**SPELLING BEE CHAMPION**

Congratulations to Emma Cullen of 5R who last week won the zone final of the Premier’s Spelling Bee. Emma will go to compete at the state finals in Sydney on the 11 November. We are all very proud of her achievement.

**YEAR 5 VISIT CANBERRA**

Our Year 5 students visited Canberra last week and enjoyed a hectic 3 day adventure around the national capital. They visited Parliament House, Old Parliament House, The War Memorial, Questacon, Institute of Sport, Portrait Gallery, Electoral Education Centre, Royal Australian Mint and mini golf.

They were paid an outstanding compliment during the parliament house education session on their thorough knowledge of how Australian government works.

Thank you to the Yr 5 teachers who have put in many extra hours of work to organise this fantastic excursion for students and also for giving up their time to spend 2 nights and many extra hours away from their families. It is great that GEPS staff are willing to put in this extra effort to provide fantastic experiences for students and they were very appreciative to the parents who acknowledged their efforts when they returned tired and weary at 5.00pm on Friday.
DAYLIGHT SAVING STARTS
Don’t forget summer time daylight saving commences on Sunday 4th October 2015. Clocks are put forward one hour at 2am.

DRIVE AND PARK SAFELY NEAR THE SCHOOL
School opening and closing hours are busy times for pedestrian and vehicular traffic outside the school.
- Always take extra care in 40km/h school zones, which operate on gazetted school days.
- Park safely even if it means walking further to the school gate.
- Observe all parking signs. They are planned with children’s safety in mind.
- **NEVER** double park as it puts children at risk.
- Model safe and considerate behaviour for your child – they will learn from you.
- Slow down near the school crossing.
- Always park and turn legally around the school.
- Avoid dangerous manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns.
- Always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways.
- Avoid parking across the school driveway or the entrance to the school car park.
- Using your school’s drop off and pick up facility will help keep all children as safe as possible during the busiest times of the school day.
- Avoid parking in or near the school bus bay
- Avoid parking in and across residents driveways

 GIRLS VICTORIOUS
Our Girls Soccer Team defeated Vincentia Public School this morning in a one-sided State Knockout Quarter Final. Our girls led two nil at half time, and followed up with two quick goals in the second half to lead four nil. Vincentia scored a consolation goal, but they never really threatened. This victory takes our girls into the Semi Finals, to be played in Sydney on Monday of Week 2 next term. If victorious again, they play the State Final the same day. Our girls have lived up to all the early predictions - they are a star-studded team, and also a team with plenty of heart. Congratulations to Mrs Careri and to all the girls. Mrs Careri would like to thank the parents who went with the team.
EARN & LEARN PROMOTION
This week is the last week to bring your Earn & Learn stickers into school. Please put them in the box in the office by Friday afternoon. Thank you.

UNSW ENGLISH COMPETITION
Congratulations to the following students for achieving the following awards:
Distinctions - Emily Adamson, Zara Jones, Alex Kelly, Curtis Pendlebury
Credits - Joridan Wallace-Chapman, Niamh Wood
Emma Cullen, Patrick Gunn, Emma Morton, Abigail McIntosh, Evie Brand, Hugh Kelly, Mia Macri, Matilda Ross, Charlotte Scott, Charlie Adamson, Liam James, Charley McCol
Merits - Amity Witton, Ruby Jones, Louise Gunn, Anthony Bethe, Olivia Cullen

COME AND TRY NETBALL DAY
Monday 28th September at Jubilee Netball courts
5-8 yrs; 10.30am – 12pm
9-12 yrs: 12.30pm – 2pm
A BBQ and drinks available to purchase on the day. To register or for further information call Sally on 0427 644 228 or email griffithnetball@gmail.com

GRIFFITH LITTLE ATHLETICS
West End Oval 3-17yrs.
Free trial day. Thursday 17th September at 5.00pm
Competition starts Thursday 8th October 5.30pm Little Athletics is suitable for all abilities and levels. Pre-register on line at www.lansw.com.au. For more information phone Veronica Cudmore 0408768059

BARELLAN & DISTRICT REP 2016 NETBALL TRIALS
Friday 18th Sept at Barellan Sports Ground
Under 11’s to U17’s 5.30-7.30pm
For further information, please contact Carolyn Burgess 0404 472 537

CANTEEN ROSTER
Monday 5 Oct
PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Tuesday 6 Oct
• Melanie Carter

Wednesday 7 Oct
• Jenny Johns

Cakes- Wednesday 8 Oct
• Belinda Panebianco
• Corinne Poole
• Lynda Quarisa
• Nikki Ross
• Cassandra Rowland

Thursday 9 Oct
• Kerrie Kelly
• Sally Fineanganofo

Friday 10 Oct
• Michelle Tyndall
• Tara Gunn

Please contact the Canteen Supervisor Phoebe Ritorto on 69625273, if you are able to volunteer any time to assist in the canteen.

GEPS Uniform Shop
Thursdays 8.45 – 9.30am
For uniform orders outside these times, order envelopes are available from the school office. Orders will be processed during the week and sent to your child’s classroom.

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CAMP

HOLIDAY CAMP!
21st-23rd September
9.00 - 12.00 pm
Cost: $30/child per day, $25 second child, third for FREE

ASSEMBLIES THIS WEEK

Assemblies are held in the Norma Marin Hall.

- No 3-6 Assembly this week
- K-2 Assembly – Friday – 12.30 pm with 1T

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

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STAR STUDENTS

Congratulations to our students who have received awards in Week 9 Term 3

KB  Lucy Windbacher, Angelica Carturan, Fletcher Kelly
KC  Declan Lawson, Chloe Williams, Bilal Baryamai
KM  Lijanah Philp, Alex Melville, Aidan Colpo
KS  Cardino Luat, Sophia Giason, Beau Ryan
1B  Ryan Andrighetto, Elif Kaya, Joshua Lemon
1G  Ryan Taylor, Sherridan Skelton
1M  Britney Nuumaalii, Matthew Miotello, Riley Smith
1T  Isabella Guevara, Huon Buckland, Benjamin Virago
2G  Brady Hunt, Goksu Kocahaya, Nevaeh Eveille
2J  Shayla Cummins, Sadie Boon, Patrick Mickan
2K  Sophie Suine, Arnika Jasnos, Joshua Mitchell
2S  Justin Armanini, Janna Taylor, Lucas Stevenson
3G  Ryan Kelly, Jack Brand, Pearl Wallace
3M  Ilaisane Lomu, Liam Bartlett
3N  Ben Miotello, Grace Garbett, Talei Beitaki
4B  Montanna Dunn, Lily Tyndall, Lily Curby
4C  Olivia Rowland, Teja Vearing, Taylah Woolner
4T  Connor Barlow, Nakita Moran, Riley Woolner
5C  No Awards
5R  No Awards
5/6CM  Amanda Harrison, Reece Fabris
6C  Zeke Sheather, Jordan Jasnos
6N  Jesse Carturan, Bailee Beitaki, Talia Reginato

LOST PROPERTY

Our lost property bin is overflowing!!! Most items have no names on them. Please come in to the office and have a look through the pile if your child has lost their jumper, jacket, hat, etc.

Term 3 School Holidays commence on Monday 21 September.
School resumes for Term 4 on Tuesday 6 October 2015