



NEWSLETTER TERM 1 WEEK 4 2026

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Swimming Carnival

Our swimming carnival is on next Monday, 23rd February. Please remember to complete the permission note on School Bytes and pay \$4 for student entry fee. Feel welcome to drop down to the pool during the day to watch your child's races. All spectators will need to pay \$1.50 for pool entry.

NAPLAN

Our Year 3 & 5 students will be sitting their NAPLAN assessments in the coming weeks. Like 2025, the assessments will be online. The NAPLAN Online assessment window starts on Wednesday 11th March 2025 and finishes on Monday 23rd March 2026. Students will be assessed in Writing, Reading, Conventions of Language and Numeracy.

The online format is an adaptive program, designed to assess a wider range of student abilities and to measure student achievement more precisely.

All students involved will start their preparations soon, with a note going home to parents soon. If you have any concerns regarding NAPLAN, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Whole School Assemblies

Our Whole School Assemblies for this term are as follows:

Friday 27th February 2026

Friday 13th March 2026

Friday 27th March 2026

Please feel welcome to come along and celebrate student success with us. These will be held in the hall from 2:05 - 3pm. Please note: All students will go back to their classroom with their teacher to collect their bags and be dismissed when the bell goes at 3:05pm. We ask that parents wait until the end of the day bell to collect students after the assembly.

Students Leaving School Early

If your child is required to leave school early, parents are required to come into the school office and sign them out. Please note, if you do come into school grounds and go straight to the classroom to collect your child, teachers direct you back to the office to get a 'sign out' slip before releasing students. This is one way of keeping our students safe. Your support with this matter is appreciated.

Parent Meet and Greet – Save the Date

As there are a few changes in staffing and classes this year, we are holding a Parent/Teacher Meet and Greet on Wednesday 11th March. Parents are welcome to come along and meet their child's teacher whilst enjoying a free sausage sizzle and coffee. Intervention staff will also be available to discuss how they support students within the classroom and through small group withdrawal. Please feel welcome to come along and talk to your classroom teacher and a chat with other school families. Further details soon.

Attendance

School attendance rate so far this semester is 90.9%

NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...

- Learn
- Make friends
- Build skills through fun

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Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	they miss weeks per year	and years over their school life
1 day per fortnight	4 weeks	Over 1 year missed
1 day per week	8 weeks	Over 2.5 years missed

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Griffith Public School - Term 1 2026						
Term 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
Week 4	16 Feb	17 Feb	18 Feb	19 Feb	20 Feb	21/22 Feb
Week 5	23 Feb Swimming Carnival	24 Feb Student leaders to GCC	25 Feb	26 Feb	27 Feb Whole school assembly 2pm	28/1 March
Week 6	2 March Zone Swimming Carnival	3 March	4 March GHS Yr 6 info night 5.30pm	5 March AECG meeting 2pm WHS Yr 6 info night 5.30pm	6 March	7/8 March
Week 7	9 March	10 March	11 March Parent Meet and Greet	12 March	13 March Whole school assembly 2pm	14/15 March

Personal Learning Plans

Personal Learning Plans (PLPs) for all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students from Years 1 - 6 are in the process of being developed. Teachers will have draft copies available for families at the Parent Meet & Greet. Teachers will then make contact during the weeks after the meet and greet to discuss these further with you. Kindergarten will start theirs in Semester 2 once they have settled in to school.

Mobile devices (including mobile phones and smart watches)

We would like to remind you that under NSW Department of Education policy, students are not permitted to use or access mobile devices during school hours. These include mobile phones and smart watches. If you require your child to have a mobile phone for safety reasons for their travel to and from school, we ask that they hand in their mobile phone to the front office on arrival to school and collect it at the end of the day. For smart watches, students may use the watch function of these during school hours only. We ask that parents refer to the settings and set these for no contact or messaging during school hours. If you need to contact your child during school hours, please call the front office and a message will be given to your child.

Have a great week.
Kristy Lemon
Rel. Principal

School Photos

School photos will be later this term. Save the date **Thursday 26th March**. Photo envelopes to order your school photos will be sent home soon but their preference is for orders to be placed online.

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to order visit: www.advancedlife.com.au

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from your school office**



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WELCOME TO 6B

with Miss Barton



HILLSTON OUTBACK TRIATHLON 2026



Invitation to Participate in the 2026 Hillston Outback Triathlon

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are pleased to share an opportunity for students to participate in the **2026 Hillston Outback Triathlon**, held on **Sunday, 1 March 2026** at **Lake Woorabinda, Hillston**.

In 2026, the event is introducing a **Schools Challenge**, encouraging schools across the Riverina to be represented. Students may compete **individually or as part of a team**, with participation points awarded to their school.

Please note that this event is **not a school-run activity**. **Parents and carers are responsible for organising all transport to and from the event, as well as supervision of their child for the entire day.**

The triathlon offers a range of distances suitable for different ages and abilities:

- **Kids Micro:** 100m swim, 2km bike, 800m run
- **Mini:** 200m swim, 10km bike, 1.7km run
- **Sprint:** 750m swim, 20km bike, 5km run

This event is a fantastic opportunity for students to challenge themselves, try a multi-sport event in a supportive environment, and be part of a positive community experience.

If your child is interested in participating, **please contact Miss Barton as soon as possible.**

Registrations close on Friday, 27 February, and places are limited.

Kind regards,
Miss Barton



Griffith High School

Year 6 Information Evening

5.30pm - 7pm
Wednesday 4 March 2026

World Class STEM ←
Cutting Edge Facilities ←

Parent Info Seminar ←
Guided Tours ←

CONTACT



02 6966 9600



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Wade High School Open Day

Thursday March 5
Starting at 5:30pm

Are you considering sending your
child to Wade in 2027

For further information
contact Kara Sergi

02 6969 0200



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- > Inspiring staff
- > Interactive classroom lessons
- > Fostering enviroment



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REGISTERED PLAYERS WILL RECEIVE A FREE RACQUET

GRIFFITH TENNIS CLUB

Dates: Friday 27 Feb – Friday 27 March 2026

Time: 4:00pm - 5:15pm

Ages: Years 3-6

Price: \$29 for 5 weeks

Register your players here →



HILLSTON OUTBACK TRIATHLON

Sunday 1st March 2026



Four Great Events!

Lions Park, Lake Woorabinda, Hillston

Micro - 8.00am

100m Swim, 2km Cycle, 800m Run

Mini - 8.30am

200m Swim, 10km Cycle, 1.7km Run

Sprint - 9.30am

500m Swim, 20km Cycle, 5km Run
minimum age 12 years

Walk for Life - 11.30am approx

Around the lake
Donations to local Charity, Ages 0-100 encouraged to participate.

All registrations must be completed online see the Hillston Outback Triathlon Facebook Page
Registrations close Friday 27th February @ 5pm 2026.



Sanctioned by Triathlon N.S.W.

For more info contact:

Robin Bartholomew
Race Director

Phone:
0466972999

Email:
hillstontri@gmail.com

Entry Fees:

Jnr (U18) \$15.00
Jnr Tri Aust Member \$10.00
Adult (18+) \$25.00
Adult Tri Aust Member \$20.00
Jnr Team \$10.00pp
Snr Team \$15.00pp

Note: The swim leg will be in the lake unless otherwise notified.



Preparing for Australian Citizenship

A short course in learning about Australia and citizenship

In this course you will learn about Australia and citizenship. It will help you understand the responsibilities and privileges of Australian citizenship. This course covers five topics:

- Australia and its People
- Democracy and Parliament
- The Australian Government
- The Rule of Law
- Becoming an Australian Citizen



Course outcomes include:

- Learning more about Australia, its country, culture and values.
- Becoming aware of the process of becoming an Australian citizen.
- Understanding and becoming familiar with the vocabulary (words) around the five main topics.
- Improving your English skills through listening, speaking, reading and writing.

What to do:
1 Scan this QR Code and fill in your details.
2 You will be advised date and time of class.

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ENGLISH CLASSES – Semester 1, 2026

All new students must make an appointment to have an assessment of their English levels before starting class.

Day Classes

Course in Initial English as an Additional Language / Course in English as an Additional Language / Certificate I in English as an Additional Language

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday – 9:00am to 1:00pm.
(16 hrs/ week)

Teachers: *Anneke Frank and Denise De Paoli*

Certificate II in English as an Additional Language / Certificate III in English as an Additional Language

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday – 9:00am to 1:00pm.
(16 hrs/ week)

Teacher: *Alanna Townsend*

Night Classes

NO INITIAL OR CERTIFICATE 1 CLASSES

Certificate II in English as an Additional Language / Certificate III in English as an Additional Language

Monday – 6:00pm to 9:00pm

Teacher: *Denise De Paoli*

For all enquiries and appointments, please contact:

Alanna Townsend or *Anneke Frank*
02 792 16733 or 02 792 16781

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Griffith NSW 2680

