WELCOME TO 2015
Welcome to 2015 at Griffith East Public School (GEPS). It has been a very smooth start for the new school year!
This year we have commenced with a student enrolment of 540 and have formed 23 classes across the school: 12, K-2 classes and 11, 3-6 classes.
We have welcomed 75 kindergarten students and a number of new students in grades 1-6. I hope you all enjoy your time at GEPS.
Please remember that I am very happy to listen to your views and answer any questions you have about any operations of the school.
Please don’t hesitate to contact me or come in and see me if you would like to discuss any issues.

STAFF UPDATE
We welcome new staff to GEPS in 2015:
• Miss Rachael Davis who is teaching 4T, while Miss Cassandra Turner is on extended leave
• Ms Carrin Napoli who is teaching 3N
• Mr Wayne Lockeridge who is teaching the MC class while Mrs Belinda Hunt is on maternity leave.
• We welcome back Mrs Tammee Suine from maternity leave.

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Hunt on the birth of their son, Bill at the beginning of the Christmas school holidays.
A full staff list for 2015 is printed inside the newsletter.

2015 SCHOOL LEADERS
Our school leaders for 2015 will be inducted at a Yr 1-6 assembly tomorrow Thursday 5 February commencing at 2.00 p.m. in our school hall.
These students have a very responsible position to uphold in our school and I am sure they will do an excellent job this year.
Our school leaders for 2015 are:

School Captains
• Zara Jones
• Fraser Holland

School Vice Captains
• Alex Kelly
• Bailee Beitaki

Student Representative Council
• Emily Adamson
• Tess Vaccari
• Lachlan O’Grady
• Kolby Seers

Our sport House Captains will also be inducted at this assembly and they are:

Arunta
Captains: Madison Bucello and Jake Brand
Vice Capt: Lavinia Magoci and Connor Sully
Barindji
Captains: Jadha Anderson-King and Jake Vaccari
Vice Capt: Sarah Culla and Michael Byrnes

Kamilaroi
Captains: Jordan Jasnos and Fabian Cacopardo
Vice Capt: Niamh Wood, Ella Farronato and Ryan Bock

Wiradjuri
Captains: Georgia Ceccato and Alex Careri
Vice Capt: Jiordan Wallace-Chapman, Joonas McDermott and Kyle Bennett

P & C MEETING
The P & C will be holding their 1st meeting for 2015 tomorrow night, 5th February 2015 at 7.30 p.m. in the school staffroom in the Administration block. All parents are welcome to attend the P&C meeting and it is important that parents are aware that they must be a financial member of the P & C to vote at the AGM in March. The cost of membership is $1 and can be paid at the meeting.

VOLUNTEER REGISTER
During the year we have many parents and grandparents who volunteer their time to help in classrooms with a variety of activities. This support is really appreciated by school staff and it also reinforces the important partnership between home and school. It is essential that all volunteers sign in and out in the classroom where they are assisting. Teachers have a sign on sheet in their room for this purpose. Your assistance with this is appreciated as it allows us to meet our Work Health and Safety obligations and also account for all people on the school site in the event of an emergency.
Also, in accordance with the Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012 NSW the NSW Department of Education and Communities’ requires schools to have volunteers, (which includes parent helpers) complete a Working with Children Check - Declaration. There is no cost to complete this declaration.
Classroom teachers will provide this information to all parent volunteers.

SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL
The school swimming carnival will be held on Wednesday 18 February 2015 at the Griffith Aquatic centre for all students in Years 3 - 6 and Year 2 students who turn 8 this year and can competitively swim 50 metres.
Event nomination forms will be sent home with your child and need to be returned to school ASAP.
The carnival program will cater for all swimming abilities from non swimmers, to developing swimmers, to competent swimmers.
Normal lessons will occur for Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 classes.

CHANGE OF DETAILS - 2015
Have you changed your address, home phone number, mobile number or emergency contact details recently?
Coming home with the newsletter today is a student information update form.
If any of the contact details/allergy details for your child have changed please return the updated information form to your class teacher.
Your assistance in this matter is appreciated, as it allows us to have current details to contact you quickly in the case of an emergency and also be
aware of any significant medical information regarding your child
Andrew Pryor
Principal

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>GEPS Uniform Shop</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Opening Times:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• Wednesday 8.45 a.m. – 9.30 a.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>• Friday 8.45 a.m. – 9.30 a.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>For uniform orders outside these times please contact the school office</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>5 February</td>
<td>P &amp; C meeting-7.30 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5 February</td>
<td>2015 School Leaders Induction Assembly – 2.00 p.m.- Hall</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6 February</td>
<td>Canberra Raiders player visit</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>16 February</td>
<td>Forensic Science Show Yrs 3-6 - Hall</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>18 February</td>
<td>School Swimming Carnival</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>26 February</td>
<td>Griffith Zone PSSA Swimming Carnival</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3 &amp; 4 March</td>
<td>School Photographs</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5 March</td>
<td>P &amp; C AGM 7.30 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>23-25 March</td>
<td>Yr 4 Excursion to Borambola</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>23 March</td>
<td>SRC- Young Leaders Conference - Sydney</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**SUPPORT POSITIONS**

AP: Lisa Turner (Mon/Th/Fri)
ESL: Alison Phillips (Tue/Wed)
Italian: Annissa McMaster

RFF & Support Teachers:
Jacyn Dawson (Tue/Wed)
Robyn Schmetzer (Mon/Tue/Wed)
Annalise Nolan (Wed/Thu)
Denise Higgins (Tue/Wed/Thu)
Tammee Suine (Mon/Tue)

RR and RFF: Lara Giancotti

Library & RFF: Paul Bristow (Mon/Tue/Wed/Thu)

School Counsellor: Tanya Cullen

**SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION STAFF**

Manager- Rosemary Andrighetto
Prov Forbes
Vicki Gooda (Wed, Thurs)
Tammy Gale (Wed)
Ivana Thomas (Mon, Fri)
Mark Spencer—General Assistant (M- W)
Neil Grant—General Assistant (Thu, Fri)

Excellence, Innovation and Inclusiveness
TEACHERS’ AIDES
Sue Delpiano
Joann Taylor
Deb Pryor
Dallas Bassett
Karen Jolly
Sharan Panarello
Uate Qasi
Cheri Williams
Noeline Smith

CANTEEN
Phoebe Ritorto (Supervisor)
Rosemary Dotta (Assistant on Friday)

AP = Assistant Principal
RR = Reading Recovery
RFF = Release from Face to Face
ESL = English as a Second Language

ASSEMBLIES THIS WEEK
Assemblies are held in the Norma Marin Hall.
- Yrs 3-6 – Thursday 2.00 pm
  - School Leaders Induction
- K-2 – Friday 12.30 pm

CANTEN NEWS
Pancake Tuesday on Feb 17th
Pancakes $1.00 at recess. More details next week

CANTEEN ROSTER
WEEK 3 TERM 1

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Day</th>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Name</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Monday</td>
<td>Feb 9</td>
<td>Leanne Castle</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tuesday</td>
<td>Feb 10</td>
<td>Jenny Johns, Bobbie Ryan</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wednesday</td>
<td>Feb 11</td>
<td>Rene Mercuri</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thursday</td>
<td>Feb 12</td>
<td>Tracy Summers</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Friday</td>
<td>Feb 13</td>
<td>Michelle Tyndall, Pam Bellicanta</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cake Roster</td>
<td>Feb 11</td>
<td>Tammy Hirst, Meegan Stevenson, Nicole Dickie</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

BOOK CLUB
Book Club is due Friday 13th Feb. Please write your child’s name and class on all order forms.

YEAR 3 & 4 CATHOLIC SCRIPTURE
Year 3/4 Catholic Scripture Children - classes for First Reconciliation start next week for Yr 3 children and their parents/guardians & Yr 4 who may have missed out last year, at 7pm Tuesday 10 Feb in the Parish Hall at Sacred Heart Church, Warrambool Street.