

## NEWSLETTER TERM 4 WEEK 8 2025

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### Welcome to Week 8!

We have several very important celebrations on this week as we host the graduation ceremonies for the Year 2 and Year 6 students on Thursday and Presentation Day at the Regional Theatre on Friday. Years 3 to 6 will be attending this event by bus due to the extreme heat expected on Friday. Please respond to the permission request which will be sent out on School Bytes. We look forward to recognising the great achievement of our students and celebrating these important milestones. A reminder that all students should wear full school uniform for these events.

If you would like a ticket to Presentation Day, there are still a limited number available through the office. Get in quick!

Next year, we are adjusting the start time to our school day to bring us into alignment with other schools. From Day 1 in 2026, our school day will start at 9.05am but the finish time will remain at 3.05pm. Playground supervision will begin at 8.35am each day. At this stage, there will be no other changes to lunch and fruit break times. My thanks to the P&C for their support as we make these necessary adjustments.

We have been advised that Mr Noffke will continue to relieve in the role of DEL for the Deniliquin Network for Term 1, 2026. I have the privilege of continuing to serve as Principal with GPS during this time. My thanks to you all for your support.

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)

### Year 6 Big Day Out

Yr 6 should have information about the requirements for their BDO celebrations next week. We look forward to a great day away. Please contact the office if you have not received the information notes.

### Furniture giveaway

We have some older furniture to give away. If you would like to come and take any of this at the end of the school day, it is free to collect from outside the infant toilet block near the back gate. There are a number of different chairs, older whiteboards and tables.

### Crocs and Crazy Socks

We had a great day celebrating the craziness of socks and crocs last week. What a variety of crocs we have in our town! It was so much fun and brought us lots of smiles. The SRC raised \$320 towards the Year 6 Graduation. Thanks to everyone for their support.





### Library Visit

Kindergarten had a magical time yesterday at the Griffith Regional Library! We went to post our letters to Santa and we also enjoyed a special time with Charmaine, who sang Christmas songs and read us wonderful Christmas stories. Kindergarten also made some reindeer antlers. A very big thank you to the staff at the library for making our visit so special. The library staff were very impressed with the Kindergarten students' behaviour during their visit. They told Mrs Lander that the children were respectful, polite, and listened well to all instructions. Well done Kindergarten!




**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.



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



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.



Janison  
Assessments.



## 2025

### **ICAS ASSESSMENTS - Griffith Public School**

ICAS is a historic academic competition that has been sat by over 10 million school students from 16,000 schools across 41 countries since 1981.

It recognises academic performance in a way similar to sports or the arts, with engaging, fun questions designed by psychometricians, education measurement experts and experienced teachers to test students' higher-order thinking skills.

ICAS also provides rich insights into students' strengths and weaknesses, helping teachers to accelerate learning outcomes and unlock student potential.

At Griffith Public School, 31 students participated in some or all of the following assessments: Mathematics, English, Science, Digital Technologies and Writing.

Participation certificates are awarded along with the following outstanding achievements:

**Merit in Writing:** Keya Chaudhari, Evelyn Laidler, Abhyarth Panchal, Alexa Quino

**Merit in Mathematics:** Jenny Kee Mew, Fiona Laidler

**Merit in Digital Technologies:** Mehraz Amin, Jenny Kee Mew, Fiona Laidler

**Merit in Science:** Lae Vili

**Credit in English:** Jenny Kee Mew, Lae Vili, Fiona Laidler

**Credit in Writing:** Mehraz Amin

**Credit in Mathematics:** Lae Vili

**Credit in Science:** Lucas Gray, Evelyn Laidler, Fiona Laidler

**Credit in Digital Technologies:** Lucas Gray

**Distinction in English and Digital Technologies:** Evelyn Laidler

Congratulations to all the participants in this High Potential and Gifted Education endeavour.

*Mrs Giulia Parisotto*

APC&I - ICAS Coordinator

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Sujata Stead'.

**Sujata Stead**  
CEO

### 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](mailto:griffith-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)



**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!

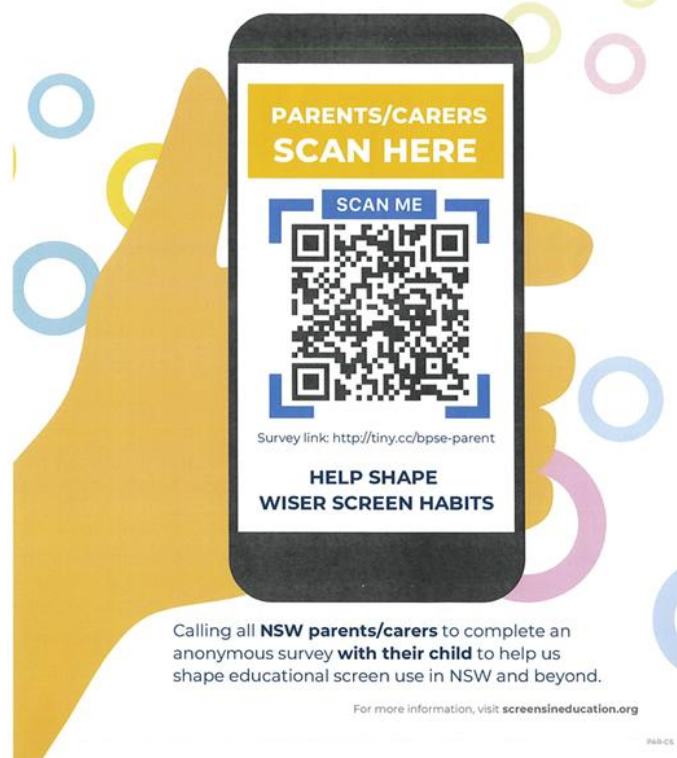
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**HELP SHAPE WISER SCREEN HABITS**

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

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