**KINDERGARTEN 2016**

Today we welcomed our 80 kindergarten students for 2016 to their first orientation session. They were all very excited and had a great time in the kindergarten rooms. They will be returning over the next 3 weeks for their orientation program.

**REMEMBRANCE DAY**

A short service to commemorate Remembrance Day will held on Wednesday 11 November at 11.00 a.m. in the Gunyah.

**PRESENTATION DAY DVD’S**

DVD’s of both the K-2 and 3-6 Presentation days will be made by Vince Bucello of Mid State Video productions. These will be available soon after each presentation day. An order form is on page 3 of the newsletter. Please return to the school office.

**SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOLS**


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**CALENDAR**

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REMINDER - PRESENTATION DAYS 2015 - TICKETS
The Concert/Presentation Days for 2015 will be held at the Griffith Regional Theatre on the following days:

- K-2 - Tuesday 1st December 2015 at 10.00 a.m.
- 3-6 - Tuesday 8th December 2015 at 10.00 a.m.

From Tuesday 3rd November tickets will be available from the front office during school office hours 8.45am – 3.30pm.

SPELLING BEE AND DEBATING STATE FINALS NEXT WEEK
Good luck to our debating team: Bethany McIntosh, Emily Adamson, Jiordan Wallace-Chapman and Giorgia Ceccato and their Coach Ms Gilbert who are travelling to Wollongong next week to compete in the NSW Premier’s Debating State Final.

Also Good Luck to Emma Cullen who is traveling to Sydney next week to compete in the State Final of the Premier’s Spelling Bee.

In July, more than 34,000 students from 939 public schools across NSW took part in the Premier’s Spelling Bee competition. Over 3,500 students progressed through to the regional finals and now Emma has progressed to the State Final.

DRIVE AND PARK SAFELY NEAR THE SCHOOL
This week we have a number of reports of near misses with students crossing the road after school on Spiers Street.

If you are collecting your child please:
- Come and collect them from inside the school gate.
- DO NOT DIRECT THEM TO CROSS THE ROAD TO YOU WAITING IN THE CAR.
- NEVER double park as it puts children at risk.
- Park safely even if it means walking further to the school gate
- Avoid dangerous manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns.
- Always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways.
- Avoid parking across the school driveway or the entrance to the school car park.
- Using your school’s drop off and pick up facility will help keep all children as safe as possible during the busiest times of the school day. Please observe the time restrictions in these zones
- Avoid parking in or near the school bus bay
- Avoid parking in and across residents driveways

Your assistance in modelling safe pedestrian behaviour around the school is appreciated as it will assist in providing safe entry and exit to the school for our students
**CANTEEN CHRISTMAS PARTY**
The Canteen Christmas party will be held on 28th November at the Victoria Hotel commencing at 6.30pm. RSVP to Phoebe 69625273

**YEAR 6 MINI FETE**
Our annual Mini Fete is on Thursday 19th November. As usual, the fun will begin at 11.15, and continue until just before lunch time. The fete is for all GEPS students, from Kindergarten to Year 5.

Year 6 students are working hard to prepare another memorable fete, with a wide range of food, drink and activity stalls.

Students will need a hat, sunscreen and some money to be able to enjoy the fete. If your child was to bring approximately $10, they would be guaranteed of a great time. Food, drink and activity prices range from 20c up to $2. Coins would be appreciated, so maybe you can begin some 'coin stockpiling'.

The canteen will be closed for the day. A sausage sizzle will operate, but there will be no pre-ordering of sausages. All money raised goes toward the Year 6 Farewell dinner in December.

Students need to have achieved Level 8 of our Active Citizenship Code to be eligible to participate.

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**GEPS PRESENTATION DAY - DVD ORDER FORM**

Name: __________________________

Child's Class: ________________________

I would like to order ___ DVD (s) of the 3-6 Presentation Day @ $15 each

I would like to order ___ DVD (s) of the K-2 Presentation Day @ $15 each

Total Enclosed $______

Please return to school office

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**CANTEEN NEWS**
New range of gluten free products now available from the canteen. Please see Phoebe for more details.

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

**Monday 9 Nov**
- Sandra Taylor
- Charmaine Ceccato

**Tuesday 10 Nov**
- Margaret Francis
- Bobbie Ryan

**Wednesday 11 Nov**
- Corinne Poole

**Cakes - 11 Nov**
- Tiz Fabris
- Tara Gunn
- Tammy Hirst
- Sonya Irvin
- Jenny Johns

**Thursday 12 Nov**
- Lynda Quarisa

**Friday 13 Nov**
- Amanda Long
- Allison Francis-Williams

Please contact the Canteen Supervisor Phoebe Ritorto on 69625273, if you are able to volunteer any time to assist in the canteen.
UNIFORM SHOP NEWS
For the next four weeks the uniform shop will be open on Wednesday mornings only from 8.45am – 10.30am. The dates are Nov 4th, Nov 11th, Nov 18th and Nov 25th. The Uniform Shop will not be open on Thursday morning during those weeks.

COUNTRY HOPE UNIQUE DRESSED DOLL EXHIBITION & AUCTION
7th November at Griffith Retirement Estate, 29 Sidlow Road Griffith. Entry $10 adults, children under 12 free. All proceeds to Griffith Country Hope supporting children with cancer and other life threatening illnesses. Display opens at 1pm. Afternoon tea donated by resident at 2pm Auction at 3pm. Enquiries to Mary Moses 69624016 or Julie Colla 040843105

LEUKAEMIA FOUNDATION LIGHT THE NIGHT
Date: Friday 6th November
Venue: Willow Park Griffith
Time: 5.00pm – 8.30pm
The event starts with entertainment and food stalls then as night falls the lanterns glow brightly and guests begin on a gentle scenic walk to Light the Night. BBQ and refreshments will be available for purchase. Cake stall & slushies. There will be live entertainment.
For further details contact Virginia Tropeano 0408630024 or visit http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/griffith

STAR STUDENTS
Congratulations to our students who have received awards in Week 4 Term 4

KB  Sophia Van Veen, Caileb Knox, Evelyn Ross
KC  Tenielle Taprell, Daniel Coldwell, Pamela Sayson
KM  Jackson Malligan, Madelaine Smith, Alex Melville
KS  Sophia Giason, Marcus Francis-Williams, Isla Gilio
1B  Hayley Berry, Adellaide Wilkinson, Dhane Stevenson
1G  Riley Coutts-Collins, Tayla Patten, Ryan Taylor
1M  Mackinley Vearing, Riley Smith, Charli Smith
1T  Alice Hill, Cruz Morrissey, Emily Codemo
2G  Riley Andreazza, Keana Simeon, Amy Tracy
2J  Sadie Boon, Riley Kelly, Lachlan Parker
2K  Torrence Elvy, Charley McColl, Jeffrey Howey
2S  Tai Campbell, Cadence Busby, Jett McNab
3G  Johanna Shields, Louise Gunn, Imran Johnson, Phoenix Menere, Ryan Kelly
3M  Roy Skelton, Noah Heym
3N  Gemma Turkington, Ben Miotello, Grace Garbett
4B  Evie Brand, Richie Spencer, Connor Peebles
5C  Grace Careri, D’Ella Sayers-O’Meley, Calim Walton
5R  Cooper Angel, Wil Donaldson, Felicity Baxter
5/6CM  Simonne Bagiante, Zach Sheather, Lily Mingay
6C  Brayden Summerhayes, Zeke Sheather, Aliyah Peihopa-Smith
6N  Bethani Castle, Jeffrey Johnson, Jake McKenna

ASSEMBLIES THIS WEEK
Assemblies are held in the Norma Marin Hall.
- 3-6 Assembly – Thursday at 2.30 pm
- K-2 Assembly this Friday – 12.30 pm
Griffith East Public School
Office Hours
8.30 a.m. – 3.30 p.m.
Monday to Friday
☎ 69621804 or 69624409

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