

NEWSLETTER TERM 1 WEEK 6 2026

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Dear Parents and Guardians,
We are already halfway through Term 1. It is great to see the high-quality learning happening in the classrooms as I move around the school - phonics work, multiplication problems, tectonic plate investigations – it is a busy place of learning wherever you look. Every day is an important day of learning in your child's classroom.

We certainly had a big week of 'wins' last week. Ms Barton organised a terrific swimming carnival, our school leaders attended a reception hosted by Griffith City Council and we had our first assembly with the new air conditioning in the hall. It was great to see our youngest students in Kindergarten sit with us in their class lines in the hall, listening and participating so beautifully. They have grown so much in just a few weeks.

Our school was represented by a large team of enthusiastic swimmers at the Zone Carnival yesterday. We can all be proud of their excellent behaviour and great sportsmanship.

I look forward to meeting many of you next Wednesday (11.03.26) at the Meet and Greet Welcome BBQ. This will be a great opportunity to meet your child's teachers and mix with other families. Please come along!

Have a great week, everyone!
Helen King
Principal (Rel)

Attendance

We are off to a great start to 2026 with school attendance above our network's average. Thank you for working with us to ensure your child is at school every day they are able. Lost day equals lost learning time, and it is difficult to catch this up. A reminder that our school day starts at 9.05am. Supervision of students in the playground begins at 8.35am and staff are not on duty before this time. It is important for your child to

be at school for the start of the school day as this is when the most critical part of the learning program is taught. If you are having a challenge with getting your child to school in the morning, please talk to your child's teacher. Working together can achieve great results!

Meet and Greet – Welcome BBQ

Next Wednesday, 11 March, we would love to welcome you to a free BBQ at school to meet the teachers and mix with other families. This event will run from 3.30pm to 5pm. Students must be collected from school before the event as childcare is not provided after school. This is a great opportunity to chat to your child's teacher and see how your child has settled in. If you need a more confidential chat or need to discuss your child in greater depth, please make an appointment to meet at another time.

Zone Swimming

Congratulations to our team of swimmers who represented GPS at the Zone Carnival yesterday. We are proud of you!
We have three students going through to compete at the Riverina Carnival:
Blake Broome- 11yrs 50m freestyle, 11yrs 50m backstroke and 11yrs 50m butterfly
Billy Bartter- Jnr 50m backstroke
Rylee Brown- 8yrs 50m freestyle

Explicit Teaching

At GPS, teachers use explicit teaching to provide your child with the best possible opportunities to learn. Explicit teaching is a clear and direct way of teaching where teachers carefully explain and demonstrate new skills or concepts step-by-step. This approach helps students understand exactly what is expected, practice with guidance, and gradually become confident to apply their learning independently. It ensures that all students, including those who may need extra support, can follow along and succeed.

Students will often use individual whiteboards during lessons to practice writing, solve problems, and share their ideas quickly with the teacher and their classmates. This allows for immediate feedback and helps students stay engaged in their learning. In our classrooms, desks are arranged to enable support among students while still allowing the teacher to move around easily to provide assistance. This will look different depending on the year level of your child.



Teachers have created predictable routines and maintain high expectations to allow their students to focus on the learning and reduce the 'busy work' our brains have to do when routines are not embedded. At GPS, we are committed to excellence in what and how we deliver learning K to Year 6.

The Resilience Project (TRP)

Launching The Resilience Project has been a significant initiative this year at GPS. All classes will participate in lessons as a part of their PDHPE program. It is designed to help children develop resilience through mindfulness, empathy and gratitude. As the lessons are delivered in class, your child may bring home some activities for the whole family to share in. Building the skills for resilience benefits all members of our community to deal with challenges both big and small.

Year 6 Transitions

Planning for the Year 6 transition program is well underway. Today, Year 6 have brought home a copy of the Griffith High newsletter - this is for your information only. There are parent information sessions at Griffith High and Wade High this week. Parents are encouraged to attend to see the offering at the school, meet the staff and have a look at the facilities. These are helpful sessions even if you have had students attend the school in the past, as programs and processes change over time. Please see the flyer later in this newsletter.

Griffith City Library

If you are not already a member of the public library, we encourage you to join. Developing regular reading habits from a young age sets your child up for success at school. The library is free and a great place to find many different resources. You can borrow books and DVDs and use the computers in airconditioned comfort! There are activities for younger children during the day.

NAPLAN

The NAPLAN 2026 test window is open from Wednesday 11th 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 NESAs website.

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

| Griffith Public School - Term 1 2026 | | | | | | |
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| Term 1 | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | |
| 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 BBQ 3.30-5pm | 12 March Kindergarten teddy bears' picnic 11am | 13 March Whole school assembly 2pm | 14/15 March |
| Week 8 Harmony Week | 16 March | 17 March Rugby Union Stage 2 and 3 | 18 March | 19 March | 20 March Harmony Day | 21/22 March |
| Week 9 | 23 March Young Leaders Conference | 24 March Kindergarten to Rhyme Time at Memorial Park 9.30am Young Leaders Conference | 25 March | 26 March School photos AECG meeting 2pm | 27 March Whole school assembly 2pm | 28/29 March |



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

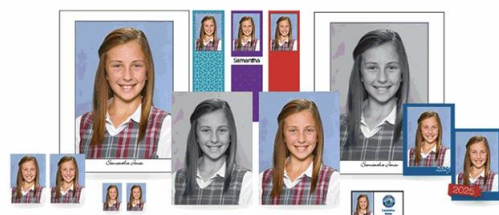
to order visit: www.advancedlife.com.au

enter code: 94E VCH 1QJ



scan to order

or collect a cash order envelope from your school office



Griffith Public School

Friday 20th March

Children and staff are invited to wear their traditional or orange clothes on Friday the 20th March to celebrate Harmony. Your child is also most welcome to bring in any show and tell item pertaining to your culture to share with their class.



EVERYONE BELONGS
www.harmony.gov.au

advancedlife
school photography & print specialists

5/6 B WORD SEARCH

Can you find the names of everyone in 5/6B?

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| Nova | Charlie | Ava | Jenny | Shane | Kent | Titus | |
| Mason | Lara | Hannah | Rahi | Kiannah | Lae | Blessin | |
| Emma | Toryn | Tark | Risala | Alex | Silia | Matthew | |





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

Year 6 to Year 7

Parents of year 6 students – Look out for the email sent out today with links and information regarding enrolment into Year 7 2027. Enrolments need to be submitted by 27 March 2026.



Griffith City LIBRARY

229 BANNA AVE
GRIFFITH NSW 2680
02 6962 8300

GRIFFITH CITY LIBRARY – FREE TO JOIN!

THE LIBRARY IS FREE FOR EVERYONE TO JOIN AND USE.

HOW TO JOIN:

- VISIT GRIFFITH CITY LIBRARY AND SHOW
- FILL IN A SIMPLE MEMBERSHIP FORM

BORROWING IS FREE

ALL LIBRARY ITEMS ARE FREE TO BORROW, INCLUDING:

- CHILDREN’S BOOKS FOR ALL AGES
- EARLY READERS AND LEARNING BOOKS
- PICTURE BOOKS AND STORY BOOKS
- AND MUCH MORE!



EVERYONE IS WELCOME AT THE LIBRARY. OUR STAFF ARE HAPPY TO HELP YOU!



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| Wednesday | 9am – 5:30pm |
| Thursday | 9am – 7pm |
| Friday | 9am – 5:30pm |
| Saturday | 9am – 4pm |

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