# NEWSLETTER TERM 3 WEEK 4

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### Term 3 2015

#### Calendar

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

#### Week 4

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### Education Week

Thank you to staff, students and parents for helping us celebrate Education Week last week! We are fortunate to have so many talented students at GPS with staff and family members who work hard to educate and support them in many ways.

Highlights of the week included our Education Week Assembly at which ex-students, Mr Brian Dossetor and his daughter (and GPS teacher) Miss Bessie Dossetor spoke, students were presented with awards and our choir and KROP group performed.

On Tuesday our captains were presented with leadership trophies at the launch of Education Week at the Plaza and our Multicultural Speakers presented their speeches. Our School Choir and Kindergarten students also performed at the Plaza on Wednesday.

Finally our KROP students entertained the Griffith community with their outstanding performance at the Regional Theatre on Thursday and Friday.
KROP Thank you

Thank you to all the students and staff involved in KROP 2015. Our Indian “Hollywood goes to Bollywood” item was spectacular! Congratulations to all the students who were wonderful ambassadors of our school. The students were a credit to themselves and their families. Their behaviour over the two days and nights of performing was outstanding. Mrs Lander and Mrs McWhirter were extremely proud of them. The students are to be congratulated for their dedication and hard work for the past two terms, giving up every Monday lunch to rehearse.

Thank you to all parents and staff who supported our KROP students by going along and watching the performance. Without an audience there would be no reward for the performance! A very special thank you to the many staff members who stayed after school to help Mrs McWhirter and Mrs Lander to prepare our students for the evening performances. It was a very rewarding and memorable experience for all involved.
Choir Sings Loud and Proud at Central

Our very talented choir performed at Griffith Central for Education Week. The choir sang some of our school favourites. They sang and signed John Lennon's 'Imagine' and finished with 'Wish me Luck as You Wave me Goodbye'. The choir stayed on after our performance and watched the Wade High School dancers. The Wade High students even chose some of our stars to 'shake their groove thing' on the stage.

Thank you to the parents and carers who came to support us at Central. We really appreciated having you there. The Area News were on hand and not only took photos but made a video of us singing 'Imagine'. Check it out on their website.

Spelling Bee Finals

GPS Spelling Bee School Finals are being held this Wednesday, 5th August in the hall.
Stage 2 9:45-11:30am
Stage 3 12:10-1:40pm and
Stage 1 (year 2) 2:05-3:10pm.
Parents and friends are welcome to come and support our spelling finalists for 2015!

Intensive swimming

Intensive Swimming notes went home in week 2. The cost is $45 for each student and begins on Monday 7th September through until Friday the 18th September. Notes and money must be paid to the front office by 14th August. This is a really good opportunity for your child to have great swimming lessons at a very reasonable price.

Zone Athletics Carnival

Congratulations and good luck to the 40 students who are attending the Zone Athletics Carnival on Friday 7th August 2015. We are sure you will proudly represent GPS.

Stage 2 Excursion

Students in Years 3 & 4 received information last term 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 as soon as possible. If you would like more information please contact Mrs Parisotto.

Silent Auction and Raffle Tickets

The winners of the Griffith Central shopping voucher raffle, raising money towards sending Michael Asomua to Darwin as part of the NSW State PSSA Rugby League team were:
3rd ($50 voucher) Samantha Gadsden
2nd ($50 voucher) Deondre Samuelu
1st ($150 voucher) Samantha Gadsden

Mr Derek Noffke was the highest bidder in the silent auction and is now the proud owner of a framed Brumbies jersey!

Thank you to everyone who has supported all fundraising efforts for Michael. We have been able to help Michael's family pay the PSSA fees and contribute to accommodation costs.

Michael will be travelling to Darwin on Friday. We wish him all the best and will look forward to hearing about his experience on his return.

P&C News

Pie Drive: We will be having a Pie Drive, starting tomorrow! Look out for the order forms and envelopes, which will be due back at school on the 21st August.

Next meeting: Tomorrow night, Wednesday, August 5th, 7pm in the Staff Room – feel free to come and say “Hi”!

Vanessa Clark, P&C President

School Canteen

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Thank you to last week’s helpers, Anne Kelton and Agnes Lolohea. Please order lunches by 9.30am.

Hot Dogs  $3
Pluto Pups $3.00
Chicken Burgers $3.50
Chicken Nuggets $3

Thank you,
Brenda, Canteen Manager
Jeans for Genes Day

The SRC will be supporting Jeans for Genes day **this Friday, 7th of August**.
Please wear denim and bring a gold coin donation to raise money for gene research.

School Banking

A reminder that school banking is every Tuesday.
Please see the school office if you would like an application form to open an account for your child with the Country First Credit Union.

Stage 3 Excursion

All students attending the Stage 3 excursion to Canberra have been sent home updated reminders about keeping payments up to date. Many thanks to parents for ensuring that they have met payment deadlines and helping significantly in the smooth organisation of such a complex excursion. The next payment of $100 is now due and will need to be paid by the end of Term 3 (Friday September 18th). Payments may be made at any time between now and the end of term and can be paid in several smaller instalments so long as the entire amount is paid by September 18th. We thank you for your cooperation. Next term there will be a smaller payment of about $30 to finalise all costs. Medical information and excursion details will be sent home later this term. If you have any queries about the excursion please contact Mrs Campbell.

Griffith Netball

Griffith Representative Netball selection day will be held for the following teams on SUNDAY, 6TH SEPTEMBER 2015:

- 9 am 12 years (born 2004)
- 10 am 13 years (born 2003)
- 11 am 14 years (born 2002)
- 12 pm 15 years (born 2001)
- 1 pm 17’s (born 1999 or 2000)
- 1 pm OPENS

All girls must bring a ball and a drink bottle.
No representative clothing to be worn for tryouts.
Nomination forms to be completed on the morning.
Any questions, please call Karen Lewis on 6964 8712 or 0417 648714

Win a $5.00 Canteen Voucher Week 4

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: ________________

Week 3 winners:
Ruth and Jabez Tietie
Joanna Ataela
Save the Date

Griffith Public School and Kalinda School are celebrating

Carnivale

On
Friday the 4th of September,
2015
10:30 am for a Concert
followed by an
Multicultural Exotic Food Fair

Sip & Sign

Want to communicate with someone who is DEAF?

Join local school staff, parents, and members of the Deaf Community in an informal setting to practise sign language.

WHERE: Griffith Central – food mall TIME: 4pm – 5pm
WHEN: Thursdays weeks 1,3,5,7,9. Term 3 2015
Dates: July 16th & 30th; August 13th & 27th; Sept 10.

YOU’RE ALL WELCOME

Contact Christine – 0434146150 for more details.

A Kalinda Fundraiser

Michael Caton & Jackie Weaver in
LAST CAB TO DARWIN

Thursday 6th August
6.30pm
All tickets $17

Tickets on sale now at
Kalinda School office
Raising much needed funds for the
2015 Canberra Participation
for Kalinda Students

Growing Achieving

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