



NEWSLETTER TERM 3 WEEK 8 2026

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It is finally here, go time for 'Colour My World'. We are so pumped, ready, keen and excitedly waiting to shine on stage tomorrow. There has been a buzz around the school yesterday and today. Last minute touches to costumes and performance routines. The students are excited, staff are pumped and I know parents are bursting with pride to see their children up on stage tomorrow during the matinee or night performances. Thank you to Mrs Helen Lander and her team of creative people who organised and produced this wonderful production. A lot of work goes on behind the scenes to create the spectacular show that you will see tomorrow. Thank you to all the teachers, SLSOs, office staff, and parents who contributed in any way, and of course, thank you to our wonderful students.

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. Information regarding our transition and parent information sessions can be found in the flyer in this newsletter.

Whole School Assemblies

Our last Whole School Assemblies for this term is on:

- Friday 18th September 2026 (1/2K and the junior choir performing)

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

Squishies and toys

A reminder that squishies and toys are not to be brought to school. Please keep these at home. We have had some incidences where a squishie has broken and the liquid inside has entered a student's eye causing pain and discomfort. Squishies are banned from school.

Triple J - One Night Stand event

We are so lucky to have so many talented students at GPS. On Saturday night four of our students: Nia, Octavia, Malaena and Hope T sang in the combined choir on stage with the band DMA'S. They did a wonderful job performing in front of an enormous crowd!



Lost Property

The Wellbeing Cottage is overflowing with lost jumpers, jackets and school hats. Please make sure that your child's name is written on all their jumpers, jackets and school hats. They will be returned to them if their name is on them.

Year 6 High School Transition

This Thursday Year 6 will participate in another High School transition session. They are to meet on the grass area of Griffith High School by 9am. Miss Barton and Miss Muller will walk any students that wish to meet at GPS before then. Any students attending Wade High School (WHS) need to make their own way to and from WHS. Students return to GPS at 11:30am.

Shot Putt Sensation

Congratulations to Zed Paguirigan who placed 3rd in Shot Putt at last week's Regional Athletics Carnival held in Albury. He now progresses to State Athletics held in Sydney later in the year.



GRIFFITH PUBLIC SCHOOL

TERM 3 - WEEKLY SWIMMING PROGRAM

Tuesday 15th September

REMEMBER TO BRING

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

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Counsellor's Corner

Your friendly school counsellor is happy to announce that she will be sharing occasional news updates which families may find useful. Throughout the term I will provide information on a range of topics. This week is an introduction on:

Your Child and Screens

We all know that screens are very useful in our everyday lives. They help us with many things such as shopping, banking, entertainment and keeping in touch with friends and family. But too much screen use can cause problems for children. This is because children's brains are still developing and growing.

Excessive screentime has been shown by scientists to alter the normal development of the brain.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) has declared overuse of screens as an addiction. Screen addiction has the same effects on the brain, body and behaviour as alcohol and other drugs.

There are many studies which have been conducted all around the world investigating the negative effects of overuse of screens on children. It's not only the length of time on screens which is a problem, it's also what children see. The content is not always appropriate for children.

Here are a few of the negative side effects: learning problems, mental health disorders, sleep disorders, high blood pressure, aggression, impaired vision, false presentations of ADHD and Autism and decreased resilience. There are many, many more. The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare issued this statement after researching this important subject:

"Screen exposure in growing children has been associated with lower cognitive abilities and academic performance in later years. Language development is also affected by screentime as it diminishes the quantity and quality of interactions between children and caregivers"

If you'd like more information, please contact me via the school.

Julia Hopp
Registered Psychologist

Have a great week
Kind regards
Kristy Lemon
Relieving Principal

Griffith Public School - Term 3 2026						
Term 3	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
Week 8	7 September	8 September Production Rehearsal Day No swimming today	9 September 'Colour My World' Production Day – Matinee and Evening	10 September 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
Week 10	21 September	22 September Weekly Swimming 12pm	23 September	24 September Year 6 transition 9am	25 September Last day of Term 3	26/27 Sept
Term 4 Week 1	12 October SDD – no students	13 October Students return to school	14 October	15 October Kindergarten 2027 Stay and Play 9am - 12pm	16 October	17/18 Oct



Kindergarten 2027



Stay and Play Sessions

9:00am-12pm

- Thursday 15th October
- Thursday 22nd October
- Thursday 29th November
- Thursday 5th November
- Thursday 12th November
- Thursday 19th November

Please ensure children arrive at 9:00 am with a responsible adult. Children will be ready for pick-up at the Murrumbidgee Ave car park at 12 pm.

Children will need to bring a bag with a hat, packed lunch and a water bottle.

All children must be enrolled to attend our Orientation sessions.




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Kindergarten Enrolments 2027

Enrol Now



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


02 6962 3199


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PROUD & DEADLY AWARDS 2026





GPS is on stage this week!

Tuesday 8th September

Dress Rehearsal

All children will be catching buses to the Griffith Regional Theatre. We will be leaving school at 9:15am. The children will be at the theatre all day and will need morning tea, lunch and drinks. They will still be able to order lunch from the canteen.

Wednesday 9th September

Matinee Performance

Children will be having an early morning tea before catching buses at 10am to the theatre for an 11am start. We will have a late lunch when we get back to school. Children will be able to order their lunch.

Evening Performance

Children are to arrive at the theatre at 5pm and go to their dressing room at the theatre, in the Burley Griffin Room or at the TAFE. Children are to bring a bottle of water only, no food is needed.

Children must participate in the night show and stay until the conclusion of the performance as all children are in the finale.

Each child's presence is essential, not only for the success of the show, but also for teamwork, confidence and creativity.

The Wednesday night performance at 6pm will be professionally videoed. Families will have the opportunity to purchase this recording in Term 4

The evening performance will finish at approximately 8pm/8:30pm. It will take approximately 20mins for all the children to get changed. Children will be able to be collected from the Burley Griffin Room or at the door to the change rooms.

We are all getting very excited and are looking forward to performing for you.

Thank you for your support!



**WEDNESDAY 9th SEPTEMBER
GRIFFITH REGIONAL THEATRE**



GRIFFITH JUNIOR CRICKET 2026/2027 SEASON

Griffith Junior cricket will start their 2026/2027 season 24th October, with all games/sessions taking place on Saturday mornings.



All registrations will need to be made online through PlayHQ
<https://www.playhq.com/>

Search for Griffith District Cricket Association

Cricket Blast:

- Group #1 - Kinder - Year 1 (5-7 years old)
- Group #2 - Year 2-3 (7-9 years old)

Senior Binks/Tucker:

- Year 4-5 (10-11 years old)

All games and Blaster activities start on Saturday 24th October

If having trouble registering, please come along to our assistance evening on Wednesday 14th October at the Exies Sports Club from 5-7pm. A coaching and information session will be held on Sunday 18th October at the Exies.

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Roy Binks on 0490 534 707. Also please check out our Facebook page (Griffith Junior Cricket Club) for updates.



HANWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE



ABOUT BASE OOSH

Base Oosh provides a caring and trusted space where children can play, connect, and grow - giving families confidence that their children are not only cared for, but supported in building the strength and relationships that matter for life.

SESSION TIMES

MONDAY - FRIDAY

BEFORE SCHOOL: 7:00am - 9:00am

AFTER SCHOOL: 3:00pm - 6:00pm

VACATION CARE: 7:00am - 6:00pm



CONTACT US

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SESSION FEES FOR 2026

FEES ARE BEFORE CHILD CARE SUBSIDY

Before School Care: \$29 / \$32

After School Care: \$34 / \$37

Vacation Care: \$85 - \$120

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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.

SCHOLASTIC Book Club

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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

GRIFFITH CENTRAL PRESCHOOL

MULTICULTURAL CELEBRATION DAY 2026

**TOGETHER WE CELEBRATE.
TOGETHER WE BELONG.**

DATE: SEPTEMBER 29TH, 2026

WHERE: 29 - 31 YAMBIL ST, GRIFFITH.

ENTRY VIA VISITORS CARPARK!

TIME: 10:30-AM - 1:00PM

FREE ENTRY!!!

WHATS ON:

- CULTURAL PERFORMANCES BY THE LOCAL COMMUNITY AT 11 AM
- FACE PAINTING
- SAND ART
- COLOUR IN WITH KURRAJONG SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Griffith City Council
...love the lifestyle...