

NEWSLETTER TERM 1 WEEK 7 2026

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Dear Parents and Guardians,
We have a busy few weeks ahead with Harmony Day, school photos, sporting events, Teddy Bears Picnic and the Easter Hat Parade. Please check the calendar for details so you don't miss any events for your child. Teachers will use Seesaw and Facebook to remind you of upcoming events.

I look forward to meeting many of you tomorrow as we hold the Meet and Greet Welcome BBQ. This will be a great opportunity to meet your child's teachers and mix with other families. Your child will be able to show you their classroom and share some of their great work. We will have a sausage sizzle and cold drink for you to enjoy.

NAPLAN begins tomorrow! This is for Years 3 and 5 students across all primary schools in Australia. Mrs Parisotto (APCI) has done a great job ensuring all our students have what they need to participate and do their best over the next two weeks.

Leadership is constantly being fostered at GPS. Each class in Years 2-6 has selected their SRC representative. They met with Mrs Lemon today and will have their badge presentation at the whole school assembly on Friday. Year 5 will start preparing for leadership roles in 2027 very soon. We will be having the initial meeting next week to discuss the expectations for school leaders and the responsibilities of the different roles.

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

A reminder that our school day starts at 9.05am.

Supervision of students in the playground begins at 8.35am. 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!

Explicit Teaching

Look at the focus and concentration on the faces of our learners as they tackle learning at their level. Teachers prepare carefully to ensure children have learning opportunities at their level with just enough challenge to keep them stretching. Whiteboards allow children the freedom to make mistakes and learn from them.



Why attendance matters

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



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

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Griffith Public School - Term 1 2026						
Term 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
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-wear cultural dress or orange	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
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



Griffith Public School

WELCOME BBQ

We are delighted to warmly invite all of our families to our Welcome BBQ.

This event is a wonderful opportunity to meet staff, other families and learn more about all that our school has to offer.

WEDNESDAY 11TH MARCH
3:30PM - 5PM

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School Photos

School photos will be on **Thursday 26th March**. Photo envelopes to order your school photos have been sent home but the photographer's preference is for orders to be placed online.



5H
are
Amplifying
their knowledge of music and
rhythm!
with Mr Hellier



A collection of nine photographs showing students in a classroom setting. The photos depict various activities: students watching a presentation on a screen, students clapping and participating in a lesson, and students standing in a line. The background features musical notes and instrument illustrations.

HARMONY WEEK

FRIDAY 20TH MARCH

Students are invited to wear their culture's traditional dress or orange clothes to celebrate.

Students are also welcome to bring in any items pertaining to their culture to share with their class.



TEDDY BEARS PICNIC

Kindergarten are having a Teddy Bears Picnic.

**Thursday 12th
March**

Children can bring their Teddy to school.

Griffith Public School P&C Easter Raffle

Griffith Public School P&C are wanting to raise money for our wonderful school by holding an Easter Egg raffle.

But we need YOUR help.

We are asking families to donate Easter Eggs to help make our prizes amazing!

If you are able to donate, please bring your Easter Egg to the front office by Friday the 13th March.

Easter prizes will then be sorted and the raffle tickets will be up online for sale from Monday 16th March.

Easter raffle will be drawn Wednesday 1st April at the school Easter Hat Parade.

Thankyou in advance for your generosity!



PARENT REMINDER

Please contact the school office directly on 02 6962 3199 if your child's pick-up arrangements have changed.

Please avoid using Seesaw for this purpose, as teachers cannot access their messages in time.

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NAPLAN at Griffith Public School 2026

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy

Information for parents and carers

- All students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in Australia do NAPLAN tests in March each year.
- NAPLAN checks students' skills in reading, writing and maths.
- The test questions are presented in Standard Australian English dialect.
- Students read some of the questions and listen to others with headphones.
- The tests will get easier or harder, depending on how students are going in the test.

Writing **Reading** **Conventions of language**
(spelling, grammar and punctuation) **Numeracy**

- Students in Year 3 will do the Writing test using pencil and paper. Year 3 students will answer the other test questions on the computer.
- Students in Years 5, 7 and 9 will answer all their test questions on computers.
- Teachers will help students get ready for NAPLAN tests.
- Schools will get their students' results. The school will then give parents/carers a report showing their own child's results.
- Parents/carers can talk to the teacher about these results.
- NAPLAN shows how students are going all over Australia. People who work in schools, education authorities and governments use NAPLAN results. The results let them see which education programs are helping students to learn and where schools might need help.

Talk to your teacher if you have any questions about your child doing the tests.
For more information on NAPLAN, visit nap.edu.au.



Morning NAPLAN assessments will start at 9:15am promptly. Please ensure that your child arrives to school on time.

Week 7	Tuesday	Wednesday 11/3	Thursday 12/3	Friday 13/3
9:15-10:00		Writing Paper Y3 – 40min Writing Online Y5 – 42 min	Year 5 Reading	Year 5 Numeracy
12:15pm			Year 5 Language Conventions	Y3 writing catch-up
Week 8	Tuesday 17/3	Wednesday 18/3	Thursday 19/3	
9:15-10:15	Year 3 Reading 45 min	Year 3 Numeracy 45 min	Catch-up	
12:15pm	Year 3 Language Conventions 45 min			

You are invited to the K-2
EASTER HAT PARADE

Children will be making their hats at school
Wednesday 1st April
12:15pm
in the K-2 COLA.
Please bring a chair and a hat.

LEARN HOW AI CAN SUPPORT LEARNING,
HOMEWORK, PRODUCTIVITY AND EVERYDAY LIFE
— RESPONSIBLY AND SAFELY.

AI EXPLAINED
STUDENTS AND FAMILY
WEDNESDAY 25 MARCH AT 5PM
at Griffith City Library

Helping kids learn effectively

01

Artificial Intelligence can be a powerful learning assistant when used correctly. In this session, we'll explore how AI can help children understand difficult concepts, improve writing skills, create structured study plans, and build confidence — without doing the thinking for them.



Using AI without replacing thinking



AI should support learning, not shortcut it. We'll discuss how to guide children to use AI responsibly, ask better questions, verify answers, and develop critical thinking skills rather than becoming overly dependent on technology.

02

Real-world everyday examples

03

See practical demonstrations of how families can use AI at home — from organising weekly schedules and meal planning to improving resumes, brainstorming creative ideas, and supporting school projects in a structured, healthy way.



Safety & ethical guidance



Learn what information should never be shared, how to recognise inaccurate or biased responses, and how to set healthy boundaries around AI tools. We'll cover privacy, digital responsibility, and how to keep technology working for your family — not the other way around.

04

Your speaker



Nick Ricucci is a Griffith local— now based in Brisbane — turned international AI speaker and founder of Scarlett AI. Having worked in AI and automation before ChatGPT made it mainstream, he now delivers talks across Australia, Europe, New Zealand and the United States on practical, responsible AI use.



BOOKINGS VIA - WRL.NSW.GOV.AU/EVENTS

मानवतावादी सेवाઓ

સેટલમેન્ટ એન્ગેજમેન્ટ ટ્રાન્ઝિશન સેવાઓ (SETS-એસઇટીએસ)

Gujarati | ગુજરાતી

HUMANITARIAN SERVICES

Settlement Engagement Transition Services (SETS)

સેન્ટાકેર સાઉથ વેસ્ટ એનએસડબ્લ્યુ એક કેથલિક સામાજિક સેવા સંસ્થા છે જે લોકોના જીવનમાં સકારાત્મક પરિવર્તન લાવવા માટે અસ્તિત્વમાં છે. અમારા માનોવિજ્ઞાન, પરામર્શ, એનડીઆઇએસ, શાળામાં સુખાકારી અને શિક્ષણ કાર્યક્રમો બાળકો, વ્યક્તિઓ અને પરિવારોને ટેકો આપે છે.

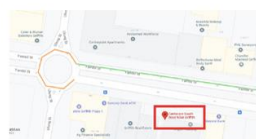
શું તમે ઓસ્ટ્રેલિયામાં નવા છો?
શું તમારે સ્થાયી થવા મદદ અને ટેકાની જરૂર છે?

- અમે આ મુજબ મદદ કરી શકીએ છીએ:
- ઓસ્ટ્રેલિયામાં જીવન વિશે જાણવું.
 - અભ્યાસ કરવો અને નોકરી મેળવવી.
 - નવા દેશમાં સ્વાધીન બનવું.

વધુ જાણવું છે?
મુલાકાત લો: centacaresnsw.org.au અથવા ફોન કરો 1300 619 379 અથવા ઇમેઇલથી પૂછખરણ કરો: info@centacaresnsw.org.au.

- અમારી સેવાઓમાં નીચેનાનો સમાવેશ થાય છે:
- જ્યારે જરૂર હોય ત્યારે તમારા પક્ષમાં બોલવું.
 - વ્યક્તિગત અને પરિવારને ટેકો.
 - અમારા સમુદાયમાં તમને મદદ કરી શકે તેવા અન્ય લોકોને મળવું.
 - દસ્તાવેજો ભરવામાં સહાય.
 - એંગ્રેજી શીખવું અને નાગરિકતા.

વિનંતી કરો તો દુભાષિયા સેવા ઉપલબ્ધ છે.



Centacare South West NSW is a Catholic Social Service Agency who exists to make a positive difference in people's lives. Our psychology, counselling, NDIS, school wellbeing, and education programs support children, individuals, and families.

Have you recently arrived in Australia? Our Settlement, Engagement and Transition Support (SETS) team can help you to feel better connected and supported in your community (available in Griffith and Leeton).

The SETS program aims to equip and empower humanitarian entrants, other eligible permanent migrants and their communities to address their settlement needs, in order to improve social participation, economic well-being, independence, personal wellbeing and community connectedness.

The program fills an important gap in the post-arrival period for eligible clients who may not have family and other community supports to rely on.

SERVICES PROVIDED INCLUDE:

- Advocacy and support
- Case management
- Improving family capacity
- Building community capacity

SETS is a program that provides effective early intervention that contributes to clients achieving full participation in society.

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