STUDENT SUCCESS
Congratulations to students in our school choir who have been selected to be part of the combined choir at the 2015 Schools Spectacular in November. This event is held at the Qantas Credit Union Arena over 2 days and includes 3500 students from NSW Public Schools.

Last Friday, Michael McCormack, MP, Federal Member for Riverina visited GEPS to present certificates to our nine students who participated in the Riverina ANZAC Centenary Writing Competition. Congratulations to Emma Cullen who was the winner in the Irrigation Areas section.

Also last week we hosted the Zone Finals for the Multicultural Public Speaking Competition. Congratulations to Bethany Brand and Eliza Mortlock who both received highly commended awards in the Years 3/4 section.

KEEP OUR STUDENTS SAFE
There is very heavy traffic congestion around the school in the afternoons and it is imperative that we follow the road rules for the safety of students, parents, visitors and staff.

Over the next few weeks the council compliance officers,
local police and the road safety officer from Griffith City Council will be monitoring road safety around our school.

To keep our students safe please:

- Use pedestrian crossings to cross the road
- Obey all parking signs
- Do not double park
- Do not pick up or drop of students in the pedestrian crossings
- Do not park within 6 metres of an intersection

Your assistance in these matters, to ensure the safety of all students is appreciated.

**ENROL NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN 2016**

We are now accepting enrolments for Kindergarten 2016. Children who turn 5 before 31 July 2016 are eligible for enrolment in kindergarten.

The school has an enrolment zone and the school office can advise you if you are in our enrolment zone. Applications for non local enrolments are considered using a range of criteria, including the availability of appropriate staff and classroom accommodation. Please contact me if you require further information about the procedures for non local enrolment. Parents are encouraged to seek enrolment in the local zoned school.

If you would like to discuss readiness for school or any other matters regarding enrolling your child please make an appointment with the school office to see Mrs Kylie Mulholland who is our Assistant Principal looking after Kindergarten.

The school will be conducting a pre enrolment/orientation meeting for parents in term 3 to outline our kindergarten orientation program which operates in term 4.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The GEPS P & C Uniform shop provides a valuable service to families at our school. Do you have some time that you could spare to assist in the GEPS P & C uniform shop one morning each week from 8.45 – 9.30 a.m? If you would be able to assist please contact Brian Bellicanta, P & C President on 0407 518 605

**BYOD (BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE)- WHY ?**

1. Students are comfortable and familiar using their own technology, so they can focus on learning with them rather than how to use the device.
2. Allows more opportunities for personalised learning and gives students limitless access to information and resources in a controlled environment.
3. With BYOD students are more likely to continue learning outside of school hours
ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Next Wednesday is the big day, and hopefully you've seen the note that went home yesterday. Please indicate on the returned note if you are able to help on the day as part of our 'finish line team' [in other words, holding a stopwatch]. Those who volunteer have a fun day, and get the best view of the end of all the races.

3-6 DISCO

The date for this event is the last Wednesday of the term, 6.30pm till 8pm sharp. More information will come home before the night.

HOPE FOR NEPAL

The SRC is coordinating a 'casual day', with a GREEN theme - green is the colour for hope! Each student is to bring a gold coin donation, and all proceeds are to go to Nepal's earthquake victims. To add to the day, the SRC would like to run a cake stall, with donations of cakes from YOU. So if you can help, cupcakes are ideal, or cakes and slices that have already been cut up, will be greatly appreciated. All cakes will sell for 50c. The Green, Hope for Nepal, Cupcake day is to be the last Wednesday of term.

CANTEEN NEWS

Helpers are required for the Athletics Carnival to be held on Wednesday 17th May, 2015. Please phone Phoebe Ritorto – Canteen Supervisor, if you are able to assist on the day on 69625273.

Lemon Callipipo Ice Creams have been discontinued.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Monday 15 June
- Kirby Fraser
Tuesday 16 June
- Bobbie Ryan
- Tenneel Tagliapietra

Wednesday 17 June
- Rebecca Codemo
- Katrina Tropeano

Cakes- Wednesday 17 June
- Catheryn McPherson
- Rene Mercuri
- Leanne Moran
- Shilo Morton
- Melinda Muller

Thursday 18 June
- Bernadette Taylor

Friday 19 June
- Sherri Wallace-Chapman
- Kelly Dal Broi

HOW WOULD YOU SPEND $10K, $5K, $2K?

Why don’t you form a syndicate with some of your friends and share the big prize in the 2015 P & C Major Raffle!

Time is running out for your chance to win.

Get a syndicate together and share the prize money!

10 friends → $10.00 each → $10,000 to share!!!!
6 friends → $16.50 each + $1 → $10,000 to share!!!!
3 friends → $33.30 each + 10c → $10,000 to share!!!!

Tickets available from the office

Excellence, Innovation and Inclusiveness
This presentation will empower you with new strategies to deal with cyberbullying, offer practical tips for preventing and reacting to harm, demystify the most common social media platforms used by young children and offer proactive steps to counter bullying on line and off line.

This workshop is for everyone – parents, grandparents, and we also encourage you to bring your kids along too (Year 5 +) as we’re all about bridging generation gaps and working together to tackle cyberbullying.

For more information or to register call Marg Andreazza at Griffith Connections on 69626833 or 0408 207 734 or email: griffithconnections@gmail.com