



NEWSLETTER TERM 3 WEEK 5 2026

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Welcome to week 5; almost halfway through the term. How fast time flies when you are having fun!

We would like to welcome Mrs Coralie Remke who is joining us from Tharbogang Public School for the rest of the year. She will be working with teachers and students in the AP Curriculum and Instruction role (AP C&I). Here are a few fun facts about Mrs Remke:

- 1) She loves giraffes
- 2) Her favourite colour is red
- 3) She can play 4 different musical instruments: Guitar, saxophone, clarinet & piano!



NSWPSSA Rugby Union Championships

We would like to wish Leksuz Tuialii and Sai Taifai all the best as they travel to Mudgee this week as part of the Riverina representative team to compete at the NSWPSSA Rugby Union Championships against other teams from across NSW. We wish Leksuz and Sai the best of luck and are very proud of their achievements as they represent our school and the Riverina region.



Cantabile Music Festival

This week our senior choir travelled to Sydney to take part in the Cantabile Music Festival where they sang as part of a combined school's choir at the Sydney Opera House with many schools from across NSW. The festival showcases the choral skills of 700 primary school students from Years 3 to 6. We are so very fortunate and proud to have been included in this prestigious event. Thank you to Miss Sergi and Miss O'Keeffe who have coached and mentored the choir, giving up their time after school to hold extra rehearsals and for travelling to Sydney with the students.



Griffith Zone PSSA Athletics Carnival

Yesterday we saw 30+ students compete at the annual GZPSSA Athletics Carnival at the West End Sporting Complex. They all represented our school with pride, displaying our values of respect, responsibility and do your best. Results for Riverina Athletics will be announced soon. Congratulations to Blake Broome for winning the 11year Boys age champion.



Kindergarten 2027

We are now taking enrolments for our Kindergarten class of 2027. Please come and get an enrolment form from the office. 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.

Whole School Assemblies

Our Whole School Assemblies for this term are as follows:

Friday 21st August 2026 (3F & 5H performing)

Friday 4th September 2026 (5L & 6M performing)

Friday 18th September 2026

Please feel welcome to come along and celebrate student success with us. Our K-6 Assemblies commence at approximately 2:05pm.

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.



TERM 3 - WEEKLY SWIMMING PROGRAM

Tuesday 25th August

REMEMBER TO BRING

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

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Colour My World Production

Students and staff are busy rehearsing their performances for our school production in Week 8. Tickets go on sale this Thursday, 20th August for \$5 ONLY! You can purchase these from the Griffith Regional Theatre. We are looking forward to seeing you all in the audience.

Bullying No Way!

This week is National Bullying No Way Week. During class time students will be participating 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.



Book Week

Next week is Book Week. This year's theme is 'Symphony of Stories'. Miss Storr has decorated the library and will be dressing up each day of book week. Students can dress up on Friday 28 August in their favourite book or character. Students have been working in their bookmark during library this week to enter in a bookmark design competition.



Spelling Bee

The regional Spelling Bee finals concluded on Tuesday 11 August via Zoom.

Edward and Evelyn faced many difficult words including *seismology* and *evocative*.

They did their very best and made our school very proud. Griffith Public School would like to thank them for participating and also thank Mrs McGann for overseeing the finals from our end.



Have a great week.

Regards,

Kristy Lemon,

Relieving Principal

BEHOLDEN WITH FRIENDS

Gratitude in our class Circle

Feeling "beholden" to our friends means recognising and appreciating the kindness and support they give us, and expressing genuine gratitude for the positive impact they have on our lives.



Griffith Public School - Term 3 2026						
Term 3	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
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 Book Week dress up day and K-2 parade	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
Week 8	7 September	8 September Production Rehearsal Day No swimming today	9 September 'Colour My World' Production Day – Matinee and Evening	10 Sept Year 6 transition 9am RU OK? Day	11 September	12/13 Sept

COLOUR MY WORLD

WEDNESDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER

MATINEE PERFORMANCE 11am | NIGHT PERFORMANCE 6pm

TICKETS GO ON SALE THURSDAY 20TH AUGUST

ALL TICKETS \$5

DON'T MISS OUT!

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE FROM THE GRIFFITH REGIONAL THEATRE ONLY

ALL CHILDREN AT GPS WILL BE ON STAGE AND MUST ATTEND THE MATINEE AND EVENING PERFORMANCE.
GPS STUDENTS DO NOT NEED A TICKET TO WATCH THE SHOW

SYMPHONY OF STORIES

FRIDAY 28TH AUGUST

K-6 BOOK WEEK DRESS UP

K-2 PARADE @ 9:05AM

2026 CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

SYMPHONY OF STORIES 22-28 August 2026

Book Week 2026 encourages readers to explore how every book and story contributes to a larger harmonious celebration of literature - like an orchestra

Each instrument (story) plays it's part, creating a symphony together

Let's celebrate Children's Book Week 2026!

Get your costumes ready for our dress up day on **Friday 28th August** and help us celebrate everything we love about literature!







During Library lessons, students are designing bookmarks to enter into the Griffith City Library competition! If you do not want your child to enter, please let the school know. The school will be notified if students win the competition.

Design a Bookmark Competition

Griffith City Library is running a competition for all primary students that reside or go to schools in the Griffith City Council region. The winning designs will be professionally printed and will remain available at the library while stock lasts. The winners will also receive a Matt Stanton book pack. A winner will be chosen from 4 categories: K-2, Yrs 3 & 4, Yrs 5 & 6 plus a Members Choice Award.

The competition will run from 30 July - 28 August.

Terms and Conditions

The competition is open to children in classes K-6 that reside or go to school in the Griffith City Council region. Limit one entry per person.

All entries must be the original work of the artist. Please do not use digitally generated or copyrighted images and/or text. The design should focus on books and/or reading.

Artwork must fit the template space provided (21 cm x 5.5 cm). Pencils, crayons, markers etc should be used. NO embellishments such as glitter, glue, stickers etc can be used.

Please include your name, school, class and contact details on this form but DO NOT write names or any other identifying marks on the bookmark itself.

Entries will be judged on creativity, originality and printability. A winner will be chosen from each stage K-2, 3-4, 5-6 plus a Members Choice Award. Winners will be notified by Monday 21 September.

Competition runs from 30 July - 28 August 2026.

All submitted entries become the property of Griffith City Library and the design can be used on social media and other promotional material.

*If printing your own copy of this entry please ensure the book mark measures 21cm x 5.5cm

I agree that:
The attached bookmark is my own original artwork.
I followed the terms and conditions.
A parent/guardian is aware I have entered this competition.
My design will become property of Griffith City Library and can be used on social media or for marketing purposes.

NAME: _____
SCHOOL: _____
YEAR: _____
PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME: _____
PARENT/GUARDIAN CONTACT: _____

BIDGEE BRICKS 2026

TICKETS

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

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WHERE:
Wagga RSL Club
30 Dobbs St,
Wagga Wagga

TICKETS:
\$8 online or \$10 at the door
(kids under 3 free)
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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



Live Life Well at School

Dental Health Week was 3-9 August 2026, providing a timely opportunity to remind parents and guardians that regular dental check-ups are important for their child's health.

Did you know children may get free dental care through the Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS) at both private and public dental clinics?

The CDBS is an Australian Government program that provides access to up to \$1,158 in benefits over two calendar years, covering most general dental services.

Children are eligible for the CDBS if they are:

- aged zero to 17 years for any one day of the calendar year
- eligible for Medicare
- part of a family that receives Family Tax Benefit Part A or the child receives an Australian Government payment from the list available through Services Australia

Even if your child isn't eligible for the CDBS, you have used all your CDBS benefit, or if your child needs treatment not covered by the CDBS, there are still no costs for care at NSW public dental clinics.

Check if your child is eligible for free dental care by visiting health.nsw.gov.au/cdbbs

NSW Health



Regular dental check-ups are important for your child's health



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Kindergarten Enrolments 2027

Enrol Now



Enrol online, use the QR code above or come into the school office.

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