Term 1 2015

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

Week 8

Tuesday, March 17th
Years 3-6 Forensic Science Day

Thursday, March 19th
Harmony Day-Wear traditional clothes or orange. SRC Cup Cakes for sale 50c

Friday, March 20th
Years 3-6 Cross Country
National Day Against Bullying
2.10pm K-2 Stage Assembly
(no Assembly for Stage 2 / 3)

Week 9

Wednesday, March 25th
7pm P&C AGM

Friday, March 27th
2.10pm K-6 Assembly

Week 10

Tuesday, March 31st
K-2 Easter Hat Parade

Thursday, April 2nd
Last day Term 1

Friday, April 3rd
Good Friday No school

Term Dates for 2015

2 Tuesday 21 April–Friday 26 June
3 Tuesday 14 July–Friday 18 September
4 Tuesday 6 October–Wednesday 16 December

Harmony Day

Harmony Day will be celebrated on Thursday 19th March 2015. We will be celebrating the theme in which “everyone belongs” and where there is unity in diversity. We are requesting that students wear orange clothes or traditional clothes of the countries from which their families came.

Our SRC students will be baking orange cupcakes for sale at fifty cents each. The money the SRC raise will be donated to support refugees in Griffith. As part of the celebrations, students will be made aware of racial discrimination as it is the national day for the elimination of racial discrimination.

Lal Maharaj

Years 3-6 Cross Country

This Friday, 20th March 2015, all Griffith Public School students in Years 3-6 will be attending the Cross Country Carnival at Lake Wyangan. Please return your child’s permission note and $4 as soon as possible to their classroom teacher. Please remember to pack and wear running shoes, hat, sunscreen, two water bottles, food and money for the barbecue. Students must wear their sports uniform or casual clothes in their sporting house colours.

Year 1 ‘Growing and Changing’

Year 1 have been studying how things grow and change this term.

Miss Sergi’s dad, Farmer Tony, visited Year 1 to teach them about watermelons and how they grow. We then tasted his watermelons and they were very sweet and juicy.
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.

Important Information for Year 6 Parents and Students

All Year 6 students have received information about moving into Year 7 in a Government High School. These Expressions of Interest are due back to the school by Friday March 20th and will be passed onto the local high schools to enter data into their systems. Even if you are not planning to attend a local high school, or a government high school, the forms need to be returned with the relevant sections completed.

Dirty Dozen News and Request

Dirty Dozen have begun building a new vertical garden near the Kindergarten rooms. We are in need of plants that will take some direct sunlight and heat. Dirty Dozen would love for any donations of cuttings or plants for our vertical garden. Succulents are one idea. We would like to have a mass of green foliage and colourful flowers. All donations can be sent to Mrs Lemon or Mr Pattison. Thank you.

P&C News

The uniform shop will now be open every Thursday from 9am - 10am. Thank you to our new Uniform shop volunteers, we are now able to keep the uniform shop open every week.

Please support our fundraising events for this term, the Easter Egg Raffle and the Fun Run.

All Easter Egg Raffle money and unsold tickets must be returned to school by FRIDAY 27th MARCH. The raffle will be drawn at the K-2 Easter Hat Parade on Tuesday 31st March.

All Fun Run money and sponsorship forms must be returned to school by WEDNESDAY 1ST APRIL.

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)

The Easter Hat Parade for all Kindergarten to Year 2 children will be held on Tuesday 31st March at 12.15pm in the school hall.

Parents and friends are invited to attend this exciting afternoon.

Come along and listen to the children perform their songs and poems and look at the wonderful Easter Hats the children have made in their classrooms.

Thankyou,
K-2 Teachers
**5/6H Science Lesson**

Stage 3 students enjoy using the Griffith High School laboratory as part of the new Syllabus Science unit. Lessons are co taught with their class teacher and a Griffith HS teacher, Miss Nicholson. 5/6H have been learning about light.

**News from 2M**

2M have been looking at change and why and how things change.

2M discussed if they could change into anything in the world, what it would be and why...

I want to be a rock star! Then I would be a really good singer and my mum could come and watch me. By Taleira

I would like to turn into a clown, so I can be silly and funny and make people laugh. By Jye

I want to be a shop, and then I could eat everything that is in the shop. By Daniel

I would like to be a microphone, because I want to be LOUD! By Sabrina

I want to be a chocolate! I like chocolate and it’s delicious!! By Happy

I would like to be a Fairy Godmother. Then I could fly and make everything pretty. By Layshana

**Library Borrowing**

Fantastic borrowers from 2L. Great to see our students reading!

**School Canteen**

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This Thursday we will be selling ice cream in a cone for $1.50.
Please have orders in by 9.30am SHARP.

Thank you,

Brenda, Canteen Manager.
Meet the GPS Staff

5 / 6T and Assistant Principal, Mrs Patricia Campbell

5 / 6 C Mrs Angela Catanzariti

5 / 6 D Miss Bessie Dossitor

5 / 6H Miss Kate Halliday

Assembly Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received awards at the last stage assemblies.

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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
Science Workshop

Enjoy a slice of history and step back in time at Griffith Pioneer Park Museum Action Day

- Horse-drawn Wagon
- Vintage Vehicles
- Steam Pumps
- Free Traditional Games & Prizes
- Blacksmith
- Train Rides
- Pony Rides
- Jackaroo Skills
- Craft & Gems
- Local Artists
- Sheep Shearing

Adults $10 - Pensioners $8 - Children $6
Family $30 (2 adults + 3 children)

Good Friday, April 3, 10am – 4pm
Young local entertainers organised by local artist Gloria Burns*
Homemade pasta sauce & a range of other food & refreshments*

Pioneer Park Museum, Remembrance Drive. T 6962 4196

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: ______________