The Book Fair that has just come and gone generated the most fantastic enthusiasm for the reading of fiction that I have seen in a long time. It is truly exciting. We need to work together to keep the momentum going. Please gently encourage your children to read fiction. As they get older, they will naturally gravitate towards the non-fiction reading that is of particular interest to them, and of course, we encourage the reading of non-fiction too. However, the love of novels is something that, as adults, we either have or we don't - but those who have it are far richer.

We have become obsessed with thinking of education as a road to employment, and have forgotten that education is a road to life. If you do not have the tools to think critically and examine your own life, your potential in any career will be minimal.

Reading fiction allows us to learn about other lives and other times and apply them to our own. It allows us to compare our experiences with the experiences of characters who have been created by writers to make a point. Reading fiction allows us to learn to appreciate the beauty of the language, and to be articulate speakers and writers.

If there’s one thing that unites us people, as human beings, it is the love of stories. Everybody loves a good story, which is why there is an ongoing boom in movie-making and TV series ...

but books are better. Readers of novels know this to be an absolute truth.

It's never too late to start, but now is the time for your children.

STUDENTS LATE ARRIVAL AND EARLY DEPARTURE FROM SCHOOL
If you child is late to school or you wish to collect your child before 3.15pm you MUST go to the front office where the absence will be processed. You will be provided with a slip to give to your child’s teacher which indicates that the class roll has been amended for your child.

Your Chance to Win $10,000 !!!!!!!!!!
Tickets in the $10,000 raffle are selling fast! First prize is $10,000, 2nd prize is $1,000, 3rd prize is $500 and there are also 5 chances to win back your $100 ticket cost! Only 250 tickets will be sold. Now that’s good odds!!!
Remember, tickets will go on sale to the general public from this Friday, 20th March, so get in quick if you want a ticket!
Tickets may be purchased from the Main Office. You can help to promote this fundraiser by displaying a poster in your workplace.
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ASSEMBLIES THIS WEEK

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- Yrs 3-6 – Thursday 2.30 pm with
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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NEW:
Hot Cross Buns available until the end of Term 1 – 80c each
Lasagne is back on the menu!!! - $4.00
Cake day – Wednesday each week

CANTEEN ROSTER
WEEK 9 TERM 1

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Griffith East Public School
Office Hours
8.30 a.m. – 3.30 p.m.
Monday to Friday
Ph: 69621804 or 69624409

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FMC: East Links
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18/03/2015
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
Expressions of interest for High School in 2015 are due back to the office by this Friday 20th March.

SRC Fundraiser
• For all K-6 students
• Thursday Week 9 - 26th March
• Gold Coin Donation
• Supporting Country Hope
• Come dressed as ‘Who You Want To Be When You Grow Up’

Thanks for your support,
SRC

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

CONGRATULATIONS
Congratulations to Lavinia Magoci and Ella Farronato, who have both been selected in the Riverina PSSA Basketball team. They go to Wollongong in May for the State Carnival.

LOWES SCHOOLWEAR
Lowes have 20% off all schoolwear this Thursday, 19th March.

ADMINISTERING MEDICATION AT SCHOOL
If your child is required to take medication prescribed by a medical practitioner while they are at school, parents/carers need to sign an indemnity form and a medical requirements form at the front office before our staff, trained in administering medication, can give the medication.
We cannot give children Panadol, Nurofen etc unless it has been prescribed by a doctor.

UNIVERSITY NSW COMPETITIONS
Griffith East has been entering these competitions for many years, and we believe they provide a wonderful challenge to our more capable students. Entry forms will be sent home next Monday. Entry to each competition is $6 and $10 for spelling. If you wish your child to participate please send the entry form and money back to the school no later than FRIDAY 27th MARCH. Late entries will not be accepted.
3-6 DISCO
WEDNESDAY 1ST APRIL – MORE DETAILS NEXT WEEK

Enjoy a slice of history and step back in time at
Griffith Pioneer Park Museum Action Day

- Horse-drawn Wagon
- Vintage Vehicles
- Steam Pumps
- Free Traditional Games & Prizes
- Blacksmith
- Train Rides
- Pony Rides
- Jackeroo Skills
- Craft & Gems
- Local Artists
- Sheep Shearing

Adults $10 – Pensioners $8 – Children $6
Family $30 (2 adults + 3 children)

Good Friday, April 3, 10am – 4pm
Young local entertainers organised by local artist Gloria Burns
Homemade pasta sauce & a range of other food & refreshments

Pioneer Park Museum, Remembrance Drive. T 6962 4196

A Quick Bite …

Start Right with a Vegie Garden at Home!

Growing a vegetable garden at home can be very rewarding. Here are a few tips about the right spot to start. A vegetable garden should be positioned where:

- It receives maximum sunlight (roughly 6hrs) and not be shaded by trees and buildings.
- It is easy to access.
- It should have good soil and be on fairly flat ground to ensure good drainage.
- It is mostly free from weeds and other competing plants.
- It has access to a good supply of water.
- It is going to be safe from damage i.e. strong winds and pets

For more information visit
mlhd.health.nsw.gov.au/keepinghealthy

Week 7 Awards

KB Caileb Knox, Luke Sheldrick, Gulcin Mercandagi
KC Cooper Bastianon, Riley Harrison, Daniel Coldwell
KM Jesse McDermott, Dean Kennedy, Caner Avder
KS Kaleb Moses, Javier Schiller, Sophia Giason
1B Adellaide Wilkinson, Kobi Carden
1G Harrison Moglia, Chelsey Carter
1M Damikita Crompton, Ryan Calabria, Teresa Romeo
1T Apple Netphrom, Javier Bruce, Laney Dickie
2G Brady Hunt, Karl Francis-Williams, Elina Cirillo
2J Jacob Mitchell, Dean Bertacco, Samantha Simpson
2K Kamuran Isik, Brody Summers, Christian Callcut
2S Anthony Bethe, Lucas Stevenson, Justin Armanini, Sofia Furore
3G Ethem Isik, Jacob Wardell, Johanna Shields
3M Isabella Ward, Jason Gullifer, Xavier Quarisa
3N Seda Celik, Charlotte Scott, Kiara Hirst
4B Lily Tyndall, Trent Oates, Gianna Sidlow
4C Kaide Castle, Shelby Garside-Boyd, Rebecca Burns
4T Jack Turner, Ameena Baryamai
5C Ella Morrissey, Farane Ae, Kaitlyn Turner, Olivia Bennett
5R Felicity Baxter, Fred Agostino, Emma Morton
5/6CM Zara Heiland, Ben Taylor, Mia Paton
6C Kolby Seers, Caitlin Lane, Alex Kelly
6N Jeffrey Johnson, Aimee Taylor, Sarah Culla

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