2016 SCHOOL LEADERS
Nominations for the 2016 School Captains, Vice Captains and SRC have been finalised by Year 5 students. In this part of the process only Year 5 students elect from the students who have self-nominated, the students who will be standing for election for the positions in the student leadership team. The nominees are:

Girls: Cecilia Bellicanta, Lucy Wallace, Amity Witton, Olivia Bennett
Boys: Will Donaldson, Patrick Gunn, Kalan Stevenson, Jay Summers

The next part of the process is whole school introduction to the candidates and campaigning. The students will then make their speeches to Yrs 2-5 students and staff on Friday 4 December at 11.45 a.m. in the Hall. Immediately following the speeches all students from Yrs 2 to 5 and all staff cast their vote by secret ballot. The School Captains, Vice Captains and SRC will be announced at the 3-6 Presentation Day.

DEBATING TEAM 2015 STATE CHAMPIONS
Congratulations to our debating team who won the NSW Premier’s Debating State Final this morning in Wollongong. They are now the 2015 State Champions.
This is a fantastic achievement for the girls and their coach Ms Gilbert.

Their debate in the final was against Biddabah PS from the Newcastle area and they were the negative team for the argument: “ All schools should be same sex”
We are all very proud of them.

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
Year 5 parents recently received information about selective high school placement for 2017. Online application for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2017 closes 16 November. Find out more: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

BOOK CLUB
Issue 8 (the last for 2015 is due 18th November. ABSOLUTELY NO LATE ORDERS. If paying by credit card please fill out the entire receipt not just the number and amount. Scholastic needs the cardholders name and school to match up payments. It saves me time chasing you for the details. Thank you. Cynthia Crawford.

HEAD LICE
At the moment we are having a small outbreak of head lice in some classrooms. An insert in this newsletter gives advice provided by the NSW Department of Health.

It is important that if you are notified by the school of suspected head lice on your child that you complete treatment.
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 only, 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. School or sports uniform only to be worn on the day. 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.

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

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

CANTEEN ROSTER
Monday 16 Nov
• Jenny Johns
• Tenneel Tagliapietra

Tuesday 17 Nov
• Jessica Malligan
• Leanne Castle

Wednesday 18 Nov
• Sheradine Turkington

Cakes- 18 Nov
• Kim Lawrence
• Kerry Macri
• Rochelle Matthews
• Angela McIntosh
• Tish McKenna

Thursday 19 Nov
• Mini Fete - Canteen Closed

Friday 20 Nov
• Amanda Long
• Tracy Summers
Please contact the Canteen Supervisor Phoebe Ritorto on 69625273, if you are able to volunteer any time to assist in the canteen.
**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

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**UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**

The uniform shop will be open on Wednesday mornings only from 8.45am – 10.30am on Nov 18th and Nov 25th. The Uniform Shop will not be open on Thursday morning during those weeks.

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**AUSTRALIA DAY AWARD NOMINATIONS**

We are calling for nominations of worthy recipients who have performed outstanding community service or sporting achievements during 2015. This year is a special Australia Day as we are celebrating 100 Years of Griffith next year in 2016. Categories are:

- Junior Citizen Of The Year (Under 17 as at 26 January)
- Young Citizen Of The Year (Under 25 as at 26 January)
- Citizen Of The Year
- Community Project Of The Year
- Junior Sportsperson Of The Year (Under 18 as at 26 January)
- Sportsperson Of The Year
- Club Person Of The Year
- Sports Team Of The Year

Nominations can be entered using the form in the Wednesday editions of the Area News or be submitted using the online nomination form at [www.griffith.nsw.gov.au](http://www.griffith.nsw.gov.au).

Nominations close Friday 11 December 2015. For further information please contact Kelly Dal Broi Community Development Officer on 6962 8100 or email [kelly.dalbroi@griffith.nsw.gov.au](mailto:kelly.dalbroi@griffith.nsw.gov.au).

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**STAR STUDENTS**

Congratulations to our students who have received awards in Week 5 Term 4

**KB**  Aden Gumbleton, Emmy Smith, Jesiah Monaghan

**KC**  Marcus Tusa, Lillian Bertacco, Lara Coldwell

**KM**  Josie Schmetzer, Dean Kennedy, Lijanah Philp

**KS**  Daina Northill, Elise Harris, Lily Malone

**1B**  Jylee Trembath, Isabella Cullen, Pasquale Furore

**1G**  Kaya Favero, TeMata Ravarua, Leslie Ledwich

**1M**  Elsie Barton, Jai Kenny, Teresa Romeo

**1T**  Natalia Ritchie, Gerico Luat, Cole Anderson

**2G**  Jacob Melville, Goksu Kocakahya, Jack Fraser

**2J**  Samantha Simpson, Charlie Adamson, Oliver Young

**2K**  Joshua Mitchell, Janice Mortlock, Mekhi Simpson

**2S**  Jarra Harrison, Zoey Dunn, Anthony Bethe

**3M**  Schapelle Nuumaalii, Xavier Quarisa, Christopher Anderson -King

**3N**  Jorja Stephens, Olivia Bertacco, Jorja Bock

**4B**  Sam Lawrence, Trent Oates, Eliza Mortlock

**4C**  Kai Hearne, Nathaniel Menere, Rebecca Burns, Jamie Mahlknecht, Hugh Kelly, Olivia Rowland

**4T**  Amelia Taylor, Heath Bethe, Lucas Irvin

**5R**  Amity Witton, Frances De Marco

**6C**  Luke Salton, James Laviano

**6N**  Aimee Taylor, Jackson Curran, Joonas McDermott

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