ANZAC DAY MARCH
Thank you to the large contingent of students and staff who represented GEPS at the Griffith ANZAC Day march last Saturday.
It was a fantastic effort for these students and staff to represent our school. They were fine ambassadors for GEPS.

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 last week and return with the correct money to the office by NO LATER than Friday 1st May.

SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS
A letter outlining our voluntary contributions for 2015 is being sent home with your child today. The contribution is $30 for one student attending or $50 for a family. The contribution is used to purchase educational resources used in all classrooms across the school and benefits all students across the school.
The P & C has endorsed the voluntary contribution for 2015 and we appreciate the support which the contribution provides to the school.

K-2 REPTILE EXPERTS!
Yesterday our K-2 students enjoyed the Snakes and Tails reptile show in the school hall, which gave an outstanding insight into our Australian reptiles through a safe, interactive and fun performance.

THANK YOU - GRIFFITH BLACK & WHITES
Thank you to Griffith Black & Whites RL Club for their generous donation of 7 girls guernseys and a new set of belts and tags for our Girls League Tag Team. It is very much appreciated.
Read our Trent Barrett Shield report in this newsletter.

YEAR 5 OPPORTUNITY CLASS PLACEMENTS- 2015
Government schools use a range of strategies to meet the education needs of gifted and talented students. One strategy is the placement in opportunity classes in some locations around the state. (At present there are no opportunity classes in Griffith).
However if you would like to apply for a placement in an opportunity class in another location around the state, online applications are now open at:
www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement
An information package is available from the school office. Applications close on Friday 15 May 2015

ATTENDANCE
It is important that students attend school every day unless:
• your child is too sick to go to school
• your child has been injured
• your child has to go to a special religious ceremony
• your child has an infectious illness (such as chickenpox, mumps or measles)
• there is a serious family situation which requires their involvement
I have to report to the Department of Education on a regular basis the number of students whose attendance falls below 85%. I also have a responsibility to follow up poor attendance by students and if necessary refer it to the Home School Liaison Officer from the Department who will seek to improve attendance

SPELLCHECK
Is your child learning to spell? Struggling with the weekly spelling lists? Here are a few strategies that will help:
Find out more:

Andrew Pryor
Principal
Your Chance to Win $10,000 !!!!!!!!
Tickets in the $10,000 raffle are selling fast!
First prize is $10,000, 2\textsuperscript{nd} prize is $1,000, 3\textsuperscript{rd} 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 as of Week 3
- Friday 8.45 a.m. – 9.30 a.m.
For uniform orders outside these times order envelopes are available from the school office. Orders will be processed on Friday mornings and sent to your child’s classroom.

### Dates for Your Diary

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### 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

### Book Club
Orders for the latest issue of Book Club are due back to the school by Monday 4\textsuperscript{th} May. Please make sure that all order forms have your child’s name and class clearly marked.
TRENT BARRETT SHIELD

Yesterday, 4 teams of Years 3 & 4 students participated in the Trent Barrett Shield. Everyone had a fantastic day and played their little hearts out! We were even lucky enough to meet the entire NRL Country team and Trent Barrett himself. A huge thank you needs to go out to Ian Muller and Matthew James for all of their extra help. Stay tuned for the next stage of the competition for both Boys Team 1 & Girls Team 1, when they travel to Wagga later in July....

STEWART HOUSE DONATION DRIVE 2015

Stewart House envelopes are due back to the school by Friday May 15th.