**NEWSLETTER TERM 1 WEEK 6**

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### Term 1 2015

**Calendar**

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

#### Week 6

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<td>Tuesday, March 3rd</td>
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<td>2.10pm Stage Assemblies</td>
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<td>Final payment for Year 6 jackets</td>
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#### Week 7

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<td>Monday, March 9th</td>
<td>Riverina Swimming Carnival</td>
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<td>Friday, March 13th</td>
<td>2.10pm K-6 Assembly</td>
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<td>Tuesday, March 17th</td>
<td>Years 3-6 Forensic Science Day</td>
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<td>Thursday, March 19th</td>
<td>Harmony Day</td>
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<td>Friday, March 20th</td>
<td>Years 3-6 Cross Country</td>
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<td>National Day Against Bullying</td>
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<td>2.10pm K-2 Stage Assembly (no Assembly for Stage 2 / 3)</td>
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<td>Wednesday, March 25th</td>
<td>7pm P&amp;C AGM</td>
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<td>Friday, March 27th</td>
<td>2.10pm K-6 Assembly</td>
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#### Week 10

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<td>Tuesday, March 31st</td>
<td>K-2 Easter Hat Parade</td>
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<td>Thursday, April 2nd</td>
<td>Last day Term 1</td>
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<td>Friday, April 3rd</td>
<td>Good Friday No school</td>
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### Dirty Dozen 2015

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to participate in this year's Dirty Dozen environmental group. Thank you to everyone who applied. There were a lot of applicants.

Jet Smith, William Mott, Oriana Samuelu-Kirby, Victoria Moore, Blake Stevenson, Yanga Marela, Jabez Tietie, Jaida'hope Maggs, Tevita Tonga, Sophia Kelsey, Senay Kunduz, Christian Mamafainoa, Laura Dreyer

### Swimming Champions 2015

Term 2 Resumes Tuesday 21st April
Congratulations to our 2015 Swimming Champions who were presented with their trophies at the K-6 Assembly on Friday.

Junior Girls Age champion - Laura Dreyer
Junior Boys Age Champion - Ethan Nayden
11 years Girls Age Champion - Charlotte Currie
11 years Boys Age Champion - Robert Virobo
Senior Girls Age Champion - Lili Henderson-Clark
Senior Boys Age Champion - Jock Lander
Do Your Best Trophy-Yoshabel Ratu

Zone Swimming Carnival

On Thursday 26th February 2015, fifteen talented Griffith Public School swimmers attended the Zone Swimming Carnival at Griffith Aquatic Centre. The students participated in most races competing to the best of their abilities and most achieving their personal bests. It was a great day of competition and sportsmanship. Thank you to all the parents who came along to support the students and a special thank you to Vanessa Clark who helped with time keeping. Well done and a big congratulations to the GPS squad: Jessiah Bamblett, Sophie Carberry-Beale, Charlotte Currie, Laura Dreyer, Lili and Spencer Henderson-Clarke, Jock Lander, Reuben Leao-Seve Simpson, Ethan Nayden, Emily Power, Jake Rand, Jesse Ratu, Jet Smith, Laisa Vatuloka and Robert Virobo.

News from KSI

KSI spent time last week looking at all things starting with the sound "s".

One of the items was a sewing machine. Everyone had a turn at sewing on the machine.

Meena said, “I was very nervous using the pedal, but when I had another go it was really fun!”

News from KL

KL performed an item at the K-6 assembly last week. They sang “Three Jelly Fish”.

Mrs Lander was very proud!!

Fantastic singing and no stage fright!!

Well done KL.

Computer Lessons at GPS

Over the past 5 weeks of computer lessons, students have been given usernames and passwords for Reading Eggs, Skoolbo and Studyladder. Each week a new program has been introduced, a letter to parents and carers has gone home to provide information on what the programs are used for at our school and how they can be used at home if you have Internet access.

This week students are looking at Zoowhiz, an Australian program that focuses on mathematics and literacy skills, rewarding the children with their own zoo to build. Keep an eye out for the letter about it this week.

Stage 3 Major Excursion

All students in Years 5 & 6 have received information regarding the major stage excursion to Canberra. While this is not until Term 4, a deposit of $100 is needed by the end of this term to secure a place. The final cost is uncertain but is generally above $300. Once we know the numbers of students attending we are able to finalise the cost. If you decide to withdraw from the excursion please note that $50 of the deposit will be kept by the school. If you have any questions about the excursion please contact Mrs Campbell. The excursion will be held from November 3rd to the 6th 2015.
Year 6 Jackets
All Year 6 students received an order form for a commemorative Year 6 jacket last week. A reminder that payment of $65 is due by this FRIDAY MARCH 6TH. No late orders can be accepted. A sizing chart was included on the note and sample size jackets are available at the office to try on.

P&C News
The uniform shop will now be open every Thursday from 9am - 10am. Please support our fundraising events for this term, the Easter egg raffle and the Fun Run. The next P&C meeting will be our AGM and this will be held on WEDNESDAY 25th MARCH.

Thank you,
Helen Lander
(P&C President)

School Canteen

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<td>Agnes Lolohea</td>
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<td>Monday 7th</td>
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<td>Tuesday 8th</td>
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Thank you to last week's helper, Cathy.

Hot Dogs       $3.00  
Chicken Burgers $3.50  
Chicken Nuggets $3.00  
Hot Ham/Cheese rolls $3.00  
Watermelon Bowls $2.50  

Please have orders in by 9.30am SHARP
Thank you.
Brenda, Canteen Manager

Win a $5.00 Canteen Voucher Week 6
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: ____________________

Meet the GPS Staff
Introducing our K-2 Assistant Principal, Mrs Jan Kitchingman

Introducing our Instructional Leader, Mrs Lisa Nardi

Our Support Teacher, Mrs Denise McGann
P&C Easter

Raffle

The P&C are having an Easter egg raffle.

We are asking all parents and carers to donate a chocolate Easter egg to the raffle. These can be left in the school office.

Raffle tickets are $1.00 each.

Thank you for supporting the GPS P&C who support all children at our school.

Helen Lander

Alma Bamblett

“Learning Circle”

When: Every Wednesday

Where: Alma Bamblett Centre

Time: 3.30pm – 5.30pm

Parents and kids come down to the Alma Bamblett centre for a learning circle. You just bring your homework and we can help the kids. We can also show the parents how to help their kids with homework. So parents, please come with your kids... Any enquires please contact us.

Afternoon tea provided

Naomi Misi 0411875335 Fiona Ingram 0418765114

GRiffith Carevan

Is having a nothing over $2 garage sale

On saturday the 7th March 2015

Out the front of the Alma Bamblett Centre in Heath Crescent, Griffith.

From 7.30am to 12.30pm

BBQ available for breakfast $2 sausage sandwich.

Heaps of kids, womens, mens clothes, shoes, linen & bric-a-brac

Something for everyone.

All money raised goes to the Griffith Carevan.

Hope to see you there. ☺