



NEWSLETTER TERM 3 WEEK 4 2026

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Welcome to week 4. We are well underway to a busy, productive and exciting term. We have so much to look forward to; swimming, gala days, Book Week, and the 'Colour My World' production just to name a few.

Student Safety

For the safety of all students, we are making a change to the opening of all gates at the end of the day. Presently the front gate has been opened early, however, due to the safety risks of an unsupervised open gate, all gates (front, car park and bus) will not be opened until 3:05pm when an Assistant Principal (AP) is on duty to open the gate. From tomorrow, Wednesday 12th August onwards, parents/families will not be able to wait in the school grounds until the bell goes. We ask that all parents & family wait outside the school grounds until the gates are opened by an AP.

If you need to collect your child/ren before the end of the day, 3:05pm, please ring the buzzer and the office will let you in. You will need to come to the front office to request your child/ren. The office staff will then sign your child/ren out and will call down to your child/ren's class and have them come to the office with their bag.

Griffith Zone PSSA Athletics Carnival

The Griffith Zone PSSA Athletics Carnival is next Monday, 17th August. Notes have been sent home to those athletes who have qualified for the GZPSSA carnival. They are due back ASAP.

Kindergarten 2027

We are now taking enrolments for our Kindergarten class of 2027. Please come and get an enrolment form from the office or you can enrol online through the school website. Also, if you know anyone with kindergarten aged children, please encourage them to consider our school. Further information regarding our transition and parent information sessions will be released soon.

Griffith City Library Author visit

This week some of our students visited the town library to listen to Matt Stanton's interactive and entertaining presentation. Matt Stanton's books are known for their humour and creativity, appealing to children and families. Some of his book series are: Funny Kid, Books that Drives a Kids Crazy, Fart Monster, The Odds and Bored.



Bullying No Way!

Next week is National Bullying No Way Week. During class time students will be participating in activities and lessons to inspire change, celebrate diversity, and create safer, more inclusive spaces. They will look at the harmful effects of bullying and learn ways to stop or reduce it



Trent Barrett League Stars Gala Day

This Thursday we have four Stage 2 teams participating in the Trent Barrett League Stars Gala Day. Thank you to Miss Brain and Dave for coaching the teams and to Miss Sergi for acting as team manager on Thursday. We know that our teams will represent our school with pride displaying our core values of respect, responsibility and do your best.

NAIDOC public speaking challenge

Today we had 2 teams participate in the annual NAIDOC public speaking challenge. Blake, Mason, Felicity and Ryleah had to prepare and deliver a speech in a pair around this year's theme '50 years of Deadly'. Both teams prepared strong speeches incorporating history and personal experiences and stories.



Whole School Assemblies

Our Whole School Assemblies for this term are as follows:

Friday 21st August 2026

Friday 4th September 2026

Friday 18th September 2026

Please feel welcome to come along and celebrate student success with us. Our K-6 Assemblies commence at approximately 2:00pm.

SRC Fundraiser

Wear a beanie day will be held on Friday 14th August. This event is raising money for Ronald McDonald House Charities. Ronald McDonald House helps families with accommodation while their child is receiving treatment in hospital making it necessary for them to be away from their homes, family and friends. Students are encouraged to wear their favourite beanie on Friday and donate a gold coin towards Ronald McDonald House Charities.

Kristy Lemon,
Relieving Principal



Weekly Swimming

Weekly swimming for students in 2-6 continues. Each week students will walk to and from the Griffith Aquatic Centre to participate in swimming lessons. This will be every Tuesday for the term excluding Week 8 due to the school production being on that week. Don't forget to pack your swimmers, towel, goggles, dry underwear and a plastic bag for your wet clothes.



GRIFFITH PUBLIC SCHOOL

TERM 3 - WEEKLY SWIMMING PROGRAM

Tuesday 18th August

REMEMBER TO BRING

- ✓ SWIMMERS & TOWEL
- ✓ GOGGLES
- ✓ SPARE UNDERWEAR & SOCKS
- ✓ PLASTIC BAG FOR WET CLOTHES

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68 BRILLIANT MINDS, BIG HEARTS, AND BOUNDLESS ENTHUSIASM With Miss Barton



Griffith Public School - Term 3 2026

Term 3	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
Week 4	10 August Town Library visit Yr 3 and K/1S	11 August Weekly Swimming 12pm	12 August Town Library visit Yr 4	13 August	14 August Flying Fruit Fly Circus 12pm Wear a Beanie Day	15/16 August
Week 5 National Bullying No Way Week	17 August Zone Athletics Carnival Senior choir in Sydney	18 August Weekly Swimming 12pm Senior choir in Sydney	19 August	20 August	21 August Whole school assembly 2.05pm	22/23 August
Week 6 Book Week	24 August	25 August Weekly Swimming 12pm	26 August	27 August Year 6 Transition	28 August	29/30 August
Week 7	31 August	1 September Weekly Swimming 12pm	2 September	3 September Room on the Broom 12.30pm AECG Meeting 2pm	4 September Riverina Athletics Whole School Assembly 2.05pm	5/6 Sept ember

**Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
Information for parents and carers**

The timeframe for the Year 1 Phonics Screening Assessment is Term 3 week 4-6 (10/8-28/8). Each class will be allocated a day to complete the assessment. Please see below for the details. Absent students will be given an opportunity to do catch-up assessments.

What is phonics?

Phonics is the relationship between letters and sounds and is vital in learning to read. Some children struggle with learning to read so it is important that these children are identified quickly so teachers can plan for any specific support they may need.

What is the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check?

The Year 1 Phonics Screening Check is a short, quick assessment that tells teachers how your child is progressing in phonics. Your child will sit with the class teacher and will be asked to read 40 words aloud. These words include 20 real words and 20 nonsense words. The test normally takes a few minutes. If your child is struggling the teacher will stop the check. The check is carefully designed not to be stressful for your child.

Why use nonsense words?

The assessment includes pseudo or nonsense words to see if the student is able to use their knowledge of blending to read a word rather than their memory of having seen that word before.

If you have any further questions, please talk to your child's class teacher.

Coro Cougars Cricket Club are now taking registrations for 4th grade aged players (kids in year's 5 and 6) for this season. Please see the registration link for more information.

<https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/c1bff7>

Playing days are Wednesday 4:30pm - 7:30pm. For more information, please contact Tim Rand on 040081435 or timrand81@gmail.com.

BIDGEE BRICKS 2026

TICKETS

trybooking.com/DBHEX

WAGGA LEGO FAN EXHIBITION

Saturday 22nd August 9am - 4pm
Sunday 23rd August 9am - 3pm

Where:
Wagga RSL Club
30 Dobbs St,
Wagga Wagga

Tickets:
\$8 online or \$10 at the door
(kids under 3 free)
trybooking.com/DBHEX