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## **SHOWTIME & SUNSHINE**

It was wonderful to have so many school community members join us for our showtime and sunshine celebration today, including our book parade, assembly and picnic. This week we celebrate Education Week under the theme "Ignite Your Potential," and highlight the amazing work of school staff and our community, in creating an environment where every student can grow and develop their unique potential. A huge thank you to Rosemary Andrighetto our school administration manager, for her invaluable support to our school community. Rosie is fundamental to the success of our students and it is important we recognise and celebrate her incredible contribution to our school.

There are so many student successes to celebrate. This week our Year One students have prepared an art show, and our senior band has represented us at KROP. Next term, students will engage in dance and performance workshops as we prepare for presentation day. These are just some of the many opportunities for our children to express themselves creatively at GEPS. Once again, thank you to staff and our community who make these wonderful learning opportunities possible. The school would like to acknowledge Kate Crosato in recognition of her outstanding support of our very successful school band. Thank you for your support Kate.

Thanks to our staff for supporting the intellectual development of all students through differentiation, enrichment, and advanced learning programs. This term our debating team is excelling in the Premier's Debating Challenge, and students are representing the school in the Public Speaking competition, the Spelling Bee competition, and STEM programs with the NSW Virtual STEM Academy. These are just some of the outstanding academic enrichment opportunities at our school that would not be possible without our amazing staff.

Promoting students' physical capabilities and talents is also a school focus. Our extensive sports programs allow students to participate and represent our school at the highest levels. Our school achieves remarkable success for a regional school. Every year, many individual students and school teams achieve incredible success in a range of challenging sporting competitions. Once again it is our school staff, with the support of our families and community, who provide these opportunities for our students.

Thanks also to our staff who are committed to developing student leadership skills and socialemotional abilities through programs that build resilience and empathy. Students are supported to grow and develop through nurturing classroom learning environments and targeted programs that bring out the best in them.

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### **BAND SHINES AT KROP**

Congratulations to our senior band for their amazing performance at the KROP performances last week. Our incredible band wowed the crowd with an energetic and unforgettable performance of the SpongeBob SquarePants theme!

A huge congratulations to all our talented musicians and a big shoutout to Mr Thomas for his inspiring leadership and dedication. You made us all proud!



## **BULLYING NO WAY WEEK**

The theme for 2025 is 'Be bold. Be kind. Speak up.'

It takes a community to be brave and address bullying behaviours, within and beyond the school gate. It takes courage to spark change. Bullying is everyone's responsibility.

Students can be bold, kind and take a stand to support others being bullied. While parents and teachers are there to support children and young people learn how to behave in a positive way.

In our community and in our school, we want a place where everyone can belong, a place that celebrates everyone, and where bullying is never accepted.

This Bullying No Way Week, we're asking students, schools, families and communities to be bold and say something, be kind and support someone, and be proud to take a stand against bullying.

Griffith East Public School rejects all forms of bullying behaviours, including online (or cyber) bullying by maintaining a commitment to providing a safe, inclusive, and respectful learning community that promotes student wellbeing. Staff are committed to establishing evidence-based approaches and strategies that promote a positive climate where bullying is less likely to occur. You can find more information about school processes to address bullying in our School Behaviour Support and Management Plan. You can find this on our school website https://griffithe-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/supporting-our-students/student-health-and-safety.html

## STAFF UPDATE

Welcome to Ellie Muller who will be completing a teaching practicum with 2B this term. Ellie will work closely with Mrs Gray from Week 4 to Week 9. It's great to have you with us Ellie.

## **STEM SUCCESS**

Congratulations to our stage 3 students who completed some amazing STEM challenges in Term 2, with the support of the Murrumbidgee Academy of STEM Excellence. Students received completion certificates at assembly last week.



## NRL INSPIRES RESPECT AT GEPS



## Outstanding Students Week 3 Term 3

**KA** Dylan R, Elizabeth S,

KHR Naomi D, Foster N

**KM** Antonio R, Matisse R

KS Suleyman C, Bianca S

**1D** Amber D, Alexis G, Hunter R

**1K** Isla C, Akshdeep M, Darcy R

**1M** Pippa B, Artie D, Leo S

**2B** Seth A, Phoenix T, Leo T

**2CW** Eymen A, Leo M, Frank M

**2N** Milla M, Stephen Klay P, Pieter V

3/4C Jack M, Pakhi P

3/4G Jordan B, Max C

3/4H Yunus H, Selena H, Siobhan S, Stella W

**3/4RA** Mark B, Jobe C, Evie H, Georgia L

3/4S William S, Shiya P, Evelyn S

**5H** Harry B, Tommy H, Jordan S

**5Q** Olivia B, Elodie B, Cody M, Ariella S

**5/6M** Liam J, Mia N

6CB Reuben M, Cecilia R, Hosea A, Sosaia F

**6N** Tevita K, Elliot L, Amelia T

Last week, our Stage 2 and 3 students were fortunate to welcome the NRL Inspire Respect program to GEPS. Former NRL stars Dean Whare and Frank Winterstein delivered a powerful presentation about inclusion, respect and looking after our mental health. A huge thank you to Dean and Frank for inspiring our students with their stories and positive messages, to @arthurmeredith\_ for the incredible video which features students from GEPS and to the NRL's Social Impact team for including our school in this important and impactful program.

| Term<br>Three | MONDAY  | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY  |
|---------------|---|--|---|---|---|
| 4             | 11 August   | 12 August  | 13 August Combined Education Week and Book Week 2025                        | 14 August No 3-6 assembly   | 15 August Zone Athletics Carnival No K-2 Assembly                         |
| 5             | 18 August   | 19 August ICAS English   | 20 August Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Regional Final         | 21 August Premiers Spelling Bee Online Regional Final 3-6 Assembly – 3/4C | 22 August<br>K-2 Assembly<br>KHR  |
| 6             | 25 August NSWPSSA Tennis KO Sydney                | 26 August Trent Barrett Rugby League & League tag – Yrs 3 and 4 ICAS Maths | 27 August   | 28 August MRHS Yr 6 Transition 9.00 – 11.35 3-6 Assembly                  | 29 August Sydney Band Festival K-2 Assembly KM                            |
| 7             | 1 September Stage 1 Author Visit Griffith Library | 2 September  | 3 September Stage 2 Author Visit Griffith Library Tony Lockett Shield - AFL | 4 September 3-6 Assembly 5Q P&C Meeting SRC Footy Colours Day & Disco     | 5 September Proud & Deadly Awards Riverina PSSA Athletics K-2 Assembly KS |
| 8             | 8 Sept Duchenne's Awareness Day ShoeLace Tying    | 9 Sept   | 10 Sept   | 11 Sept RUOK Day MRHS Yr 6 Transition 9.00 – 11.35 3-6 Assembly 3/4G      | 12 Sept  K-2 Assembly led by teachers                                     |

#### **CANTEEN ROSTER**

Mon 18 Aug

Rebecca Crombie

Tues 19 Aug

Josie Mutia, Melissa Barton

Wed 20 Aug

Kara Howard

Thurs 21 Aug

Nicole Sarina, Maree Best

Fri 22 Aug

Josephine Rosato, Alison

Matthews

#### **CAKE ROSTER**

#### Wed 20 Aug

Sally Fisher, Sally Fineanganofo, Amee Crotty, Bibi Todde, Chelsea Wilson

### **SCHOOL BYTES**

Are you getting our messages on School Bytes ?? Make sure that you have your notifications enabled on your phone.

### **UNIFORM SHOP**

A reminder that the Uniform Shop is now closed. All uniform items can now be purchased either online or in store from Lowes

## ENROLMENTS NOW BEING TAKEN!

If you have a child to enrol in Kindergarten in 2026 please do so as soon as possible. Go to <a href="www.griffithe-p.schools.nsw.gov.au">www.griffithe-p.schools.nsw.gov.au</a> and click on the enrolment tab at the top. This will take you to the How to Enrol section. Follow the prompts to enrol your child. If you know of any other families who will be coming to Griffith East next year please get them to reach out to us on 6962 1804 and we can assist them with the enrolment process.

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