WELCOME BACK TO TERM 2
Term 2 is shaping up to be another dynamic term of learning and activities at GEPS. This term all teaching staff will be starting their journey with the HOW (Higher Order Ways) 2LEARN strategy which:

- Is about understanding how we learn
- Putting learning at the centre of school business
- Helping others to become powerful learners; and
- Improving life chances for all

Watch out for regular updates in the newsletter from our HOW2 Learn leadership team: Lisa Turner, Vince Conlan, Alex Gilbert and Kylie Smith

Also this term we have the following event/activities:
- NAPLAN for Yrs 3 & Yrs 5
- School /Zone Regional Cross Countries
- Trent Barrett and Mortimer Shield Rugby League Days
- Rugby Union Gala Day
- AFL Gala Day

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY
The School Cross Country will be held on Thursday 7 May at the Ex-Serviceman’s Oval No: 2. There are events for all students from Kindergarten to Year 6. It is planned that K-2 races will commence at 11.15 a.m. and 3-6 races will commence from 12.00 noon onwards.

A note with the full details about the cross country will be sent home early next week.

ANZAC DAY MARCH
The Griffith ANZAC Day town march will be held on 25 April (this Saturday) If your child is able to march with the school they need to assemble in front of the Art Gallery on Banna Ave at 10.15 a.m. They will then march to the
Memorial Park where a short ANZAC Day ceremony will be held. Students who will be marching need to be in full school uniform. Some school staff will be accompanying the students in the march and will meet students at 10.15 a.m. in front of the Art Gallery. At the conclusion of the ceremony students will need to be collected immediately by parents.

**SCHOOL ANZAC DAY CEREMONY**
The school will be holding a K-6 ANZAC Assembly tomorrow at 2.00 pm in the school hall. Parents are welcome to attend.
Following the ANZAC Assembly there will be a 3-6 assembly.

**GRIFFITH AECG Meeting**
The Griffith AECG (Aboriginal Education Consultative Group) has been re-established. The next meeting will be on Friday the 24th of April at 2pm at the Aboriginal Medical Service. This will be to set dates in place and put items on the agenda for follow up meetings.
Members of the AECG are:
- **President:** Lisa Penrith
- **Vice President:** Alison Johnstone
- **Secretary:** Tracey Collins
- **Treasurer:** Kylie Whitworth
- **Alyssa Feeney**

**SCHOOL PHOTOS**
School photos have been received from the school photographer and are being sent home with your child today.

**YR 3 & YR 5 NAPLAN TESTS**
Year 3 and Year 5 students will complete the National Literacy and Numeracy tests (NAPLAN) between 12-14 May. These tests provide us with important information to support teaching and learning programs.
Any students who miss a test can complete that test on the “catch-up” day – Friday 15 May 2015.
Parents will receive results from these tests in late August.

Andrew Pryor
Principal

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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

**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!!!

Tickets may be purchased from the Main Office. You can help to promote this fundraiser by displaying a poster in your workplace.

**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
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

28 April  
K-2 Reptile Show

28 April  
Trent Barrett Shield

29 April  
Debating Workshop – Hall

6 May  
P & C Mothers Day Stall – Hall

7 May  
School Cross Country

7 May  
P & C Meeting

12-14 May  
Yr 3 & Yr 5 NAPLAN Tests

19 May  
Mortimer Shield

25 May  
Hercules Show

27 May  
School – Multicultural Public Speaking Final

17 June  
School K-6 Athletics Carnival

RIVERINA GIRLS SOCCER

Tess Vaccari, Niamh Wood, Jordan Jasnos and Ella Farronato were selected in the Riverina team to play in the State Carnival. Yes, that’s 4 players from the one school (our school!). This is unheard of. This is fantastic! This….is….sensational! Congratulations girls. Well done also to Sarah Culla, who played in the Griffith team at the trials, and performed splendidly.

STEWARD HOUSE DONATION DRIVE 2015

Envelopes are being sent home today to each family for the annual Stewart House Donation Drive. Each year 1,800 children from schools across NSW and the ACT attend Stewart House. Please place a $2 coin or equivalent in the envelope, complete the entry details on...
the back and return to the school by Friday May 15th. The prize is a $4000 holiday to a destination of your choice

**MOTHERS DAY STALL**
The P& C will be conducting a Mothers Day stall on Wednesday 6th May. Come and buy a gift for Mum, Grandma or your Carer and help raise funds for the school. You may buy on the day or pre order. If you wish to pre order please complete the form sent home today and return with the correct money to the office by NO LATER than Friday 1st May.

**UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**
Please note new Uniform Shop opening times.

**Week 1**
- Wednesday 8.45 – 8.30am
- Wednesday 2.45 – 3.30pm
- Friday 8.45 – 9.30am

**Week 2**
- Wednesday 8.45 - 9.30 am
- Wednesday 2.45 – 3.30pm
- Friday 8.45 – 9.30am

**Week 3 onwards:**
The uniform shop will be open from 8.45 – 9.30am each FRIDAY MORNING ONLY.
Envelopes are available from the office if you wish to order clothing. Orders will be processed Friday mornings and sent to your child’s classroom.

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**ASSEMBLIES THIS WEEK**
Assemblies are held in the Norma Marin Hall.
- K-6 Anzac Assembly Thursday 2.00pm
- Yrs 3-6 – Thursday 2.30 pm
- No K-2 assembly this week

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**Do you need Transport?**
Are you over 65, or have a disability? Access to transport difficult? Interelach Community Transport provide affordable transport options for:
- shopping,
- medical appointments,
- recreation, and
- social outings.
We provide bus, car and taxis around town and to regional centres to keep you independent and well.
Eligibility criteria applies, and pre-bookings are essential. Phone us for a chat and we can discuss how we can work together.