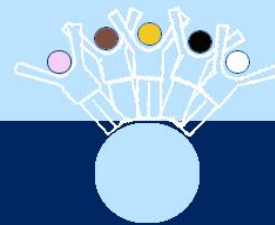


Griffith Public School

A quality education for all



NEWSLETTER TERM 1 WEEK 8 2026

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Dear Parents and Guardians,
Welcome to Week 8. We have three weeks until the Autumn break. Term 1 will finish on Thursday 2 April and Term 3 will begin for students on Wednesday 22 April. Staff return to school on 20 April for two days of preparation. The office will be open during this time. A major focus for the staff development days (SDD) is understanding and catering for inclusion. We are excited to learn about how best we can work with our support staff and teaching team to provide excellent outcomes for every child.

Don't forget the P&C meeting this afternoon at 5pm. We will meet in the staffroom. Come along to see how you can support the school and have a say in how funds are raised.

NAPLAN continues this week for Years 3 and 5. There were some technical issues for Year 5 across the state as they completed their writing online. Our students (and teachers!) showed great resilience and were able to continue despite the additional challenges. They should be very proud of their efforts.

We look forward to celebrating Harmony Day on Friday. This celebration celebrates cultural diversity, promoting inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone, something we are very proud of at GPS. Students are invited to wear something orange on Friday in recognition of this special day.

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

Kindergarten Excursion

Kindergarten classes are attending Rhyme Time at Memorial Park next week. Please make sure you have completed the permission note sent through School Bytes.

Attendance



Missed days of school are very hard to catch up. As you can see from the chart above, regular absences add up over time. We know that we all need encouragement some days, so we celebrate and reward excellent attendance at GPS. We have a number of incentives to encourage our students. Excellent individual attendance is recognized with Lego prize draws for students attending more than 95% of the time. We also reward the best attending class each week and if they achieve this three times, the class receive a hot chip lunch! Thank you for working with us to make sure your child is at school every day they are well.

Explicit Teaching

When we teach explicitly, we meet every child at their point of need. This is also known as the 'Goldilocks' approach – not too hard so it is out of reach, but not too easy so there is no challenge. Teachers use a combination of methods to challenge their students. Look at these students hard at work in K-2W and 2-6!



Griffith Public School - Term 1 2026						
Term 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
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
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

Sporting Success

We have had a number of students participating in a variety of sports and enjoying a great deal of success. We are proud of their effort and commitment to excellence.

Griffith Zone PSSA Representatives Team
Blake Broome - Basketball, Rugby League and Touch football

Griffith Zone PSSA Rugby League Team
Leksuz Tuiali, Sai Taifai & Blake Broome

All boys will now compete to try and secure a place in the Riverina teams for their sports.

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.

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

advancedlife
school photography & print specialists

High School in 2027

If your child is in Year 6 this year and you would like them to attend a government high school next year, you will need to submit an expression of interest. To start this process, please go onto our school website and click on the 'enrol' tab. Scroll down and you will find the link:

Moving to High School?

[Submit a Year 6 to 7 Expression of Interest \(EOI\)](#)

If you need any help completing this process, please come and see us – we are very happy to help. Submissions are due on 27th March 2026.

If your child is not going to attend a government high school, we would greatly appreciate you letting us know or follow the link on the enrolment platform. Our duty of care requires that we know what school every student is moving to.

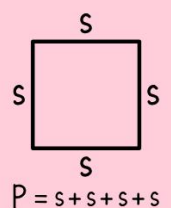
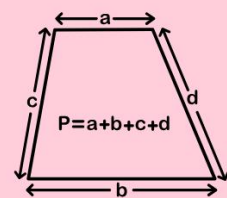
1 If your child does not require a placement in a government high school next year, please complete the [Placement not required](#) form below.

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5L MATHS

MEASURING PERIMETER

with Miss Lassau



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.





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.



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			

🐰 P&C Easter Egg Raffle 🐰

Please click on link below to purchase tickets in our amazing Easter Egg Raffle!

A huge thank you to all the families who helped and donated eggs to the

P&C! <https://www.raffletix.com.au/?ref=s29yu>

GRIFFITH PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C EASTER EGG RAFFLE

Griffith Public School P&C are raising money to support our students with sporting events, excursions and Year 2 swimming lessons!
Amazing prizes up for grabs!

1st Prize: Extra Large Easter Egg Pack including Easter cookies made and donated by Linda Piva

2nd Prize: Large Easter Egg Pack

3rd Prize: Medium Easter Egg Pack

4th Prize: Small Easter Egg Pack

Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5

Please click on link above to purchase tickets.

Drawn Wednesday 1st April after the Easter Hat Parade at Griffith Public School.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL!

