## NEWSLETTER TERM 3 WEEK 6

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### Term 3 2015 Calendar

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

#### Week 6

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#### Week 10 Intensive Swimming Lessons

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### Intensive swimming-last week to enrol!

*Enrolment in swimming lessons closes this Friday!*  
The cost is $45 per student and swimming begins on Monday 7th September through until Friday the 18th September. This is a really good opportunity for your child to have great swimming lessons at a very reasonable price. Permission notes have been sent home again today and are also available from the school office.

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### Stage 2 and 3 Cooking Group

Every Thursday, William, Aiman, Jariah and I take part in the GPS Master Chef Cooking Club.

One week we decide on what we would like to cook; we then write a shopping list of the ingredients that we need to buy. We then walk with Mrs Sarkis to Rossies and buy the ingredients.

The next week we invite a friend to come along and cook. So far we have cooked Chocolate Banana Brownies and Burgers. I would really like to cook Tacos and Pizza.

We all really enjoy being a part of the cooking club.

By Alicia 5/6T
Choir

Last Thursday, 13th August, half our choir visited the Scalabrini Village during their choir session. The choir performed several of Mrs McWhirter’s favourite songs that they have learnt this year. The residents of the Village enjoyed the performance very much. The children were then treated to afternoon tea with the residents and enjoyed chatting and sharing stories with them. The choir, Mrs McWhirter and the Scalabrini Village are looking forward to the next visit in Week 9, Thursday, 10th September.

Extra order forms for the Carnivale Food Bowls are available from classroom teachers and the front office.

Carnivale Community Group Performers

If there are any community groups who would like to perform at this year’s Carnivale on the 4th of September please see Mrs Lander or Miss Hayman as soon as possible.

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.

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 as 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.

P&C News

Pie Drive – Last week! – Order forms are due back by this Friday

Only a few more days to get in your orders for the Pie Drive. Remember: you can get extra order forms from the office if you need them, and completed forms and money are to be handed into Brenda at the canteen.

Fathers’ Day stall: Friday 28th August

We will have a fantastic range of gifts to choose from, all for just $5! So save time and money this Fathers’ Day by supporting the P&C’s Fathers’ Day stall!!

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2016

Is your child, or the child of a family member, coming to our school in 2016? Children must be 5 before July 31st, 2016, to be eligible to begin school.

Please collect an enrolment from the office ASAP to assist with our planning for next year.

Have you ordered your Carnivale Food Bowl yet?

Orders for the Carnivale food bowls are selling fast!! If you don’t want to miss out, please send in your order form ASAP!

Food bowls are $6.00 each. Everyone who would like to participate in the Carnivale food fair (including children of Griffith Public School) will need to buy a food bowl.

On the day, you will visit each food stall and reuse your food bowl each time to collect a sample from each country.
Uniform Shop: the P&C uniform shop is open every Thursday morning from 9:00 to 10:00. Come on in for jumpers, jackets, winter skirts, long pants and long-sleeved tops. Thank you to our dedicated team of helpers who volunteer their time each week in the uniform shop.

Meetings: Our meetings are held in the staff room, just one Wednesday night a month during term and dates are always noted in the newsletter. Our next meeting will be on September 9th.

Vanessa Clark, P&C President

School Canteen

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Thank you to last week’s helper, Agnes Lolohea.

Hot Dogs       $3
Chicken Burgers $3.50
Sweet Chilli Chicken Wraps $3
Pluto Pups      $3

Please order lunches by 9.30am, thank you.

Brenda, Canteen Manager

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.

The Tell Them from Me Survey

I am delighted that our school, like many other public schools in the state, is participating in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

Many students have already completed the survey which was a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

The survey is confidential.

Our school will also be participating in the Partners in Learning parent survey, another part of the Tell Them From Me suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents’ and carers’ perspectives on their child’s experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically takes 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 17 August and 16 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary; however, your responses are very much appreciated.


Dads and Donuts

At GPS we like to celebrate all the positive and wonderful things dads/grandfathers/uncles contribute to the lives of children. We will be having a day where dads can come in and have a donut and a cup of tea or coffee. It will be held on Friday, 28th August, at 11 am in the school hall. Please come along and share this wonderful opportunity where dads/grandfathers/uncles get to spend some quality time with their child/children.
Woolworths Earn and Learn

If you are shopping at Woolworths please say yes, or ask for the ‘Earn and Learn’ stickers. We are collecting these so we can get some free resources for our students and teachers to use at school. Please place the stickers in the GPS box at Woolworths or in the school foyer. Thank you!

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

Friday Junior Tennis Competition

Junior tennis Competition starts Friday 21st August 2015
4:00pm
Enquiries – Cheryl 0429 126 586 or email your entry to cheryl.rawle@griffithtennis.com.au

Reminder: Pie Drive orders due back this week!

Family Size Pies just $10 each

Plain Beef, Chicken, Pepper Steak, Apple, Custard

Order forms available at the school office.
Last day for ordering and payment is Friday 21st August for delivery at school on Friday 11th September

Win a $5.00 Canteen Voucher Week 6

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: __________________
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Is your child coming to Kindergarten at Griffith Public School next year 2016?

Please fill in the form and return to Griffith Public School
Griffith Public School  Coolah St  Griffith 2680

Your returned note with all sections filled in, will go into a draw to win a Griffith Public School uniform, back pack, lunch box and drink bottle for your child.

Does your child who is coming to GPS in 2016 attend.......... (Please tick)

Day care ☐  eg Dorothy Waide, Head Start, Good Start
Preschool ☐  eg Griffith Central Preschool, Griffith East Preschool, Griffith Preschool, Wiradjuri
Sprinkles ☐

Family Day Care ☐

Playgroup ☐

None of the above ☐

Child’s Name ____________________________

Child’s Birthday ________________________

Parent’s Name _________________________

Phone Number ________________

Address ____________________________________

Thank you,

Jan Kitchingman (Assistant Principal)       Jude Hayman (Principal)