2016 ENROLMENTS
We are currently planning our staffing and classroom needs for 2016 and need to submit our anticipated enrolments to the Department of Education soon. If you have a child who will be enrolling at GEPS in 2016 and have not yet completed enrolment forms could you please contact the school office. Also if you are aware of anybody who is considering enrolling their child at GEPS in 2016, please ask them to contact the school office.

PARKING ISSUES
Please ensure when you are parking around the school that you do not block the driveways of residents who live in the streets surrounding the school. I have received recent complaints from residents that they have not been able to access their driveways during the morning drop off and afternoon pick up times at the school. 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.

SEVEN WAYS TO IMPROVE YOUR CHILD'S SAFETY
1. Set a good example. Parents and carers are the best road safety teachers.
2. Children up to eight years old should hold an adult's hand on the footpath, in the car park or when crossing the road.
3. Children up to 10 should be supervised around traffic and should hold an adult's hand when crossing the road.
4. Spend time to make sure your children are aware of, understand and follow traffic safety regulations when they are walking.
5. Teach your children to be aware of their environment: distractions such as wearing headphones or playing with friends on the way to or from school can make them more vulnerable to danger.

6. Make sure your driving and parking are not endangered your own or others' children. Obey all parking signs and speed limits, and always be on the lookout for the unexpected. Many traffic safety issues around schools arise from the poor driving and parking behaviour of parents.

7. Never call your child across the road.

**STUDENT WELLBEING – ACTION AREA – ENGAGEMENT**

The Behaviour Code for Students, which is part of the Department of Education’s Well Being Framework, was published in the newsletter in week 1. As part of the code there are 3 action areas for students: Respect; Safety; and Engagement. Below is information about the **Engagement** action area:

- Attend school every day (unless legally excused)
- Arrive at school and class on time
- Be prepared for every lesson
- Actively participate in learning
- Aspire and strive to achieve the highest standards of learning

**FAMILY LAW MATTERS**

Sadly sometimes relationships break down and the court makes orders that change the contact parents can have with their children or the role they play in making decisions about their children’s education. These can be Family Court Orders or Apprehended Violence Orders. Parents can also reach agreement about issues such as contact in a parenting plan.

If this happens it is important that you **provide the school with a copy of any court orders or plan that could impact on your child’s education.**

In the absence of any notification to the contrary, the school will assume that both parents continue to retain a shared and equal parental responsibility for their children and should be involved in making any decisions regarding their children’s education.

This means that the school will recognise that each parent has equal duties, obligations, responsibilities and opportunities in relation to matters involving the school.

If any changes occur in your family relationships which have the potential to impact on the relationship between the school and your family, please advise the school immediately and provide a copy of any court orders that may be obtained.

These orders will be stored securely and only accessed by staff who need to see them in order to plan for your children’s learning and support and related issues.
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**ZONE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**
The zone athletics carnival is on Friday Week 4 Aug 7th, and it is our turn to run the day. Several parents have indicated that they will be able to help on the day. However, still more hands are needed - please see Mr Cook if you are available.

**GRIFFITH TENNIS CLUB BUS**
Griffith Tennis Club is trialling a bus to take children to the Tennis Courts on Wednesday afternoons. The bus will pick your child up from school at 3.15pm. If you are interested please phone Cheryl on 0429 126 586. This service is only for those children who participate in Wednesday afternoon tennis and will commence on 12th August.

**REPRESENTATIVE NETBALL SELECTION DAY**
Sunday 6th September 2015
All girls must bring a ball and drink bottle. No rep clothing to be worn for tryouts.
Nomination forms can be completed on the morning. For all enquiries please call Karen Lewis 69648712 or 0417648714

**STAR STUDENTS**
Congratulations to our students who have received awards in Week 2 Term 3:

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**GRIFFITH GIRLS ONLY AFL**
**WHERE:** GRIFFITH EXIES OVAL
**WHEN:** AUGUST 26 – September 16 (4 weeks)
**TIME:** 3:45pm – 4:30pm
**COST:** $45
**AGE:** Primary School
**GRIFFITH’S VERY FIRST GIRLS NLY AFL AUSKICK.**
Run by AFL NSW Development Staff. Fun games & skills. Every participant will receive an AFL pack including their very own Pink Sherrin Football.
First 18 registered girls will have the opportunity to play at Spotless Stadium at half time of the Swans v GWS Giants match on Saturday August 22nd.

**ASSEMBLIES THIS WEEK**
Assemblies are held in the Norma Marin Hall.
- Yrs 3-6  Thursday 2.30 pm
- K-2 Assembly – Friday – 12.30 pm with KM

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

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