**NEWSLETTER TERM 1 WEEK 5 2016**

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**Term 1 2016**  
*Please note dates from week to week as there are occasionally some changes.*

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**Term 2**  
Wednesday 27th April – 1st July  
**Term 3**  
Tuesday 19th July-23rd September  
**Term 4**  
Monday 10th October-Friday 16th December

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**Sausage Sizzle**

You are invited to a Sausage Sizzle at the Community Gardens this Wednesday, the 24th February, at 5.30pm. Please let the office know if you are attending to help with catering. Please bring your own drinks, salad and chairs / picnic rug.
As this is a family friendly event, no alcohol is allowed. This is a social event and not a school activity so children must be supervised by an adult. We look forward to seeing lots of our families there! Thank you.

**Student Representative Council**

Congratulations to the following students who were elected as the SRC leaders by their class members:

1/2 S - HALAPAAME TUIAKI
2B - ORLANDO GUIDOLIN
2F - RENZO AGATEP
3/4R - TALEEA BURNES AND JAYLAN TIA
3/4D - JESSICA BARBARO AND TIMOTE LIU
3/4SC - MASON PAYNE AND HAPPY SHAH
3/4W - REBECCA TUPA AND FIFITA TUIAKI
3/4P - ATA MISI AND SEINI HALAPIAPI
5/6H - SIALALUA ASOMUA
5/6L - TEVITA TONGA
5/6D - ZIPPORAH PULEHELOTO-NOSA
5/6T – EMANUEL ORAKE
5/6C- To be announced

**Swimming Champions**

Congratulations to our Swimming Champions who were presented with their trophies on Friday.

Junior Girl - Emily Power
Welcome Miss Tyrrell

As a result of an increase in enrolments, we have been fortunate enough to be able to create an additional Stage 3 class, 5/6T.

We would like to welcome Miss Polly Tyrrell to Griffith PS who will be teaching 5/6T for the remainder of the year.

News from 2F

2F have been busy learning lots of interesting things about rainbows. They have been experimenting with light, water and reflection to make their own rainbows in the classroom.
News from KCI

Each week, a child in KCI is selected to take ‘Sully’ home to look after. Each child draws a picture of an activity they did with Sully. Then back at school they tell news about Sully's visit to their house.

Thursday is the day the teddy bears have their picnic!

Kindergarten students are invited to bring in a teddy bear from home on Thursday 25th February. All of Kindergarten will have a picnic lunch with their teddy bears. Students will be required to pack or order their lunches as normal.

2015 Coolah Chronicle

Did you miss out on buying the Coolah Chronicle last year? There are a small number of our school magazines available for $25 each. If you would like to purchase one please see our friendly office staff.

Aboriginal Community Meeting

On Friday 4th March at 1pm, a meeting will be held in the Wiradjuri Room at school. Parents, carers and community members are encouraged to attend. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss ideas as to how the school community can best support Aboriginal students to achieve their best at school.

P&C News

Thank you to the generous families who donated cakes for our swimming carnival – it helped keep the teachers energetic and smiling throughout the day!

Thank you to the parents who completed the P&C surveys. In response to this, we have changed our meeting times and hope to see you there! Note: extra surveys can be collected from the office if you need one.

Our next P&C meeting will be held on Thursday, March 3rd at 5:30pm, in the staff room. This is our first meeting of the year, so we will have lots to talk about and look forward to hearing your ideas or questions.

Uniform shop: The P&C uniform shop is open each Thursday morning from 9:00 to 10:00. Thank you to our volunteers who donated their time for last week’s uniform shop.

Best regards, VANESSA CLARK, P&C President

School Photos

School photos are on Tuesday, 1st March 2016. Photo envelopes were sent home last week. Please return your sealed envelopes (with correct money enclosed) to the school as soon as possible or order online (see the notice at the end of this newsletter). The school office does not handle the orders or give change.

Canteen News

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

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Thank you.
Elena, Acting Canteen Manager.
How can I encourage my child to write?
• Read your child’s writing or have him or her read the writing to you and comment on the positive aspects, for example, “I really like the way you’ve described this.”
• Praise your child for having a go at writing words that are new and explain how to spell words which are causing difficulty.
• Talk to your child about why an author or film maker might create a book, play or film in a particular way. What points of view are presented? What is the author’s purpose? (The purpose is the reason why a text was written and the audience is the person or people for whom the text was written).
• Read and talk about the writing that your child brings home from school.
• Praise your child for using neat and legible handwriting.
• In order to develop spelling and vocabulary, play word games such as I Spy, Scrabble, Boggle, Scattergories and crosswords.

How can I help my child with writing at home?
• Have your child label things that he or she designs or makes.
• Compile a photo album or scrapbook with your child and have him or her write captions for the photos and pictures, or encourage your child to keep a diary of special events, e.g. a holiday diary.
• Make the writing of notes, letters and stories a normal part of family life.
• Involve your child in helping to complete forms, such as insurance or Medicare claims, and in writing job applications or résumés.

Murrumbidgee Marramarra

Western Riverina Arts is pleased to invite Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists (residing in the Western Riverina region of NSW – Narrandera, Leeton, Griffith City and Murrumbidgee Shires) to submit work for the 2016 art exhibition Murrumbidgee Marramarra.

Murrumbidgee Marramarra is a new partnership venture with works to be exhibited in the Griffith Regional Art Gallery during July 2016. Regional Development Officer Derek Motion says the aim of this exhibition is to provide an opportunity to celebrate the creativity and cultural engagement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists in the region.

‘The Western Riverina is home to some very talented Indigenous artists and this project will present the best of their works in a major regional art gallery, showcasing it to the wider community,’ he said. ‘We also hope the project will encourage younger artists to get involved and to create new work. In partnership with the Griffith Regional Art Gallery we have plans to make this exhibition an annual process.’

Any Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists interested in exhibiting work should get in touch with the exhibition organisers directly, as soon as possible, either Derek Motion at Western Riverina Arts (rado@westrivarts.com.au or 0428882059) or Ray Wholahan at the Griffith Regional Art Gallery (Raymond.Wholohan@griffith.nsw.gov.au or 69 628338). Space will be limited for this exciting new exhibition meaning only high quality, recently completed work will be considered.

ENDS

Western Riverina Arts helps build creative communities across the local government areas of Narrandera, Leeton and Griffith.

Griffith Netball Association

Registration and ‘Come and Try’ Day

Saturday 5th March at 11am, Jubilee Oval, Griffith

Come and play netball this season with the Griffith Netball Association!

Registrations will be taken for Net Set Go, Junior and Senior Divisions from 11am – 2pm

Never played netball and want to give it a try?

‘Come and Try’ Netball on the same day from 12 noon – 1:30pm.

For more information please contact Association President, Caroline Stevenson on 0429 536813 or griffinnettball@gmail.com or our website: www.griffinhna.nsw.netball.com.au

Win a $5.00 Canteen Voucher Week 5

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:__________________
Senior and Junior Basketball Nomination Night

Thursday 18th February 5pm – 6.30pm
Thursday 25th February 5pm – 6.30pm

Senior Autumn Competition

Individual Senior Nominations are $30.00 per player for 12 weeks of rounds + Finals
For nominations to be accepted, at least 5 players fully paid will need to be registered.
All players in 2016 will need to be fully paid before taking the court.
Please read the memo (2015) attached.

Competition will start 6th March, 2016
Juniors will start on the Thursday 3rd March, 2016
Aussie Hoops will start on Monday 7th 14th March, 2016
Junior competition- individual Nominations only

Monday Night Aussie Hoops
- New member $ 89.00
- Renewal $ 59.00

Thursday Night Competition
11 years & under $90.00
13 years & under $115.00
15 years & under $115.00
($48 Door Fee included in registration fee)
If child is playing in a second game an extra $48 is added to the Registration Fee.

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Our school photos will be taken on Tuesday 1st March 2016.

For the convenience of our school community, school photos can be ordered and paid for online using a secure online platform. Orders placed online DO NOT require an envelope, cash/cheques or paperwork returned to school.

Envelope Orders: photos can also be purchased in the traditional manner using an envelope, with cash/cheque enclosed.

The preference of our school is that orders and payments be made online, as this reduces the administration and associated security issues related to the return of cash & envelopes on photo day.

To place your order visit www.advancedlife.com.au and enter the code- [SME VCH 1Q1]. This code can also be found printed on your envelope. Please be aware that-

1. Sibling/Family Photos can be ordered online or via envelope. To ensure a smoothly run photo day, online orders for Sibling/Family Photos will be cut off at 12.00 a.m. the night before our photo day to allow a list of students that require Sibling/Family Photographs taken to be compiled. Sibling photos can still be ordered after the online cut off date by collecting an envelope from the office and returning the envelope on photo day with your payment enclosed.
2. All online orders should be placed on or before our day of photography.
3. The online code above may also be used to order sports and other group photos.

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2016 Census job opportunities – apply today!

Do you want to make a difference in your community and help shape its future? The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) is looking for motivated, community-minded project managers to fill up to 850 positions available for Area Supervisors to manage Census operations across NSW including towns such as Griffith, Leeton, Narrandera, Demiurg and Cowra in the Griffith Lachlan, districts. This is an exciting work under the banner of the 2016 Census digital-first approach, so if you are tech-savvy and a great communicator, the ABS wants to hear from you.

Applicants for Area Supervisor roles must be Australian citizens or have the legal right to work in Australia, and hold a valid driver’s licence. Applications close on 21st February 2016. To view the applicant information kit and to apply online, visit abs.gov.au/careers.

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2016 Census

The Census of Population and Housing is on the 9th of August 2016.

In 2016, the Census will count close to 10 million dwellings and approximately 24 million people on Census night.

Census data supports Australian Government funding for services and infrastructure in our community including housing, transport, education, industry, hospitals, and the environment.

This will be Australia’s first digital Census with 55 per cent of Australian households expected to complete it online. Completing the Census online is fast, easy, secure and environmentally friendly, and can be filled out from any device with internet access.