**Term 1 2015**

**Calendar**

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

**Week 9**

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**Week 10**

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**Harmony Day**

Harmony Day was celebrated on Thursday 19th of March 2015. Our students came to school wearing an exotic display of traditional and orange coloured clothes. The captains’ speeches highlighted the theme that “Everyone Belongs” as well as the elimination of racial discrimination and bullying.

The SRC, under the guidance of Miss Kate Halliday, baked dozens of mouth-watering orange cup-cakes and raised a sum of $115.00, which will be donated to support refugees in Griffith.

Congratulations to all the winners of the “best dressed” and “best artwork” competitions.

I wish to convey a huge thank you to the teachers for working tirelessly with the theme of Harmony Day and for preparing the “country of origin” maps which are displayed in the administration foyer. Finally, thank you to everyone for making Harmony Day special and memorable. Mr Lal Maharaj
Years 3-6 Cross Country

Last Friday, 20th March 2015, Griffith Public School held the Primary Cross Country Carnival. It was fantastic to see so many students following our school values of respect, responsibility and do your best when encouraging and supporting their classmates as they competed in the 2km and 3km races.

A huge thank you to the P and C for supplying an ice block for every child which they loved eating when we returned to school! Thank you also to the parents who came to support the students, it is an absolute thrill for them to see you at our school activities. I really appreciate the parents who volunteered and the wonderful GPS staff who assisted me with the smooth running of the carnival.

The 2015 Cross Country Champions are-
Junior Girls- Siuaki Tuiaki
Junior Boys- Jake Rand
11 Years Girls- Moerai Rangirua Makonia
11 Years Boys- Austin Colgan
Senior Girls- Reuben Leao-Seve Simpson
Senior Boys- Gladys Asomua
House Champion- Goolagong
Do Your Best Award- to be announced

The Cross Country Champions will be presented with their trophies at the next K-6 Assembly on Friday 27th March 2015 at 2:15pm in the school hall.

Congratulations to the 48 students who have qualified for the Griffith Zone Cross Country Carnival- the first 8 runners in each event. You will be given information and permission notes about this carnival early next term.

Thank you to Miss Browne for organising the carnival and to all the staff and parent volunteers for ensuring the Cross Country was a great event.

K-2 will participate in their Fun Run this Thursday at 10am.

K-6 Easter Church Services

Children, in Years Kindergarten to Year 6 who attend Scripture classes, will visit churches on Thursday 2nd April at 11:30am for special Easter services.

Travel will be by bus. Children are asked to bring in a donation of $1 to their classroom teacher, as soon as possible, to cover the cost of the bus.

If you do not give permission for your child to attend, please notify your child’s classroom teacher as soon as possible this week.

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 this 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 this WEDNESDAY 25th MARCH at 7pm in the staffroom. Everyone is most welcome to attend!

Thank you, Helen Lander
(P&C President)
Meet the GPS Staff

(Left to right)
Mrs Melissa Dal Broi, School Administration Officer
Mrs Sue Schaefer, School Administration Manager
Mrs Ines Taprell, School Administration Officer
Mrs Megan Wood, School Administration Officer

John Scott, General Assistant
Ray Schaefer, General Assistant
Shawn Pattison, School Learning Support Officer

Phil Violi,
School Administration Officer-Library

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

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
School Canteen

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Hot Dogs $3.00
Chicken Burgers $3.50

This Friday 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.

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.

News from 3/4P
3/4P has been investigating length. The students measured their height by drawing around their bodies and measuring their height using a metre ruler and recording in cm. They also discussed the accuracy of their measurements.
It was a great activity!

Win a $5.00 Canteen Voucher Week 9
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: ________________