

## NEWSLETTER TERM 1 WEEK 5 2026

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Griffith Public School has enjoyed a settled start to 2026. The Years 3-6 swimming carnival yesterday was a huge success, with a great number of students walking away with ribbons in their chosen swimming stroke. Eligible students will be given information about the Zone carnival which is on next Monday. All students were able to participate in the day with either land-based activities or novelty events, if swimming skills were not strong. Our thanks must go to Ms Barton for her organisation and attention to detail in preparing such an inclusive program.

All classes are now well underway with their teaching and learning programs. It has been great to hear the positive stories from staff about the settled start their classes have enjoyed. We are hosting a Welcome BBQ on Wednesday 11th March from 3.30 – 5pm. This is a great opportunity to come and meet the class teacher and other parents. Extended interviews are not available at this time, but appointments can be made to discuss any concerns.

We look forward to seeing many parents at the assembly on Friday at 2.05pm. We have new air conditioning in the hall and look forward to putting it to the test! If you need to take your child before the end of the school day, please remember to sign your child out whilst they return to their room to collect their things and will wait for you at their classroom. Students cannot be taken directly from the hall.

If you have a child in Year 6, I encourage you to take advantage of the Information sessions coming up at Griffith High School and Wade High School in coming weeks. Please see the information flyers at the end of the newsletter.

My deepest thanks to Mrs Lemon and the executive team for their professionalism and leadership over the last three weeks during my leave.

Have a great week, everyone!

Helen King, Principal (Rel)

### Swimming lessons

Swimming lessons are available and supported by school and community. Many students who are new to our community have not had the opportunity to learn to swim. In Australia, learning to swim is critical for safety but is also great fun.

In Term 2, Year 2 swimming lessons are offered free of charge to ensure all students have basic swimming skills. This is supported by our P&C and GPS. In Term 3, we offer the Intensive Swimming Program. This is capped at 80 students. We encourage all students to strengthen their swimming skills each year.

Please contact the Griffith Aquatic Centre's Splash Swim School if you would like information regarding private swimming lessons.

### School Leaders

Our student leadership team attended a Griffith City Council reception for school captains and prefects from across the area. They heard a range of speeches about leadership and what it means to lead. One of the most important messages they heard was that good leadership is about good listening. This will be put into action when we begin SRC meetings later in the term.



Griffith Public School - Term 1 2026						
Term 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
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 Riverina Swimming Carnival	10 March	11 March Parent Meet and Greet	12 March	13 March Whole school assembly 2pm	14/15 March
Week 8	16 March	17 March Rugby Union Stage 2 and 3	18 March	19 March	20 March	21/22 March

### NAPLAN

The NAPLAN 2026 test window will take place from Wednesday 11 March to Monday 23 March. This is a nationwide assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9.

Teachers will ensure students are ready for NAPLAN and will provide appropriate support and guidance. Students will become familiar with the types of questions in the tests and the online testing platform. In addition to school preparation, there are ways you can further support your child/children for NAPLAN.

### Preparation for NAPLAN

Students are not expected to study for NAPLAN. Excessive preparation or the use of coaching providers is not recommended. You can support your child by reassuring them that NAPLAN is a part of their school program.

### Supporting your child

You can support your child by reminding them to simply do their best on the day. You can also encourage:

- a healthy diet
- drinking enough water
- getting enough sleep
- exercise.

Further is also available on the NESA website.

If you have any questions about NAPLAN, please contact your child's teacher or the Assistant Principals for Stage 2 and 3, Lisa Serji and Lauren Brain.

### 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.

**order your school photos now**

to order visit: [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au)

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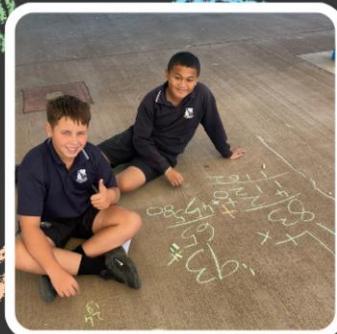
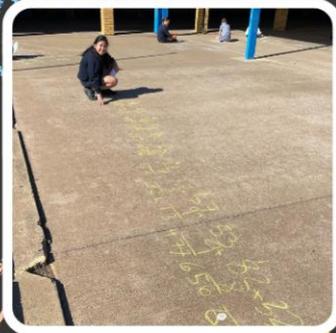
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# 6M HAVE BEEN LEARNING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM WITH CHALK TIMETABLES





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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### Experience

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



**WANTED**  
**PLAYERS U12 & U16 BOYS**

COME AND JOIN OUR SQUAD - WEEKLY TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT  
Email: griffithfootballacademy@gmail.com

Find us on Facebook

WEST GRIFFITH SOCCER CLUB

# ARE YOU READY?

PLAY SOCCER FOR WESTS IN 2026  
UNDER 5 - U16, MENS, WOMENS AND O35S.

DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS NEW TO SOCCER - CONTACT US TODAY ON 0412 419 447.

REGISTER ONLINE AT  
[WWW.WESTSSC.COM.AU](http://WWW.WESTSSC.COM.AU)  
OR SCAN THE QR CODE




## Griffith Hockey Association

### Invites you to our come & try day!

**When:** Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March  
**Where:** Griffith Regional Sports Centre, Merrowie street, Griffith

**Juniors: 5 years- 18years:**  
10am-12pm  
**Adults:**  
12.30pm-1:30pm

See the new look Griffith Hockey website for more information and to RSVP  
[www.griffithhockey.com.au](http://www.griffithhockey.com.au)

Free BBQ for junior participants for after the session!

**What to bring:**  
Your excitement to learn something new!  
Bottle of water

Hockey sticks are supplied!  
While softer balls will be used, mouth guards can be worn along with shin guards.  
Please wear sneakers/runners







# REGISTRATIONS OPEN!

Junior players:  
U5s, U6s, U7s  
U8s, U9s, U10s  
U12s, U14s



Have fun  
Make friends  
Keep active



SCAN ME to register



**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

Address: TAFE NSW  
1 Neville Place  
Griffith NSW 2680



**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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