



NEWSLETTER TERM 1 WEEK 10 2026

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

This is the final week of Term 1. We have a short week this week – our last day is on Thursday. School resumes for students on Wednesday 22nd April.

After three rewarding terms relieving as Principal of Griffith Public School, I am preparing to return to Newcastle. It has truly been a privilege to lead such a vibrant and beautiful school. I want to sincerely thank our community for their warm welcome and support throughout my time here. I am also deeply grateful to our dedicated staff for their generosity and flexibility as we navigated many changes together. Mr Noffke is excited to return to Griffith Public School in Term 2.

We are looking forward to an exciting and colourful Easter Hat Parade at 12pm tomorrow. Parents are welcome to come along and enjoy the festivities with us. We will also have the Easter Raffle draw at this time. Thanks to the P&C for their organisation and to the many families who made donations.

I wish you all a safe and restful holiday.

Have a great week, everyone!

Helen King
Principal (Rel)

Cross-Country

Our school's Cross-Country carnival will be held on Monday of Week 3 – 4th May. Permission notes will be sent home soon. The carnival is for students in Years 1-6 and the cost is \$5. This fee covers the bus and a sausage sizzle lunch. The holiday break is a great time to practice running longer distances! Please see the permission note for details of the race distances.

Look for the permission note on School Bytes in the next few days.

ANZAC Day Public Holiday

We have been given an additional public holiday this year for ANZAC Day as it falls on a Saturday. Monday 27th April will be a public holiday for 2026. Details about community events you may wish to attend will be sent home in Week 1, Term 2.

Year 2 Swimming

Swimming lessons for all Year 2 students will start in Week 2 of next term. Thank you to the many families who have already completed the permission notes. Thanks to the generous support of the P&C, these lessons are free to students to help ensure that everyone can stay safe near the water.

Gates at school

Our gates are locked once students are in class and parents have departed. We are able to control the flow of visitors when all gates are locked as access is only through the front gate. In the morning, you can aid us in getting the gates closed by exiting as soon as your child is connected with friends or their teacher. This also helps them to settle and transition into their school day. If your child is having difficulty separating in the morning, please speak to their teacher as we are able to support both you and your child through this process.

School Photos

School photos were taken last week. You can still order photos online **until the end of this week** and they will be included with the others so you won't have to pay for postage.

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Griffith Public School - Term 1 2026						
Term 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
Week 10	30 March	31 March	1 April K-2 Easter Hat Parade 12.15pm	2 April Last day of Term 1	3 April Good Friday	4 April
Term 2 Week 1	20 April Staff Development Day	21 April Staff Development Day	22 April Students return to school	23 April	24 April	25/26 April
Week 2	27 April Public Holiday	28 April Year 2 Swimming starts	29 April	30 April	1 May	2/3 May



We want everyone to be safe these holidays...

Chalk drawings - can be lots of fun but ensure your child is not working across driveways or shared paths where they are at risk of not being seen by a driver or cyclist. Always have an adult or friend standing upright when drawing so they can easily be seen.

Playing with balls - talk with your child and their friends about stopping to look for vehicles/riders before chasing runaway balls. Encourage one of them to be a spotter to keep an eye out for vehicles/riders and to pause the play, get everyone to stand in a safe spot until it's OK to resume play. Check road safety risks of installed basketball or netball hoops such as not being seen by drivers entering or exiting driveway entrances or blind spots from street bends or corners.

Changes in traffic - explain to your child that quiet roads don't mean they are always safe roads; they must be alert to vehicles/riders e.g. cul-de-sacs

Riding and walking to the shops or friend's house or having sleepovers - discuss how to be a safe and responsible pedestrian/rider/passenger. Highlight the potential places of risk when playing or travelling. Talk about what to do if they're feeling unsafe or there's an emergency.

Things to share with your children when they're out and about:

- they always tell you/an adult when and where they are going
- if feeling unsafe, tell someone and move to somewhere safer
- avoid playing near driveways and car parks as drivers may not see them
- check their bike's brakes, bell, reflectors and tyres are all working before going for a ride
- correctly wear a helmet when riding any device
- remove their headphones when near traffic so they can hear approaching vehicles
- stop, look, listen, think before they cross the road, and not just follow their friends



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YEAR 2 SWIMMING

The program will run from Tuesday 28th April - Tuesday 30th June (Term 2)

Remember to bring:

- Swimmers & Towel
- Spare underwear & socks
- Goggles
- Plastic bag for wet clothes

Please return notes to the office asap or online via school bytes

Permission due by Thursday 2nd April

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