## NEWSLETTER TERM 2 WEEK 2

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### Term 2 2015 Calendar

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

### Week 2

- **Tuesday, April 28th**  
  Rugby League Trent Barrett Shield
- **Wednesday April 29th**  
  3.20pm Parent Workshop—Computers and Library
- **Friday, May 1st**  
  9.45am K-2 Athletics Fun Day

### Week 3

- **Tuesday, May 5th**  
  7pm P&C Meeting
- **Thursday, May 6th**  
  P&C Mother’s Day Stall
- **Friday, May 7th**  
  11am Mums and Muffins Day  
  K-6 Assembly

### Week 4

- **Tuesday, May 12th**  
  Years 3 & 5 NAPLAN
- **Wednesday, May 13th**  
  Years 3 & 5 NAPLAN
- **Thursday, May 14th**  
  Years 3 & 5 NAPLAN
- **Friday, May 15th**  
  Years 3-6 Athletics qualification field events day

### Week 5 BOOK FAIR

- **Wednesday, May 20th**  
  Years 3-6 Athletics Day
- **Friday, May 22nd**  
  K-6 Assembly

### Week 6

- **Tuesday, May 26th**  
  Sorry Day  
  Rugby League Mortimer Shield
- **Friday, May 29th**  
  K-6 Assembly

### Week 7

- **Friday, June 5th**  
  K-6 Assembly

### Week 8

- **Monday, June 8th**  
  Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday
- **Tuesday June 9th**  
  Riverina Cross Country

### Week 9

- **Friday, June 19th**  
  K-6 Assembly

### Week 10 NAIDOC Week

- **Monday, June 22nd**  
  NAIDOC Week Flag Raising
- **Tuesday June 23rd**  
  Traditional Indigenous Games
- **Wednesday, June 24th**  
  NAIDOC Week Cultural Activities
- **Thursday, June 25th**  
  Elder's Morning Tea
- **Friday, June 26th**  
  Last day Term 2

### ANZAC Day
Last Friday the school held its 25th ANZAC luncheon. Many ex-servicemen and women and their families and friends joined our senior students for lunch in the hall where many things were discussed over the meal including our visitors’ experiences of war and our students’ knowledge about the ANZACs.

The lunch was preceded by a ceremony run by our school captains. The guest speaker was Flight Lieutenant Michael Borg who has had a long and varied military career. He spoke about the reasons the ANZAC tradition is so important and about what and why things happened at Gallipoli 100 years ago. The choir sang a range of songs both at the ceremony and at the luncheon. Lots of picture books about ANZACs were available for our guests to read with our students also.

It was a wonderful day and many thanks go to Mrs Catanzariti, Mrs Campbell and Mrs McWhirter and all the teachers who helped by providing art work or helping to decorate the hall.

Griffith ANZAC Day March and Service

Thank you to all students and staff who attended the local march on Saturday. It was wonderful to see our school well represented and we were very happy that the rain stayed away for the duration of the march and the service!

Books in Homes

This term Griffith Public School has been very fortunate in gaining the support of the ‘Books in Homes’ program. On Griffith Public’s behalf ‘Books in Homes’ gained support from the ‘Bennelong Foundation’ to provide the funds for 217 students to be part of their program. ‘Books in Homes’ is a not for profit organisation that helps children and families develop and maintain a love for reading by bringing books into children’s homes.

As part of the program, the school receives a variety of good quality books each term. Students from kindergarten to year 3 will then be able to look at the books and choose three that they would like to own. At the end of each term the books are given to the K-3 students at a special ‘Book Giving Assembly’. These books are the students to keep and each child is provided with a book bag in which to store their books. Each assembly has a special guest and parents are invited to participate in the assembly.

Books have arrived at the school this week and students will begin making their choices with the help of their teachers.

We are very excited to be part of this program and wish to sincerely thank ‘Books In Homes’ and the ‘Bennelong Foundation’ for their support. We encourage all students and families to keep reading and sharing stories.
**School Group Photos**

School photos were sent home with the students in the last week of Term 1. Choir, School Captains, House Captains and SRC group photos are on display in the school office foyer. Each photo is $18. Please ask the office staff for an order form if you wish to purchase any group photos.

**Riverina Rugby League**

Last Friday Joshua Low, Michael Asomua and Reuben Leao-Seve Simpson travelled to Leeton to take part in the Riverina selection trials for rugby league. Boys travelled from all across the Riverina to showcase their talents. Our boys played exceptionally well on the day and we are very proud to announce that through all their hard work, Michael and Reuben gained selection in the team. They will now travel to Sydney later in the term to compete in the state carnival. We wish both boys all the best.

**Griffith Touch Football Trials**

Last Wednesday a number of students went to Ted Scobie oval to take part in the Griffith Zone PSSA touch football trials. Michael Asomua, Reuben Leao-Seve Simpson, Wotoa Toru, Omega Liu, Jake Rand, Joshua Low, Vanessa Parker, Luisa Tuiaki, Gladys Asomua, Ma’ata Alai Lokeni, Susan Rangiura, Beyonce Marella, Mary Magdalene Puleheloto-Nosa all represented GPS. Students came from schools all around Griffith to try their best to gain selection in the team. All our students played extremely well on the day and we were very proud to hear the following names announced at the end of the trials - Michael Asomua, Reuben Leao Seve Simpson and Joshua Low (absent from photo). These boys will now travel to Albury on the 28th of May to take part in the Riverina trials. We wish the boys all the best.

**Stewart House Donation Drive**

Stewart House donation envelopes were sent home last week. Fill in your name, address, telephone number and school name. Insert a donation of at least $2 into the envelope and seal it. Return the envelope to your teacher. A $2 donation could win a $4000 family holiday!

**Excursions**

Reminder notes have been sent home to all Year 5 & 6 students who have paid the deposit to go on the Canberra excursion later this year. It is now time for a second instalment of $100 towards the final cost. This is due by the end of this term. It may be paid in one lump sum or in small amounts each week.

Students in Years 3 & 4 received information this week about the excursion to Junee and Narrandera in Term 4. This overnight excursion is always a highlight for students. If you would like your child to attend please return the permission note with a deposit of $50 to the office by the end of this term. If you would like more information please contact Mrs Parisotto.

**Book Fair**

Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Griffith Public School!

On the 18th May (Week 5 Term 2), and for all of week 5, you and your child will have the chance to buy from a huge selection of books which will be on display in the Library. Prices start at $1, so there will be something to suit every budget.

Mrs Fiona Brown
Library Teacher

**School Canteen**

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Hot Milo is available in the morning only for 60c
We have small hash browns also, for 50c

Chicken Drummy    $2
Chicken Burger    $3.50
Sweet Chilli Chicken Wrap    $4.00
Hot Dog           $3.00

Thank you, Brenda, Canteen Manager.
P&C News

Hello to all Parents and Carers,

This year's Fun Run was once again hugely successful, raising well over $1,000! This money will be used to subsidize excursions for all our children at GPS. A special thank you to Michelle McIntosh and Craig Waring-Bryant for their behind-the-scenes work, ensuring all children who helped raise money for GPS are now enjoying their hard-earned prizes.

Just a reminder, the Uniform Shop is now open from 9-10 am every Thursday, thanks to the kindness of volunteers, led by Rachel Dreyer. Our next P&C meeting is next week, Wednesday May 6th at 7:00pm in the staff room. We would love to see you there!

Best regards, Vanessa Clark

3/4P Maths News

In 3/4P students have been investigating Data. Their mission was to collect data about breakfast cereals from different classes and tally the results. Then they had to construct a column graph. The results were fantastic!

Opportunity Class

NSW Department of Education provides Year 5 opportunity classes, mostly in Sydney for students going into Year 5 in 2016. It is a two year placement programme. There are no opportunity classes in Griffith, however if you wish to obtain more information about these classes please contact the school. These classes are for academically advanced students and are selective and based on an entrance exam.

Sip & Sign

Practice your Auslan (signing) skills.

WHERE: Griffith Central – food mall
WHEN: Thursdays, Weeks 1,3,5,7,9. Term2
TIME: 4pm – 5pm
A very informal get together with local school staff, parents and members of the Deaf Community. An opportunity to learn basic signing skills.

Contact Christine – 0434146150 for more details.

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

You are invited to visit the Library and Computer Room to find out what your child/children are learning in those lessons. Afternoon tea is being provided for the adults. If you need to bring your school-aged children, a teacher will be here to supervise them.

Date: Wednesday 29th April 2015
Time: 3.20pm to 4.30pm

Please meet in the Griffith Public School Library.