



NEWSLETTER TERM 4 WEEK 4 2025

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Welcome to Week 4!

Today is Tonga's National Day. I would like to extend my congratulations to all in our community who celebrate this special day. I was able to share in some of the festivities on Saturday when the Tongan community shared dancing, language and food in Memorial Park. Some of you may have seen the flag raising in City Park earlier in the day. We also have students who celebrated National Türkiye Day last Wednesday.

I hope their celebration was wonderful. We are very lucky to be able to share in such a rich tapestry of cultures in Griffith.

Leadership is promoted at all year levels through our value of responsibility – even in Kindergarten. They have an opportunity to practice this when we have our visiting little ones coming for Kindergarten Orientation on Mondays. It is great to see them supporting the incoming Kinders in the playground.

Some Year 5 students are now gathering their ideas for the captain speeches coming up at the end of the month. It will be great to hear their ideas for strengthening our school community.

Next year, we will have two new classes starting at GPS. Two support classes will be a part of our school. A support class has smaller numbers and is staffed to enable students with additional learning needs to be better supported. Students in these classes will spend time in their home class but also have opportunities to spend time with their year level friends.

Exciting news - get your pencils sharpened! We are running a competition for the design of a sculpture for GPS to enter in the Citrus Sculptures for Springfest in 2026. Details of the competition will be distributed tomorrow to interested students. The competition will close on Friday 22 November. We thank the P&C who have donated a \$100 Kmart voucher for the winning entry!

Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns or need assistance. Appointments can be made through the office.

Have a great week everyone.

Helen King
Principal (Rel)

Attendance

We have many unexplained absences on the rolls. Responding to the SMS sent at 10.30am each day is greatly appreciated. We are required to record a reason for the absence within 7 days. If you miss the SMS, please send in a note or call through to the office.

A reminder that supervision for students starts at 8.50am. Prior to this, students are expected to be seated in the Infants COLA and Primary COLA.

GRIFFITH PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE FUNDRAISER

**GRIFFITH BUNNINGS
SATURDAY 15TH NOVEMBER**

COME SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL FUNDRAISER



Griffith Public School - Term 4 2025

2025 Term 4	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
Week 4	3 Nov Stay and Play Kinder 2026 9.30-12pm	4 Nov	5 Nov	6 Nov	7 Nov	8/9 Nov
Week 5	10 Nov Stay and Play Kinder 2026 9.30-12pm	11 Nov Remembrance Day	12 Nov Kindergarten 2026 Information Night 5pm	13 Nov	14 Nov Whole school assembly 2pm Blue Day for Diabetes	15/16 Nov
Week 6	17 Nov Stay and Play Kinder 2026 9.30-12pm	18 Nov	19 Nov Lego League	20 Nov	21 Nov	22/23
Week 7	24 Nov	25 Nov	26 Nov	27 Nov MRHS orientation day Captain speeches 10am	28 Nov SRC fundraiser - Crocs and Crazy Socks Day	29/30 Nov

Kindergarten



2026

Stay and Play

9:30am-12pm

Monday 20th October

Monday 27th October

Monday 3rd November

Monday 10th November

Monday 17th November

Please ensure children arrive at the Stepping Stones room at 9:30 am with a responsible adult. Families can enter through the main Coolah St entrance. 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.

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Congratulations to the Dirty Dozen who received an award from the Griffith Show Society for their mosaic which they have donated to the school.



Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight

= 4 weeks



= Over 1 year missed

1 day per week

= 8 weeks



= Over 2.5 years missed

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What we love about

YEAR THREE

The teachers

Getting friends

Doing sport

Art

Work

Art

Sport

Scripture

Miss Curran is funny

We can do art

Reading groups and sport

Sport and soundwaves

Doing writing

Having the best teacher

Having a nice teacher



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**KINDERGARTEN
2026
INFORMATION
NIGHT**

- ✓ Get your questions answered
- ✓ Discuss important information
- ✓ P&C Uniform shop will be open

Wednesday 12th November
5pm

WORLD DIABETES DAY

Friday 14th November

Come to school wearing something blue to help support and raise awareness of diabetes and its impacts

No gold coin donation will be required



world diabetes day
14 November



CLASS OF 2025
**YEAR 6
GRADUATION**

THURSDAY 4TH DECEMBER
2025

AT 2PM IN THE SCHOOL HALL

A graduation ceremony will be held at a special assembly for Year 6 students only and their families, followed by cake and photos.

FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM IS TO BE WORN



**YEAR 6
GRADUATION**

Dinner

PIZZA AND DISCO

THURSDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2025

6.30-8.30PM
CORO CLUB

STUDENT ONLY EVENT
(SUPERVISED BY STAFF)

COST \$10

Payment options include, Cash, EFTPOS and School Bytes.

Transport for NSW Careers

Is this role for you? School Crossing Supervisor



About you:

Help protect our vibrant school communities.



Be a road safety hero for school kids, caregivers, school staff and local motorists.



Able to communicate with different groups and give clear instructions.



Willing to work outdoors in all weather conditions.



Casual

Griffith Local Government Area – 102031

In this role, you'll:

Work shifts that fall between 8:00am - 9:30am and 2:30pm - 4:00pm, Monday to Friday during school terms with a minimum of one hour shift as required.

Salary:

\$33.83 per hour plus superannuation.

Apply today

Applications close 11:59pm on Wednesday 12th November 2025.

Visit jobs.transport.nsw.gov.au and search for **Reference**

Number: 102031 or search 'School Crossing Supervisors' for a full list of vacancies or scan the QR code to apply.

For further information, contact Amy Davies

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Good for kids
good for life



First Nations Game: Birray

Description: This is a game where a chaser (birray) attempts to tag (touch) other players.

Players: 4 - 8 (recommended for younger children)

Playing area: A space big enough to run around without any obstacles

Game play and basic rules:

- Players spread out around the playing area.
- Shutting their eyes (or blindfolded) the player who takes the part of the *birray* (march-fly) runs about trying to catch (touch) another player in the group.
- As soon as the player is successful, he or she makes an unpleasant noise (imitating the insect's buzz) near the ear of the player caught and also give him or her a 'pretend' pinch (indicative of the sting). The player caught (touched) becomes the new *birray* and the game continues.

Play suggestions:

- Spread out
- Keep moving, but watch out for the *birray*!
- Look out for other players



Source: Yulunga Traditional Indigenous Games



Hunter New England
Local Health District

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<https://goodforkids.nsw.gov.au>

Good for Kids acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land that we live and work on as the first people of this country, and pay our respects to Elders past and present.

COME AND TRY DAYS

Want to see what GFA is all about? Everyone is welcome to come and join in with some training and small-sided games!

Who: Boys and girls, U8-U16, from any GDFA club
When: Saturday 15th Nov & Saturday 6th Dec, 9am-10:00am.
Where: Ted Scobie Oval, Griffith (middle tier, Holmes Cres side)
Cost: Free
Bring: Drink bottle, soccer boots, shin pads

REGISTRATIONS OPEN FOR SEASON 2026!

Playing local soccer this year?

Wanting more training, development and games?

GFA's program is for boys and girls with teams from U8-U16.

Weekly training begins 2/2/26 and we play in several game days!

CRIFFITH FOOTBALL ACADEMY

For more information or to register use the QR code, email griffithfootballacademy.com.au or find us on Facebook!