# Calendar

**Term 4 2014**

*Please note dates from week to week as there are occasionally some changes.*

## Week 4

**School Library BOOK FAIR**

| Wednesday, October 29<sup>th</sup> | 2.15pm Parent Meeting for Kindergarten students starting in 2015 |
| Thursday, October 30<sup>th</sup> | Year 6 Transition to Griffith High School |
| Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup> | ‘Fancy Dress Day’ Gold Coin Donation |

## Week 5

| Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>-Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Nov | Stage 3 Excursion |
| Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> | Kinder 2015 Orientation 2.15-3pm |
| Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> | Kinder 2015 Orientation 2.15-3pm |
| Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup> | 2.15pm K-6 Assembly |

## Week 6

| Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> | Kinder 2015 Orientation 2.15-3pm |
| Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> | Kinder 2015 Orientation 2.15-3pm |
| Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup> | Year 6 Transition to Griffith High School |

## Week 7

| Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> | Kinder 2015 Orientation 2.15-3pm |
| Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> | Kinder 2015 Orientation 2.15-3pm |
| Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup> | 2.15pm K-6 Assembly |

## Week 8

| Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup> | Year 6 Transition Day at Griffith & Wade High School |
| Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup> | Presentation Day |

## Week 9

| Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup> | Volunteers Morning Tea |
| Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> | Year 6 Graduation |
| Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> | P&C Whole Year Uniform Award |
| Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup> | Stage 2 Excursion |
| Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup> | Year 2 Graduation |

## Week 10

| Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> | Platinum Award Day |
| Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> | Last Day for students 2015 |

## 2015-Students return on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January

### Grandparents Day
Thank you to everyone who attended Grandparents Day last Friday. Students were very excited to see family members at school. Thank you very much Miss Sergi for organising our Grandparents Day again.

More books and Resources through ‘Early Action for Success’ Funding for K-2 Students

Through our funding for Early Action for Success, we have trained teachers in the L3 (Language, Learning and Literacy) reading and writing program as well as purchased many new books to support students’ reading and writing. In L3 lessons, teacher’s work with small groups to personalize learning and use books that are matched to student’s reading levels to develop reading and writing skills.

Early Action for Success funding has allowed all Kindergarten and Year 1 teachers to be trained in L3 and we have bought a variety of books to support all students’ learning. We have purchased more story books and information books, along with teaching resources to give every student the best chance of developing their literacy skills.

We have also bought books ready to start our L3 program for Year 2 students. Next year all Year 2 teachers will begin their training in L3 allowing students to have 3 years of continuous reading and support before beginning Year 3.

Early Action for Success funding has meant that Griffith Public School K-2 students will receive an excellent start to their schooling, well supported by quality teaching and quality books. Parents can continue to support their child’s learning by sharing books with their children and talking about the stories and pictures in them.

Students Enrolling and Students Leaving

This term we are busy planning classes for next year, 2015. If you are leaving at the end of this year and not returning next year could you please let Miss Hayman know as soon as possible.
If you have family or friends coming to GPS next year (and they have not already enrolled) could you also let Miss Hayman know this information please?

Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Kindergarten Orientation

An orientation afternoon for those students commencing Kindergarten in 2015 and an information session for parents will be held on Wednesday 29th October 2014 at 2:15pm in the school hall.

Please come along and visit your new school and meet the teachers. Further orientation dates will be given to you at this information session.

Stage Three Excursion

NEXT TUESDAY, October 4th, our Years 5 & 6 students leave on their major excursion to Lake Burrendong Sport and Recreation Camp. This is a reminder that the bus will be leaving PROMPTLY at 6.30am. Please ensure you arrive at the school by 6.15am, at the latest, so we have time to load the buses and organise medication. If your child is bringing medication it needs to be clearly labelled in a snap-lock bag with their name and dosage and handed to Mr Date before student’s board the buses.

This is also a reminder that students will need money for lunch at McDonalds on the first day. Other than water bottles, no other drinks or food is to be packed. No mobile phones or electronic devices. You can contact the school if you need to contact you child or Lake Burrendong on 68467748.

Any further queries before departure please contact Mrs Campbell.

Parent Information Session: HEALTHY LUNCH BOX IDEAS

An information session for parents to provide ideas and suggestions for healthy lunches will be held next Wednesday 5th November at 2:15 pm at school in the Meeting Room.

All parents are most welcome to come along to the session.

2013 Coolah Chronicle

If you would like to purchase a copy of last year’s Coolah Chronicle, our school magazine. We have a few remaining copies available from the office for $10.

Selective High School Placements 2016

Selective High Schools cater for highly achieving academically gifted students. Most Selective High Schools are located in Sydney, although there are exceptions including Yanco Agricultural High School. Some have targeted positions for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. Application to these high schools is open to students in Year 5 from October 14th to November 17th 2014. These students will be commencing Year 7 in 2016.

Applications are taken online only at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shplacement

Applicants will be required to sit an entry test in March 2015.

If you would like more information about Selective High Schools, please contact Mrs. Campbell.

P&C News

The P&C Mini Fete is on Friday 14th November from 1pm-3pm. If you are interested in organising a stall, please contact me at school. All children will need at least $20.00 each to participate in and enjoy the Fete. The next P&C meeting will be on Wednesday 5th November at 7pm. Everyone is very welcome!

Thank you,
Helen Lander (P&C President)

Mystery Jars

Your help is needed for the Mystery Jar Stall at the School Fete. Each family is asked to contribute one jar filled with either lollies and/or other treats in order to make the stall a huge success. Of course, if your family were able to contribute more jars that would be absolutely wonderful and your kindness would be most appreciated.
Thank you to last week’s helper, Cathy and Agnes Lolohea.

Chicken Burgers $3.50
Chicken Nuggets $3.00
Hot Dogs $3.00
Pluto Pups $3.00

Thank you, Brenda (Canteen Manager)

BOOK FAIR IS HERE!!

When: 27TH to 31st October
Where: GPS Library
Time: Before and After School, Lunch and Fruit Break

There are lots and lots of books to buy, priced from $1 up!

Variety items as well.

Win a $5.00 Canteen Voucher Week 4

Give your newsletter to your parent or carer to read. Ask them to sign this slip and put it in the box in the front office. If your slip is drawn out at Friday’s assembly, you will win one $5 canteen voucher! Two slips will be drawn out at each assembly.

Student / Family name: __________________
Parent / Carer Signature: __________________
PACE

PACE and GPS are excited to announce that commencing this Friday 31st October, we are holding a four week parenting group.

**When**
- Friday 31st October
- Friday 7th November
- Friday 21st November
- Friday 28th November

**Time**
- 12pm – 1pm

**Where**
- GPS Meeting Room

The ECLA Program (Engage, Learn, Community, Achieve) will empower parents/caregivers in their homes and within the school. The program is FREE. We will offer a light lunch and free transport if needed. For further information, contact Naomi 0411875335, Fiona 0418765114 or Maxine 0413493175 if transport is required.