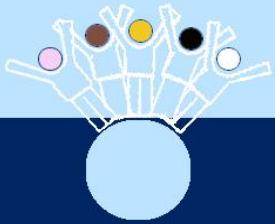


# Griffith Public School

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## NEWSLETTER TERM 4 WEEK 10 2025

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Welcome to Week 10 – our final week for 2026. Thank you to each and every one of you for the support you have given to your children and the school this year. It is in partnership that we get the best results for your children. It is an honour to be trusted with their education – we thank you for choosing Griffith Public School.

I have the privilege of continuing to relieve as Principal of GPS for Term 1, 2026. Mr Noffke will remain in his relieving Director role. I have a family wedding overseas at the beginning of the year (Weeks 2-4) and Mrs Kristy Lemon will relieve as Principal during this time. I will be back at school in Week 5 (23<sup>rd</sup> February).

We have a new tab on our website under the 'Learning and Support' tab. This is 'High Potential and Gifted Education'. You can see the offerings at GPS for all four domains of learning – intellectual, creative, physical, and social/emotional. We look forward to highlighting more of the great opportunities for and achievements of our students next year.

Semester 2 reports went home yesterday. If you would like to discuss any aspect of the report or your child's progress, please contact the office for an appointment.

Please remember that school will start at 9.05am in 2026, but the end of day will remain the same. Teachers will be on duty from 8.35am and students are welcome to come and enjoy the Breakfast Club or to socialise with their friends from that time.

I wish you all a restful summer break and look forward to seeing you safely return in February.

Helen King  
Principal (Rel)

### New staff in 2026

How did you go with last week's quiz? Here are the answers:



Ms Ellie Muller  
*"I have a big collection of Nike shoes -every time I go away, I make it my mission to buy a new colour."*



Mr Cameron Pearce  
*"I play the drums and have music on Spotify with my band and I've played soccer every year since I was 5."*



Ms Emma Lassau  
*"I have lived by the beach my whole life and never been to Griffith before."*



Ms Zarah Sully  
*"I love to wear fun earrings every day!"*

### Dress up Day

**Thursday** will be a dress up day! There is no cost for this activity. Students can wear Christmas themed clothing or casual clothes. All students must still be sun safe with shoulders covered and enclosed shoes.



## School Leaders for 2026

We are proud to share the School Leaders for 2026. These young people have already demonstrated their willingness to step out of their comfort zone and try difficult things. We know they will lead our students proudly.

Congratulations to Charlie Longstaff, Jharviahs Tomi, Alexa Patel and Hannah Langi



Hannah Langi



Charlie Longstaff



Alexa Patel



Jharviahs Tomi



## Farewell to Staff - Rita McIver

We were able to congratulate Mrs McIver at the Presentation Day and at our Whole School Assembly last week. Mrs McIver is leaving us after 38 years of dedicated service. We wish her well as she launches into retirement. She plans to scale mountains, tend to her garden and apply herself to long-neglected hobbies. We thank her for her commitment to GPS over many years of service.



## Major Award Winners 2025

Congratulations to the Major Award Winners for 2025. These were announced and presented at Presentation Day.

*Principal's award* - Claire Webb.

*The Director of Public Schools NSW Award* - Charlotte Taituave

*Dux Award* - Fiona Laidler

*Marj Johnston Literacy Award* - Fiona Laidler

*Jan Kitchingman Numeracy Award* - Fiona Laidler

*Pat Cox Encouragement Award* - Cooper Rennie.

*Shiralee Carter Memorial Award* - Ava Little.

*Robert Taituave Memorial Award* - Ayon Wickrama Kankanage

*Rotary Avanti T.E.A.M (Together Everyone Achieves More) Award* - The Dirty Dozen Team Abhyarth Panchal, Raleigh Magodi, Abbie-Rose Reginato, Lilly-Rose Robinson, Ava Little, Felicity Dries, Blessin Tuimalealiifano, Makayla Reginato and Abigail Leney.

*P&C Creative and Performing Arts Award* ES1- Mickella Palmer, St 1 – Ahammad Zayan, St 2 – Leannah Tuiallii, St 3 – Soriya Matenga

*Improvement In English Proficiency* - ES1: Pranavi Patel, Stage 1: Kylee Carmelo, Stage 2 - Nieva Patel, Stage 3 - Arumia Kiikii.

## Farewell Year 6

It is our final chance to farewell Year 6 and wish them well as they begin their new adventures at high school. Our students head off to a number of different schools, but we know they will take a little bit of GPS with them and continue to live by the values they have practiced for many years. The Year 6 Clap Out will be at the end of the school day on Friday.

We have a number of families who are leaving our GPS community this year as their child leaves Year 6. We thank them for being part of our community and for helping to build our school into a stronger place.

Farewell to the following families:

- Bambrell (Phoenix)
- Chaudhari (Rudra)
- Claor (Cedrick)
- Cranston (Harlem)
- Enario (Ace)
- Leney (Abigail)
- Matenga (Soriya)
- McDonald (April-Rose)
- Rahman (Shazaib)
- Rauluni Williams (Jeremiah)
- Rebetzke (William)
- Rennie (Cooper)
- Simpson (Jamie)
- Smith-Wallace (Miracle)
- Syed (Ruby)
- Toru (Wakia)

Griffith Public School - Term 4 2025						
2025 Term 4	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
<b>Week 10</b>	<b>15 Dec</b> Semester 2 reports sent home	<b>16 Dec</b> ES1/S1 Sprinkler splash and class parties	<b>17 Dec</b>	<b>18 Dec</b> Dress up day!	<b>19 Dec</b> Last day for students and staff.	<b>20/21 Dec</b>
						
<b>2026 Term 1</b>	<b>26 Jan</b> Public Holiday	<b>27 Jan</b> Staff return to work. Students return 2 Feb	<b>28 Jan</b>	<b>29 Jan</b> Uniform shop open 10am – 2pm	<b>30 Jan</b> Uniform shop open 10am – 2pm	<b>31 Jan/1 Feb</b>
<b>Week 2</b>	<b>2 Feb</b> Students return to school	<b>3 Feb</b>	<b>4 Feb</b>	<b>5 Feb</b>	<b>6 Feb</b>	<b>7/8 Feb</b>

### Uniforms for 2026

The canteen will be open for uniforms before school comes back on Thursday 29th and Friday 30th January 10am until 2pm.

### What is HPGE?

This stands for High Potential and Gifted Education. We look for potential and demonstrated strengths in the following domains or areas:

#### The Four Domains:

- Intellectual:** Natural gifts in thinking, reasoning, processing, and understanding information quickly.
- Creative:** Abilities in imagination, originality, innovation, and problem-solving.
- Physical:** Strengths in motor skills, coordination, endurance, and strength, seen in sports or dance.
- Social-Emotional:** Talents in self-management, empathy, leadership, communication, and relating to others.

More information can be found on the department's website at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/high-potential-and-gifted-education/HPGE-policy-information>

### Key Dates for 2026

We have some important dates you might like to put in your calendar.

#### Term 1:

23rd February: GPS Swimming Carnival for Years 3-6.

2nd March: Zone Swimming Carnival for selected students Years 3-6

9th March: Riverina Swimming Carnival for selected students Years 3-6

11th – 23rd March: NAPLAN window – assessment for Years 3 and 5 only

26th March: School Photos

#### Term 4:

30th November – 2nd December: Borambola Sport and Recreation Camp - St 2 (Years 3 and 4)  
<https://www.sport.nsw.gov.au/sport-and-recreation-centres/borambola>

# Grinchy Visitor in 1S

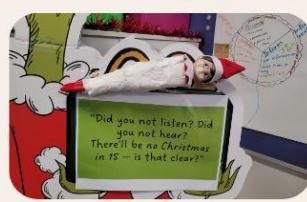
with Mrs Sarkis

It's been a Grinchy time here in 1S,  
With mischief, mess and Christmas stress!  
The Grinch can't stand this festive cheer,  
So he's made things tricky all through the year!

He trapped poor CC in a jar,  
Then flung our Christmas tree so far!  
He broke our screen—"No work today!"—  
And tied up CC in a Grinchy way.

But in 1S we're clever, bright and keen,  
The best persuaders you've ever seen!  
We're writing letters, reason by reason,  
To show the Grinch this joyful season.

We hope our words will help him know  
That Christmas makes warm hearts grow and glow.  
And maybe soon—oh wouldn't it be grand?—  
He'll celebrate with us, just as we planned!



# DRUMMING WITH 1C

& Mrs Carbone

1C made their own drums this week!



They followed step-by-step instructions



See if you can make your own!

# 1L 2025

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