

NEWSLETTER TERM 4 WEEK 7 2025

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Welcome to Week 7!

This is a very important week for the senior students. Year 6 have their whole day orientation at their respective high schools and the Year 5 students prepare to deliver their Student Leader speeches to their peers. It will be great to have families of Year 5 students join us on Thursday to support their children as they put forward their ideas.

Our Values

GPS has three overarching values which guide our work, our play and how we get along with others. These are Respect, Responsibility and Do Your Best. Teachers will refer to these values daily and how we are able to see them in what we are doing but also where they are missing. You might like to have a conversation with your child about what the values mean to them. We need to continually promote positive and peaceful resolutions to challenges which demonstrate our understanding of these values. We all deserve to be treated with respect and it is our responsibility at GPS to do our best in showing this to others in the classroom and in the playground.

Attendance

It is important that your child attends every day until the end of school. Teaching and learning will be happening in classrooms until we finish for the summer holidays. We still have 10% of the year to go and we need all this time to deliver our programs. Our last day of school is Friday 19th December.

Presentation Day

Next week, we have some formal end of year events. The Year 2 and Year 6 Graduation Ceremonies will happen at school on Thursday 4th, and Presentation Day at the Regional Theatre on Friday 5th December. My deep thanks to the many teachers who have been preparing for these important events. These are very busy weeks, and I very much appreciate the additional time they dedicate to ensuring the ceremonies are well organised.

Fundraiser on Friday: Crocs and Crazy Socks

This is an SRC Fundraiser. Wear one, wear both – it will be fun! Gold coin donations will be collected by the SRC.

Whole School Assembly

Friday 28th November at 2pm.

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)

Parent Survey

A huge thank you to the parents who have participated so far. We have had some great suggestions for improvements in 2026. This is our last week for the survey. I would greatly appreciate your input. Please scan the QR code to access the survey. There are just 13 questions, and the survey should only take a few minutes.



Book Club

All book club orders are due to the school office by Tuesday 2nd December. Unfortunately, no late orders can be made.

Wellbeing Opportunity for Stage 3

Last Friday, our Year 5 and 6 students participated in the workshops with Danielle and Jack from Enlighten Education and Goodfellas. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive and demonstrated that they took on the important messages of self-worth and believing in your dreams. Here is some of the feedback:

It's the best day of the whole school year. Danielle should visit us more often! I learnt to be positive all the time; learn to be me; how to encourage others; how to move on and how to be nice even if we are not friends anymore. My favourite part was when we would volunteer for Danielle because she is independent, funny and inspires me. – Ryleah

Thank you for making my day – I will remember this advice for the rest of my life! I learnt to be grateful, supportive and positive; to respect people, love yourself and don't judge your body; don't believe ads and; don't let others make you hide your shine! – Haniya

I had a great day, would 100% do it again. I learnt how people feel about me, about gratitude and happiness. I liked hearing about Danielle's past and stories and the meaning behind butterflies. – Enna

This gave us great advice for the future. The best bit was when we had to write at least one thing good about each other and because it brought joy and happy tears. I learnt about gratitude, how to love yourself, how to enjoy all the bits and pieces, how to forgive each other and to be the best I can. – Charlotte

I thought it was interesting. He explained his life and his opportunities which inspired me to chase my dreams. – Reyansh

He was inspiring as he told his story. – Harlem

I thought the boys talk was interesting. It is important to remember what is fair to boys and that they shouldn't be treated like they are bad – Storm

Boys are better than we think - Locky

The workshop was good. I became motivated to go and chase my dreams and strive for the best. - Will

Sand Recall

We have been advised that any sand or sand art can be disposed of by double bagging it and putting it in your red wheelie bin for regular collection.

The ACCC has issued recall notices for educational sand products used in our school as they may contain tremolite asbestos (a naturally occurring asbestos).

The health, safety and wellbeing of students and staff are our highest priorities. All measures have been taken to immediately remove these sand products from our classrooms and school areas.

Importantly, the ACCC reports respiratory asbestos has not been detected in any of the tested samples. If you have any questions, please contact the school on 69623199.

Opportunity Classes

Selective high schools and opportunity classes are specialist school settings that group together high potential and gifted students. Opportunity classes are for high potential and gifted students in Years 5 and 6. Learning with classmates who have similar abilities helps students' academic development and wellbeing. Students still follow the NSW curriculum, but teachers may use special teaching methods for high potential and gifted learners. Within each co-educational opportunity class and selective high school there will be an equal number of places available for girls and boys.

How do I know if it is the right fit for my child? Does your child:

- enjoy learning
- have intense curiosity
- display a good memory
- ask complex questions
- require fewer repetitions when learning new things
- display creative ways of thinking
- become intensely focused in their area of interest or passion?

If some of these sound like your child, an opportunity class or selective high school might be a good fit.

The application period for 2027 entry is from 6 November 2025 to 20 February 2026.

Opportunity classes: Parents apply when their child is near the end of Year 3 in 2025 or at the beginning of Year 4 in 2026.

Selective high schools: Parents apply when their child is near the end of Year 5 in 2025 or at the beginning of Year 6 in 2026.

If you would like more information, please email the school for an information sheet at griffith-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Griffith Public School - Term 4 2025						
2025 Term 4	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
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 Whole school assembly 2pm	29/30 Nov
Week 8	1 Dec Kindergarten town library visit 9.30am	2 Dec Book Club due	3 Dec	4 Dec Yr 2 Grad 12pm Yr 6 Grad Assembly 2pm Yr 6 Grad Dinner 6.30pm	5 Dec Presentation Day 10.30am at Griffith Regional Theatre	6/7 Dec
Week 9	8 Dec	9 Dec Year 6 Big Day Out 9am	10 Dec	11 Dec	12 Dec Whole school assembly 2pm	13/14 Dec
Week 10	15 Dec	16 Dec	17 Dec	18 Dec	19 Dec Last day for students and staff.	20/21 Dec

YEAR 2 FAMILIES
YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR
**YEAR 2 GRADUATION
CELEBRATION**
THURSDAY
4th DECEMBER
12.00pm IN THE HALL
(PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD IS IN FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM)

 **2025**

PARENTS AND FAMILIES WELCOME TO ATTEND
Featuring a special performance from Year 2.


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)

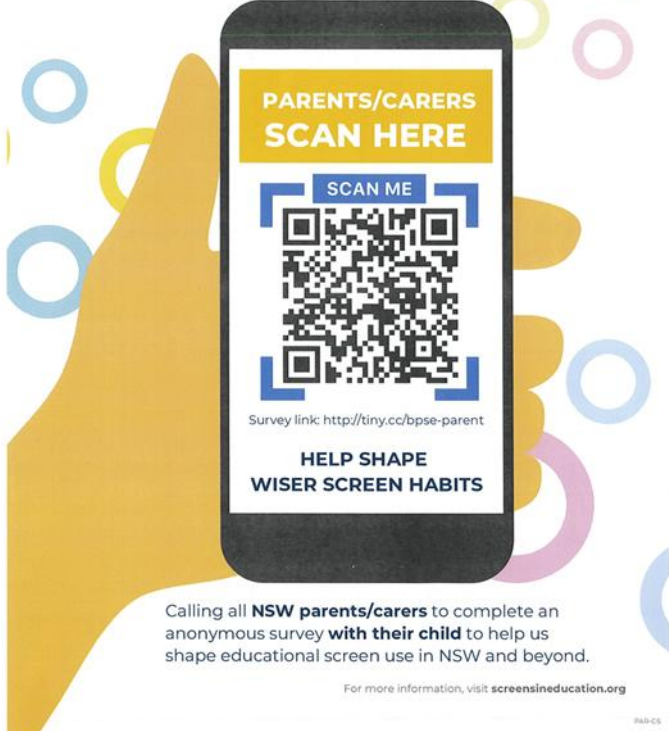
COST \$10

Payment options include, Cash, EFTPOS and School Bytes.




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Survey link: <http://tiny.cc/bpse-parent>

**HELP SHAPE
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Calling all **NSW parents/carers** to complete an anonymous survey **with their child** to help us shape educational screen use in NSW and beyond.

For more information, visit screensineducation.org

Friday 28th November

Crocs and crazy socks

Gold coin donation (\$1 or \$2)

Going towards end of Yr 6 celebrations



FREE Christmas Family Event

Bunnings Griffith

Thursday 4th of December

6:00pm – 8:00pm

Activities and fun for the whole family

Santa will arrive at 7pm!
There will be a Chocolate Wheel
Heaps of raffle prizes
Entertainment includes Pony Rides
Lions Train, Kids DIY, Face Painting, Glitter
Tattoos and Lots of Games!

Don't miss out, register now!





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