NEWSLETTER TERM 1 WEEK 10
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Term 1 2015
Calendar
*Please note dates from week to week as there are occasionally some changes.

Week 10

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<td>Tuesday, March 31st</td>
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<td>Thursday, April 2nd</td>
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<td>Friday, April 3rd</td>
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K-2 Fun Run

On Thursday K-2 held their Fun Run in the Community Gardens. It was a beautiful day and it was great to see everyone having a go and trying their best. Congratulations to the whole of K-2 on a fantastic day.

Shelters in 1S

1S have been studying Shelters and have made their very own shelters at home with some help from their families. Look at the wonderful creations they have made!

News from the Library Premiers Reading Challenge

The Reading Challenge has been going for four weeks now and students of GPS have read a grand total of 816 books towards the challenge! This week, our first students have finished the Challenge – Delilah Samuelu, Tangata Toru and Sophia Kelsey, all from 3/4P. Well done, girls! I am sure there will be many more to come.
Early Action for Success Update

With the ‘Early Action for Success’ funding we are able to continue placing extra teacher time in every Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 class. Extra teacher time allows students in need to be identified and given one on one or small group support in literacy or numeracy. Each class has additional time for teachers to plan, record and prepare ideas that develop student’s literacy and numeracy skills.

Our Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 teachers have been training in L3 which is a specialized program, allowing teachers to personalize children’s reading and writing in small target groups. Our Early Action for Success support teachers are also training in L3. We are continuing to buy great books, to ensure our students have quality stories and experiences to read and write about. We hope that all students keep reading and talking about books at home as well as school.

At Griffith Public School we have high expectations that students will learn and succeed. The ‘Early Action for Success Program’ supports students in achieving these expectations.

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.

P&C News

Hi everyone! Thank you so much to everyone who brought in donations, bought raffle tickets or sold tickets for our Easter Raffle. This is on its way to becoming a favourite annual fundraiser – especially for the lucky winners! Thanks especially to Rachel Dreyer for putting together the wonderful Easter hampers.

Fun run: congratulations to all the children who ran in this year’s cross country! For those students who collected Fun Run sponsors make sure you bring in your money and forms by this Thursday, so that you can qualify for an incentive prize.

AGM: Last week we held the AGM (annual general meeting) for the P&C committee, which saw the election of new office bearers. A big thank you to Helen Lander, who has been a most dedicated and active member of the P&C for 12 years and, as most people would know, has been president for many of these! Thank you also to Craig Waring-Bryant, another long-serving P&C member who has most recently spent 2 years as treasurer. Both Helen and Craig have contributed many hours of their spare time to supporting GPS through their work in the P&C.

This year our new office bearers are:

President: Vanessa Clark
Treasurer: Michelle McIntosh
Secretary: Justine MacCormick
Uniform Coordinator: Rachel Dreyer

Remember: you don’t need any special skills or talents to join the P&C – just an interest in what’s going on at school, and a desire to contribute your thoughts and ideas. So feel free to join us at our next meeting! Meetings are held on a Wednesday of each month during term, at 7pm in the staff room. Dates are always in the newsletter. The first meeting for Term 2 is Wednesday 6th May.

Uniform shop: Do you have an hour free on Thursday mornings? If so, and you think you could help out in the uniform shop, please come to the hall this Thursday, 2nd April at 8:45am to meet with Rachel and discuss.

Mothers’ Day stall: This year our Mothers’ Day stall will be held on Thursday, 7th May, so mark it on your calendars!

Best regards, Vanessa Clark
School Canteen

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Thank you to last week’s helper, Cathy.

Please have orders in by 9.30am SHARP.

Thank you,

Brenda, Canteen Manager.

Sprinkles

Sprinkles Multicultural Playgroup will be closed this Thursday, 2nd April.

Meet the GPS Staff

Mrs Fiona Brown, Library

Mr Lal Mahraj, English as Another Language or Dialect (EALD) Teacher

Mrs Rita McIver, Assistant Principal, Support Teacher

Mrs Leanne McWhirter, Computers

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 $5 – Children $5
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