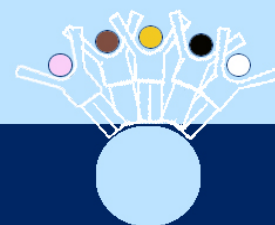


Griffith Public School

A quality education for all



NEWSLETTER TERM 3 WEEK 9 2023

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Kindergarten 2024

We are now taking enrolments for our Kindergarten class of 2024. Please come and get an enrolment form from the office. Also, if you know anyone with kindergarten aged children, please encourage them to consider our school. Please see the flyer below for further information

KINDERGARTEN 2024
ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN!

Children Stay and Play Sessions
9:30am-12pm

Week 1 Monday 9th & Tuesday 10th October
Week 2 Monday 16th & Tuesday 17th October
Week 3 Monday 23rd & Tuesday 24th October
Week 4 Monday 30th & Tuesday 31st October
Week 5 Monday 6th & Tuesday 7th November
Week 6 Monday 13th & Tuesday 14th November

Children will need to bring a school bag with a hat, a packed lunch and a water bottle.

Parent Information Night:
Wednesday 15th November
6pm.
Our P&C uniform shop will be open.

Any questions, please contact GPS on 69623199. Please like and follow our school Facebook page as we will be sharing important information to assist you and your child with transition to Griffith Public School.

We are looking forward to seeing you!

Stage 3 Excursion

Miss Sergi and our Stage 3 staff are currently organising the itinerary 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. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Tell Them From Me Survey – Parent Survey

This Term, our school will be participating in the Partners in Learning parent survey, another part of the Tell Them From Me suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online on smartphones, iPads, tablets, laptops or computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted over Term 3 and early Term 4. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated.

More information about the survey is available at: education.nsw.gov.au/ttfm.

To access the survey for our school go to: <http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/gps123>

Thank you for participating.

School Holidays

School holidays are fast approaching. Our last day of school this term is Friday 22nd September. The first day back of Term 4 will be Monday 9th October. Please be aware that there will not be a Staff Development Day on the first day of Term 4, so both students and teachers will start on the same day. Have a restful break.

Intensive Swimming

Our intensive swimming commenced yesterday. Please make sure you have your child pack the relevant swimming attire each day.

What to Expect in High School

The transition from primary to high school often creates in kids a mix of anxiety and excitement. Go to: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/parents-and-carers> for a variety of tips and tricks to help your child settle into their new school. This website also provides a number of 'Quick Links' on a variety of school-based resources. I hope you find the website helpful.

Have a great week.
Derek Noffke
Principal



Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:

-  Learn
-  Build friendships
-  Develop life skills




Griffith Public School
Stage 3 Fundraiser
for Canberra Excursion

CASUAL CLOTHES DAY
Friday 22nd September

GOLD COIN DONATION

Griffith Public School - Term 3 2023

Term 3	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT SUN
Week 9	11 Sep Intensive Swimming	12 Sep Intensive Swimming	13 Sep Intensive Swimming	14 Sep Intensive Swimming	15 Sep Intensive Swimming K-6 assembly	16/17 Sep
Week 10	18 Sep Intensive Swimming	19 Sep Intensive Swimming	20 Sep Intensive Swimming	21 Sep Intensive Swimming MRHS Year 6 transition	22 Sep Intensive Swimming Casual Clothes Day Last day of Term 3	23/24 Sep
Term 4 Week 1	9 Oct	10 Oct	11 Oct	12 Oct	13 Oct	14/15 Oct

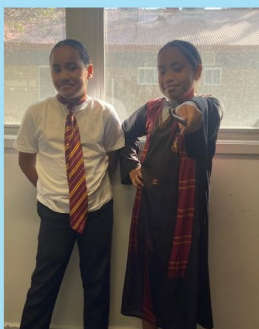


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Read,
Grow,
Inspire

Check out our
amazing Book
Week costumes



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:

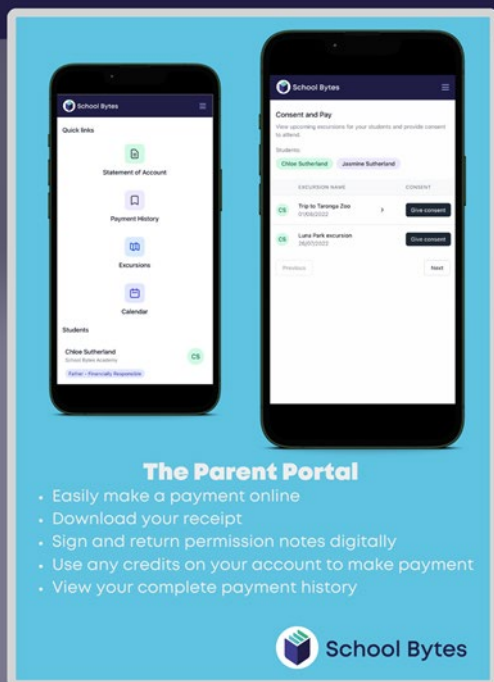
- Make school payments online (including paying for multiple siblings at once)
- Use a family credit to pay for an activity or school contributions
- Download a receipt for payments made
- View all historical payments in one place
- Complete and submit digital permission notes
- View the status of all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



GRIFFITH PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C MAJOR RAFFLE

\$2500+ IN PRIZES

FIRST PRIZE:
\$600 WOOLWORTHS GIFT CARDS
\$200 QUEST GRIFFITH GIFT CARD
\$100 BUNNINGS GIFT CARD
\$50 ATHLETES FOOT VOUCHER
\$50 HUNKY DORY GIFT CARD
WINE PACK

SECOND PRIZE:
4 MAN TENT
BEACH CHAIR
GARDEN HOSE PACK
MANCAVE GIFT VOUCHER
\$50 COLLIER AND MILLER
\$50 LEAGUES CLUB
\$50 GB SPORT
WINE PACK

THIRD PRIZE:
\$130 ECLIPSE VOUCHER
\$50 LEAGUES CLUB
\$50 KMART
\$50 PETS DOMAIN
MYLI CANDLE
MINI CHOPPER
WINE PACK

FOURTH PRIZE:
GOOGLE NEST
CINEMA/BOWLING/FUNDLAND
VOUCHERS
\$50 AXIKEM
\$25 GB SPORTS

TICKETS \$5 OR 3 FOR \$10

SCAN ME

TO PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS VISIT [HTTPS://T.LY/OLX8Q](https://t.ly/OLX8Q)

A huge thank you to all those who have donated to our fundraising raffle.

Indigenous Literacy Day - Wednesday 6th September

Last Wednesday was Indigenous Literacy Day where we celebrated stories, culture and language. Our Aboriginal Education Officer, Nicole Myers was invited to Good Start Day Care Centre to read a dreamtime story to their children. Nicole took two Year 6 Aboriginal girls with her to help read stories to the children. Everyone had a great time and enjoyed listening to the story 'Country tells me when'.

During the day at Griffith Public School, selected indigenous students from Years 4 - 6 visited our K-2 classrooms and read a dreamtime story to the whole class. Kindergarten listened to "How the birds got their colours", Year 1 enjoyed "When the snake bites the sun" and Year 2 listened to "How the Kangaroo got their tails" and "The Kangaroo and the Porpoise". All the students reading did a wonderful job and enjoyed reading to each class.



Free bus travel these school holidays

from 23 September to 8 October*



Get out and about these school holidays and explore Griffith.

Simply board a bus between Saturday 23 September and Sunday 8 October*, get your free ticket from the driver and go!

To find out more about Griffith's new bus network and to plan your trip, scan the QR Code below or visit transportnsw.info/griffith-bus

Griffith BUSLINES

Find out more



*Terms and conditions: To take advantage of this free bus travel for 16 days, simply board the bus and you will be given a free ticket by the bus driver. Free travel between 23 September and 8 October 2023 inclusive, and only within the Griffith Buslines bus network which includes Routes 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, and 946. Visit www.griffithbuslines.com.au for details.

Do you have a child under the age of 6?

We've Got News! The ParentsNext Program has recently changed and from 5th of May 2023, there are no compulsory requirements. Mission Australia will still be here to give you the same great support towards your future.



Need A Drivers Licence?

Let us help you with the expenses of your learners, driving lessons and drivers licence!

01



Want to Upskill?

We are experts at helping guide you in the right direction and assist linking you to the right course today.

02



Want a job?

We're here to support you with job applications, crafting impressive resumes and enhancing your skills for future success.

03



Want to connect?

Our program is closely connected to local community groups and playgroups providing you with a vibrant and engaging network!

04

Call to find out if you're eligible today!

1800 791 371

PNX@missionaustralia.com.au

Cnr Ulong and Olympic Street, Griffith, NSW

MISSION AUSTRALIA together we stand



Griffith Touch Association
JUNIOR TOUCH CLINIC
Monday 25th September 2023
Ted Scobie Oval



A great opportunity for children to learn fundamental touch footy skills in a fun & safe environment!

Ages turning in 2023
5yrs to 9yrs
9am-11:30 am



<- REGISTER NOW ->

Using the QR code for your age group

Registrations close Monday 18th September

Enquiries

Viv Mogliotti 0427626926

Rosemary Rizzo 0427829183

Ages turning in 2023
10yrs to 16yrs
12:30pm-3 pm



CASELLA FOR A BETTER WORLD
GRIFFITH CITY2LAKE
SUNDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2023

Register at www.city2lake.org

SUPPORTING **Can Assist** **GRIFFITH**
CANCER ASSISTANCE NETWORK

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN · INDIVIDUALS OR TEAMS

City2Lake will be a fun event for the whole family. Register now to raise much needed funds for Can Assist.

The event will leave from Jubilee Oval and end at Lake Wyangan Picnic Ground. Register not to be part of this massive fun run. Run, walk or ride, it's your choice!

Scan the code to find out more and register for City2Lake 2023



Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight
W T W T F
W T W T F

= **4** weeks



= Over **1** year missed

1 day per week
W T W T F
W T W T F

= **8** weeks



= Over **2.5** years missed



Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

Our Carnivale celebration is quickly approaching on the 19th of October. Students will be performing cultural dances in the community gardens and on conclusion of this, a food fair will be held at Griffith Public School.

We would love to celebrate all cultures during the food fair and are looking for parents who could prepare and deliver to school, food from their culture. All foods will be shared amongst the Griffith Public School community.

Our students have studied a variety of countries for many weeks, and it would be fantastic for them to be able to taste some of the foods from a variety of different cultures. For this to happen, we really need your assistance. If you could contribute at all to our food fair, please nominate the country and name of food below. Please return notes to classroom teachers by **22nd of September (last day of term 3)**

Student _____ class _____

Country of food _____

Name of food _____

Parent/Carers name _____ Phone _____

With thanks,

Mrs Catanzariti and Miss Storr