**NEWSLETTER TERM 4 WEEK 8**
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**Calendar**  
Term 4 2014  
*Please note dates from week to week as there are occasionally some changes.*

**Week 8**

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**Presentation Day 2014**

Due to our increased enrolments this year, seats for Presentation Day have only been made available to the families of the school captains and award recipients. We know that this has been disappointing for some parents but we are sure that you understand the situation and the importance of award recipients being offered the tickets first. If any families, who have already received tickets, have had changes to their circumstances and no longer require the tickets that they received, please return them to the school office as soon as possible, in order for them to be re-allocated.

**Stage 3 Excursion**

During the first week of November a group of stage three students travelled to Lake Burrendong Sport and Recreation Camp for three nights. We stopped at Lake Cowel Gold Mine and enjoyed looking at the large open cut mine. We found lots of Fool's Gold. When we arrived at camp we had a mini Olympics Games night. We all loved the game called ‘Hug your Mumma’.

![Stage 3 Excursion Image]

The next day was very hot; we participated in wall climbing and archery. We all went to a cook out to learn about life in the goldfields. We had a gold trivia night after dinner. It was lots of fun.

On Thursday we went kayaking and panning for gold. It was hard work. We also had a turn on the giant flying fox. We had to climb up a huge tower and then step off the edge with our harness on. Lots of people were scared. For free time we had
the world's biggest slip and slide. It was a lot of fun! That night we had a bush dance.

On the way home we stopped at Wellington Caves, they were big and beautiful, with lots and lots of steps. We all had a fantastic time on camp and will remember it forever.

Thank you to all of the students who attended the camp for consistently displaying our school values and representing our school so proudly. Thank you also to the teachers who attended the camp and Mrs Campbell for all her organisation.

**Year 6 Graduation**

A reminder to all Year 6 students, please send in $10.00 for their graduation dinner. Parents and friends are invited to attend the formal part of the night beginning at 5pm on Tuesday December 9th. Year 5 students can attend the disco from 7-9pm with door entry of $5.00. Drinks will be on sale on the night.

**Stage 2 Excursion**

The Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4) excursion is getting closer! Notes were sent home last week requesting another payment of $50.00 due Friday 21st November. This leaves a final payment of $50.00 due by the 3rd of December. If full payment is not made by the 3rd of December students will not be able to attend the excursion. Thank you.

**White Ribbon Day**

Today is White Ribbon Day. This day, since 2003, has been raising awareness and providing educational resources about violence against women. On average, every week, a woman is killed by domestic violence. The impact of domestic violence on our children is enormous, leading to long term mental health issues, poor academic performance, poor social skills and the inability to form relationships, not to mention fear and trauma when witnessing violence. Under the UN charter of children's rights every child has the right to be protected and to be safe. White Ribbon day is a chance for everyone to take a stand and say violence is not okay. Today our Year 5 & 6 students had a talk from Shelia Brady, the president of Griffith Soroptimists Society about the history and aims of the White Ribbon Organisation. The viewed videos and discussed what they had learnt. As a visual sign to the community, that we do not support violence, students tied white ribbons to the fence of the school. You may see white ribbons around Griffith today. If you want to know more our senior students can now talk to you about White Ribbon. It is an important message for people of all ages and a relevant part of our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) ethos.

**Coolah Chronicle**

The Coolah Chronicle is our school's yearly magazine. It is a record of 2014 at Griffith Public School, filled with photos of the students at our memorable activities held throughout the year. Please order and pay for your copy of this year's Coolah Chronicle now. This year's Coolah Chronicle will be in full colour. It will cost $20 per copy. We only print what is ordered so please avoid disappointment and order yours today.

All orders are to be in to the office by **Wednesday 12th December 2014**. The completed Coolah Chronicle will be handed out on or before Wednesday 17th December 2014. Spare order forms are available in the office foyer.

We do have some 2013 copies at half price available from the office.
P&C News
Thank you everyone again for your help with the mini Fete. We made approximately $2500.00!! This is fantastic!! This money will be used to support all the children at GPS.

Please see below for the Uniform Shop opening times for the rest of the year and for early 2015.

Uniform Shop Opening Times
Thursday 28th November 2014 1.30pm-2.30pm;
Thursday 5th December 2014 1.30pm-2.30pm;
Thursday 12th December 2014 1.30pm-2.30pm
Tuesday 28th January 2015 10am-12 noon

Thank you for your support,
Helen Lander (P&C President)

School Canteen

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Thank you to last week’s helpers, Anne Kelton and Agnes Lolohea.

This Friday ice cream cones will be available for $1.00
Chicken Burgers $3.50
Pluto Pups $3.00
Chicken Nuggets $3.00

Thank you, Brenda (Canteen Manager)

PACE
The final parenting group presented by PACE and GPS.

When       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 0411 875 335, Fiona 0418 765 114 or Maxine 0413 493 175 if transport is required.

3/4P Students Doing Their Best in Maths

1S Excursion

Last Friday 1S visited Miss Sergi's dad’s farm because the class has been learning about products and services and where food comes from. 1S helped Mr Sergi pick some delicious apricots, nectarines and plums off the trees. They visited the packing shed and witnessed how the fruit is packed and sent away to the fruit markets.

1S had an enjoyable morning being farmers.
BUPA Visit

1S have been busy! Yesterday they visited BUPA and performed some dances and songs. Some of the residents joined in with the YMCA dance. Students and residents then had two special visitors, a horse and a dog. Before they returned to school, the students chatted individually to the elderly residents, telling them their names and ages. The residents chatted with the students, telling them a little about themselves and what they were like when they were at school.

Win a $5.00 Canteen Voucher Week 8

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: __________________

K–2 Frolic

The K–2 Frolic will be held

On

Thursday 11th December

In the hall

DRESS– Christmas theme or good casual clothes

TIME– 6.00pm–7.30pm

Children will be able to buy drinks for $1.00.