

NEWSLETTER TERM 3 WEEK 6 2026

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Welcome to Week 6 of Term 3.

We are now halfway through the term. So far we have seen NAIDOC Week, Athletics trails day and the Athletics carnival, Zone Athletics Carnival, Education week, KROP, SRC Beanie fundraiser, Snr Choir performing at the Sydney Opera House as part of the Cantabile Music Festival, Flying Fruit Fly Circus performance, Town library visits, Trent Barrett Gala Day, Soccer Gala Day and National Bullying No Way Week! Wow, I am tired just writing about all these events. The second half of the term is just as exciting. Weekly swimming continues until the end of the term (except for Week 8) and all classes are busy working towards our school production of 'Colour My World!'. The ticket sales have been amazing with most of the tickets sold for the nighttime performance. There are still a lot left for the 11am matinee show if you miss out on the 6pm show.

Book Week

This week is Book Week and the theme this year is 'Symphony of Stories'. Miss Storr has many wonderful things happening throughout the week in our library and we are celebrating with a dress-up day on Friday 28th August.



Check in Assessments

During Term 3 Weeks 6-8, students will participate in the Check-in assessment.

The Check-in assessment is a NSW Department of Education online literacy and numeracy assessment available to support schools to assess and monitor student learning.

The assessment can supplement existing school practices to identify how students are performing in literacy and numeracy and to help teachers tailor their teaching more specifically to student needs. Students with disability may receive the same level of support during the assessment they would normally receive in the classroom.

- The assessment will be scheduled for Year 3 & 4 & 5 students during Weeks 6 (26th to 28th August) and Year 6 students during week 7 (1st & 3rd September)
- All students complete a reading assessment and a numeracy assessment.
- Year 6 students will also complete a writing assessment on Thursday 3rd September.

So that this process runs smoothly, please ensure that your child attends school.

Stage 2 Excursion

Our Stage 2 teachers are currently gathering information and student numbers for our Stage 2 excursion to Borambola Sport and Recreation Centre which will take place from Monday 30th November to Wednesday 2nd December. Final payments will be due by 30th October. We are required to submit our final numbers to the provider of our meals and accommodation and once these numbers are submitted we cannot adjust them, so please make sure you have all the relevant documentation into the school and have paid the non-refundable deposit of \$50 by the 4th September to secure a place on the excursion. Payments can be made via school bytes, EFTPOS at the front office or by cash through the front office. Permission can also be made via school bytes or by sending in the signed note that was sent home last Friday.

School Production – Colour My World!

It is not far away now. Our students are working hard to perfect their items, ready for the big show, so please come along and enjoy the experience. Tickets are on sale and can be purchased from the Griffith Regional Theatre. Don't miss out. They are selling FAST!

COLOUR MY WORLD

WEDNESDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER

MATINEE PERFORMANCE 11am | NIGHT PERFORMANCE 6pm

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

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

Congratulations to the Senior Choir

A Celebration of Talent, Opportunity & Achievement! What an incredible experience for our Choir as they took part in the Cantabile Festival at the Sydney Opera House.

This was so much more than a performance - it was an opportunity of a lifetime. Our talented choir students embraced the challenge, developed their confidence and skills, and demonstrated so many of the High Potential and Gifted Education (HPGE) outcomes through their commitment, creativity, collaboration and pursuit of excellence.

A very special thank you to our wonderful supporters who helped make this experience possible. We are incredibly grateful for the generous financial support of Griffith Public School P&C, Griffith City Council and Murrumbidgee Irrigation. Your investment in our students provides opportunities that they will remember for years to come.

A heartfelt thank you also to our fabulous office staff, teachers and colleagues for their support behind the scenes and throughout the journey.

To our parents and families, thank you for your encouragement, support and commitment. Experiences like this are only possible because of the wonderful community that surrounds our students.

And finally, to our gifted and talented choir members — we are so incredibly proud of you! Your hard work, courage, enthusiasm and love of music shone brightly. You represented Griffith Public School with such pride and distinction.

What a privilege it is to watch our young people discover just how far their talents can take them.

"Every child has a unique gift; our greatest joy is giving them the opportunity to discover how brightly they can shine."

Lisa Sergi and Sophie O'Keeffe - Choir Teachers



TERM 3 - WEEKLY SWIMMING PROGRAM

Tuesday 1st September

REMEMBER TO BRING

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

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Sporting News

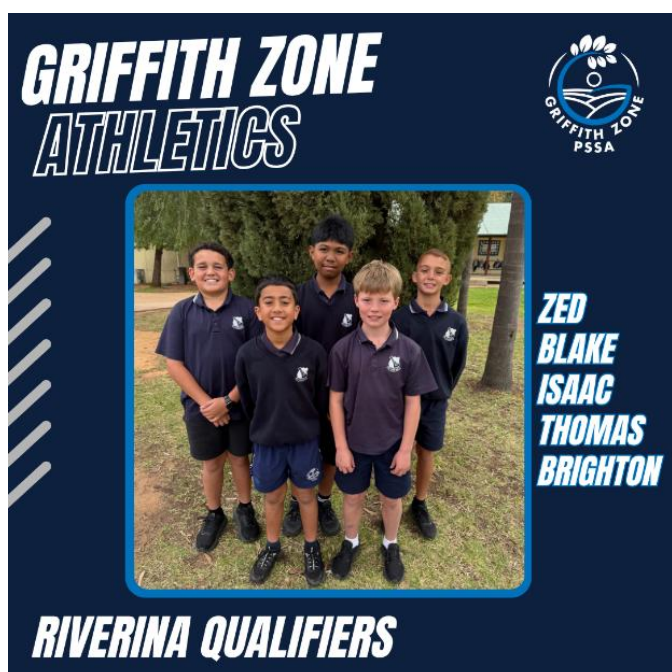
We would like to wish Blake Broome all the best as he travels to participate in the NSWPSA Touch Football Championships this week. We know he will represent Griffith Public School and the Riverina with pride, dedication and talent.



We have a few students progressing further in the Athletics field as well;

- Brighton: 100m
- Zed: Shot Put
- Isaac: Discus & Shot Put
- Thomas: 200m and 100m
- Blake: 1500m, 100m, Long Jump, 200m and High Jump!!!

These students will travel to Albury to compete in the Riverina Athletics Carnival on Friday 4th September. Good luck to you all!



Proud & Deadly Awards

Next Wednesday 2nd September Griffith High School will be hosting the annual Proud & Deadly Awards. This will be held in their new hall from 10:30am. Notes and invitations will be sent out this week to students receiving a Proud & Deadly award next week.

Dads and Donuts

We will be holding our Father's Day Dads and Donuts afternoon tea next Tuesday 1st September at 2:30pm. Please come along and celebrate Father's Day with your child/ren. The P&C will also be holding a Father's Day stall on Thursday 3rd September with goodies for our students to purchase for their special person. Please keep an eye out for further details.



Attendance News

Regular attendance at school is essential if students are to maximise their potential. Schools, in partnership with parents, are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students. While parents are legally responsible for the regular attendance of their children, school staff, as a part of their duty of care, monitor part or whole day absences. If your child is sick, please send a note in to explain this absence within seven days of returning to school. Notes are required to explain why the child was absent as well as the date or dates this occurred. The note must also be signed by a parent or guardian. Our Wellbeing Cottage staff will also assist in this, so please feel comfortable to talk to staff about any attendance issues.

Even coming late or leaving early has an impact on student learning, achievement and engagement. We understand that sometimes things happen, however, only a few minutes when added up can have a significant impact.

We have a number of attendance rewards for students who attend regularly and show improvement in attendance throughout the year, so let's keep coming to school. We are more than happy to work with you to help in any way we can to improve attendance.

Congratulations to students who have achieved 95%+ attendance for the first 5 weeks of this term. They are in the draw to win an awesome Lego prize. They need to have their entry in by Friday morning to be in the draw to win and they also MUST be at school on Friday when the draw is done to claim their prize.

Class break down: KL: 1, KS: 5, KZ: 8, K/1S: 10, 1C: 12, 1S: 8, 1/2K: 11, 2C: 10, 2S: 12, K-6W: 1, 2-6I: 4, 3F: 9, 3P: 18, 3/4S: 11, 4K: 11, 4L: 14, 5H: 8, 5L: 13, 5/6B: 11, 6B: 13, 6M: 9

NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters

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



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

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Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

5 mins per day



= **3 days**



30 mins per day



= **18 days**



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Patterns of lateness can have a serious impact on your child's education.

School times

School times are below:

8:35am - Supervision starts (teachers on duty in the playground)

9:05am - Class time begins

11:20am - 11:30am - Lunch eating time

11:30am - 12pm - lunch playtime

1:30 - 1:35pm - Fruit Break eating time

1:35 - 2:05pm - Fruit Break playtime

3:05pm - End of the school day

We have had some cases of students arriving too early to school. Children who walk or ride a bike/scooter to school should not arrive until 8:35am as teachers do not go on duty until then. If students arrive by bus before this time they MUST sit in Area A or the Cola until a teacher is on duty.

Have a wonderful week.

The last week of winter - spring... here we come!

Regards

Kristy Lemon

Relieving Principal



Providing Value to Families

Book Club

ORDERS ARE DUE
11th September

Issue 6 Open Now!

Every Book Club LOOP order earns a

\$5 DISCOUNT CODE

to spend on our next Issue.

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Book Club LOOP for Parents

Here are eight easy steps for ordering via LOOP:

- 1 Log in, or create a new account
- 2 Follow the Wizard to set up the child's profile
- 3 Click the ORDER tab, select the child's school & class
- 4 Add the child's first name and last initial
- 5 Enter the product item number from the Book Club catalogue
- 6 Apply any promotional codes that have been earned
- 7 Make a payment via credit card
- 8 Await order arrival at the child's school

SCHOLASTIC Book Club

Griffith Public School - Term 3 2026						
Term 3	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
Week 6 Book Week	24 August	25 August Weekly Swimming 12pm	26 August	27 August Year 6 Transition 9am	28 August Book Week dress up day and K-2 parade	29/30 Aug
Week 7	31 August	1 September Weekly Swimming 12pm Dads and Donuts 2.30pm	2 September Proud and Deadly Awards 10.30am	3 September Room on the Broom 12.30pm AECG Meeting 2pm P&C Father's Day stall	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 Book Club orders due	12/13 Sept
Week 9	14 September	15 September Weekly Swimming 12pm	16 September	17 September	18 September Whole School Assembly 2.05pm	19/20 Sept



Free child car seat safety check

2 in 3 car seats are not used properly

Make sure your child is safe with a free inspection by a Transport for NSW Authorised Restraint Fitter. You can have your child car seats and booster seats checked for safety and correct fit.

Where: Griffith Theatre Carpark

When: Friday 11 September, 9am - 1pm

Contact: Trisha.Suckling@transport.nsw.gov.au

Scan the QR code to book online



eventbrite.com.au/e/griffith-car-seat-check



Education

Griffith Public School

Kindergarten Enrolments 2027

Enrol Now

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

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To support families at

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A free 10-month program that helps you save for your own or your children's education.

- Build lasting savings habits
- Be better prepared for unexpected expenses
- Stay in control
- Improve personal wellbeing

Who can join?

To be eligible for Saver Plus, you must meet all of the following criteria:

- Have a Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card
- Receive an eligible Commonwealth social security benefit, allowance or payment*
- Be studying yourself or have a child in school (can be starting school next year)
- Have regular income from work (you or your partner)
- Be 18+ years old

*Many income types and Centrelink payments may qualify. Not sure if you qualify? Just fill out the enquiry form and a Savings Coach will reach out to you.

To confidentially find out more, call Saver Plus or fill out the enquiry form in the link.

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