P & C AGM
Thank you to the parents who attended the P & C AGM last week.
The support the school receives from the P & C is very important and appreciated by the school community.
The P & C Executive elected for 2015 is:
President: Brian Bellicanta
Vice Presidents: Shireen Donaldson & Bronwyn Jones
Treasurer: Louise Bennett
Secretary: Tara Gunn
Uniform Shop Co-ordinators: Richelle McPherson & Kerry Kelly
Canteen Treasurer: Lynda Franks
Thank you to the outgoing committee and members for their work during 2014 which provide outstanding support to GEPS

BOOK FAIR SUCCESS
Our annual Book Fair held in the library last week was very successful. Thank you to everyone who supported this event – over $6500 worth of books were sold which will allow us to purchase over $1400 worth of books for our school library.

STATE CRICKET KNOCKOUT
Our school State knockout Cricket team began its 2015 campaign with a convincing win over Griffith Small Schools (combined) yesterday. We bowled first and Small schools reached 7 for 74 off their 25 overs. We reached our target in just 15 overs, 4 down.
Our next match is against a very strong Hanwood team in the next couple of weeks.

RELAY FOR LIFE
Several teachers are part of the Griffith East team participating at the Exies this weekend. Please come and visit us on Saturday afternoon – entertainment, fun and supporting a great cause.

Your Chance to Win $10,000!!!!!!!!!
The Fundraising Committee is pleased to announce it will be running a raffle with CASH prizes! See the flyer enclosed with today’s newsletter for details of prizes, etc.
You will have the EXCLUSIVE rights to purchase a ticket in the first week of sales! That’s right! …..From tomorrow, Thursday 12 March, to Thursday 19 March tickets will ONLY be available to GEPS families and staff for one week……EXCLUSIVELY!
Tickets may be purchased from the Main Office and for the general public - from Friday 20 March onwards. If you are able to display an A4 or A3 poster in your workplace to help promote this fundraiser, could you please pop into the office and collect some after Thursday 19 March.

RIVERINA SWIMMING CARNIVAL REPORT
Congratulations to all of our GEPS swimmers who represented at the Riverina carnival on Monday in Albury. From all reports, you had a terrific time, were great representatives of yourselves, your families and of our school. We are all very proud of your efforts and know that you did your absolute best. Well done!
From the Riverina Carnival, some of our swimmers have done a fabulous job in gaining selection to go on the State Swimming Carnival, held in Homebush on the 25th and 26th of March. This is a spectacular achievement and we wish you all the very best in the lead-up to this event. I’m sure you’ll be training the house down ... early mornings and afternoon pool sessions will have a renewed focus ... Go get them!

Individual swimmers who gained a spot on the Riverina Team are:
- Niamh Wood, Senior Girls 50m Breaststroke
- Wil Donaldson, 11 Years Boys 50m Freestyle & 50m Breaststroke
- Emma Cullen, Junior Girls 50m Freestyle and Butterfly

We also have two relay teams selected:
- Senior Girls: Jiordan Wallace-Chapman, Alex Kelly, Lily Mingay & Niamh Wood

Good luck once again everyone. Be sure to swim your hearts out!

Also, make sure you thank your parents once all of your travelling is done. They will have spent a lot of car time with you. Drive safely, parents!

Our Riverina Representative Swimmers...
Congratulations everyone!!! Cute little bunch, aren’t they!

PARENT/TEACHER COMMUNICATION
Education is a partnership between home and school and it is extremely important that clear and effective lines of communication are consistently open between home and school and also the privacy of teachers is respected outside of school hours.

Teachers can be contacted by telephoning the school, and if they are unavailable a message will be given to them to phone you back. Alternatively an email can be sent to the school email account griffitheschool@det.nsw.edu.au marked to the attention of the teacher in the subject line and it will be forwarded to the teacher by the school office. At times teachers are available to speak to you when you bring your child to school or picking them up from school, if they do not have duties or meetings.

The Department of Education and Communities Social Media and Technology Guide for staff cautions staff about having parents of students as friends on Facebook for a number of professional and privacy reasons. It is not part of our school policy for teachers to friend parents on Facebook.

Teachers are also not required to provide their personal mobile phone numbers to parents, as it is expected that any telephone enquires about school business or information about students will be conducted through the school telephone numbers.

The school has also just launched an APP (Information in the newsletter) which will communicate up to date information about school activities to parents.

GEPS Uniform Shop
Opening Times:
- Wednesday 8.45 a.m. – 9.30 a.m.
- Wednesday 2.45pm – 3.30pm
- Friday 8.45 a.m. – 9.30 a.m.
For uniform orders outside these times please contact the school office.
DATING FOR YOUR DIARY

16 March
Forensic Science Show for Yrs 3-6

23-25 March
Yr 4 Excursion to Borambola

23 March
SRC- Young Leaders Conference – Sydney

28 March
NSW State Election – Polling Booth – School Hall

1 April
Grandparents-Assembly – 11.45 a.m.

2 April
Scripture – Easter Church Services

NEW:
Hot Cross Buns available until the end of Term 1 – 80c each

CANTEN ROSTER WEEK 8 TERM 1

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Canteen AGM – Wednesday 11th March 5.30pm in the canteen. New office bearers will be elected. All welcome to attend

KYLE BENNETT
Congratulations to Kyle on his selection in the PSSA Riverina Cricket Squad for 2015. He has also made the second stage of Riverina AFL selections - nice start to the year, Kyle!

EXCELLENCE, INNOVATION AND INCLUSIVENESS
**GRIFFITH EAST PS – APP**
The Griffith East Public School App is available in both the Apple App Store and Google Play Store and is free.

To sign in you need to use the following:
Username: community
Password: griffitheps

The App will ask you for which individual grades you would like notifications for or you can select all grades. Information which will be available on the App include:
- Weekly Newsletters
- Calendar of Events
- Canteen Menu
- Notifications of School Events and changes to routines
- After school return times of excursions

**MOVING INTO YEAR 7 IN 2016**
The Moving into Year 7 in a NSW Government School in 2016 information guide and expression of interest forms were handed out to Year 6 Students last week. Please fill in the forms where required and return to the office NO LATER than March 20th, 2016. The forms have been filled in with your child’s name, address and their local zoned school. Please be aware that your local zoned school is dependent on your address and not the school your child is currently attending. If your child is seeking enrolment at their local zoned high school please fill in and sign sections A & B. If you wish your child to attend a non-local high school please fill in and sign sections A & C. You will need to outline your reasons for applying at a non local high school. If your child is not attending a NSW Government school next year please fill in and sign sections A & E.

**1T ASSEMBLY WEEK 9**
1T was to do an assembly item in week 9 but this has now been postponed until Term 2.

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**Week 6 Awards**

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