

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 (23rd 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

GRIFFITH PUBLIC SCHOOL 2026 SCHOOL CAPTAINS



Hannah
Langi



Charlie
Longstaff



Alexa
Patel



Jharviahs
Tomi

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 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.




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:

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

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!

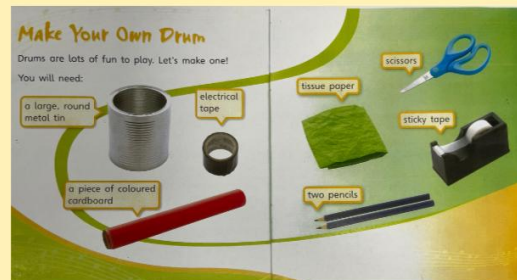


DRUMMING WITH 1C

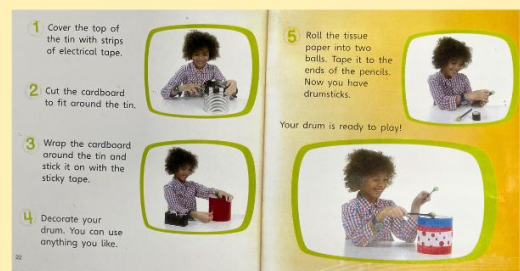
& Mrs
Carbone



**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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