TH APRIL**

**12:15PM**

**K-2 COLA**

**BRING A CHAIR AND A HAT IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SIT DOWN.**





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RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY

DO YOUR BEST

**Is your child, or do you know of a child,  
who is starting Kindergarten at  
Griffith Public School next year in 2024?**

Please fill in the form and return to Griffith Public School by Monday 27th February 2023

Does your child who is coming to GPS in 2024 currently go to: (Please tick below)

- ♦ Preschool ☐
- ♦ Long Day Care ☐
- ♦ Playgroup ☐
- ♦ Other ☐

Name of service attending: \_\_\_\_\_

♦ Does not attend any service ☐

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Girl or Boy? \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you,  
Helen Lander (Assistant Principal)



To find out more about the quality education programs on offer in our school, please call, visit or email us:  
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