WELCOME TO 2016
Welcome to 2016 at Griffith East Public School (GEPS). Once again it has been a very smooth start for the new school year!

This year we have commenced with a student enrolment of 547 and have formed 22 classes across the school: 11, K-2 classes and 11, 3-6 classes.

We have welcomed 78 kindergarten students and a number of new students in grades 1-6. I hope you all enjoy your time at GEPS.

Please remember that I am very happy to listen to your views and answer any questions you have about any operations of the school.

Please don’t hesitate to contact me or come in and see me if you would like to discuss any issues.

Andrew Pryor
Principal

2016 SCHOOL LEADERS
Our school leaders for 2016 will be inducted at a Yr 1-6 assembly tomorrow, Thursday 4 February commencing at 2.00 p.m. in our school hall.

These students have a very responsible position to uphold in our school and I am sure they will do an excellent job this year. Our school leaders for 2016 are:

Captains: Olivia Bennett & Wil Donaldson
Vice Captains: Amity Witton & Patrick Gunn
SRC: Cecilia Bellicanta, Lucy Wallace, Kalan Stevenson, Jay Summers
Our sport House Captains will also be inducted at this assembly and they are:

**Arunta**
Captains – Ella Morrissey and Jett Marcus  
Vice Captains - Danielle Monteleone and Thomas Shields

**Barindji**
Captains – Emma Cullen and Fred Agostini  
Vice captains – Lily Garbett and Zach Sheather

**Kamilaroi**
Captains – Alana Koro and Mason Donadel  
Vice Captains – Lily Mingay and Joseph Bellicanta

**Wiradjiri**
Captains – Mia Paton and Mark Bennett  
Vice Captains – Maddison Redman and Nathan Snaidero

**P & C MEETING**
The P & C will be holding their 1st meeting for 2016 tomorrow night, 4th February 2016 at 7.30 p.m. in the school staffroom in the Administration block.

All parents are welcome to attend the P&C meeting and it is important that parents are aware that they must be a financial member of the P & C to vote at the AGM in March.

The cost of membership is $1 and can be paid at the meeting.

**SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL**
The school swimming carnival will be held on Friday 19 February 2016 at the Griffith Aquatic Centre for all students in Years 3 – 6 and Year 2 students who turn 8 this year and can competitively swim 50 metres.

Event nomination forms will be sent home with your child and need to be returned to school ASAP.

The carnival program will cater for all swimming abilities from non swimmers, to developing swimmers, to competent swimmers.

Normal lessons will occur for Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 classes.

**2016 SCHOOL BAND**
The Griffith City Band has offered GEPS a primary school band program for interested students in Years 4-5 this year. This is fantastic opportunity with all tuition being provided free by Griffith City Band.

The instruments will be on loan from Wade HS and other schools and students in the program will be taught to read music and play a band instrument.

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The only cost for students to participate in the first 6 months of the program will be $90. (This covers instrument maintenance and insurance and a band work book). It is anticipated that the school band program will take place in the school hall on Tuesday afternoons between 1.45 – 3.15 pm.

The Griffith City Band will be holding an information evening for interested students to attend with their parent/carer on Monday 22 February in our School Hall from 5.30 pm – 7.00pm.

This information evening will include a:
- Short performance by the Junior and Senior Town Band.
- Presentation about the School Band Program
- Opportunity for students to try different instruments
- Opportunity to register interest and complete an instrument preference form.

This is an outstanding opportunity which has been offered to our school by Griffith City Band.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**
Stage 2 (Yrs 3&4) would gratefully appreciate help from parents, grandparents, family and community members to help us run targeted reading programs. If you can spare 1/2hour a week any day or time, we would love your assistance. The program will begin in Week 6 with training to be held in Week 5. If you can help us please let Mrs Schmetzer or the office know. Many thanks.

**CRICKET SPECTACULAR**
On Thursday 11th February 2016, there is a Baggy Blue T20 game in Griffith where well known players Doug Walters, Len Pascoe, Steve Rixon, Corey Richards, Kevin Geyer, Phil Marks, Steve Small, Warren Smith and former Griffith locals Kate and Alex Blackwell will be present and some playing in the game. The game is scheduled to commence at 6pm at the Exies Oval.

About 4:30pm prior to the game starting, there will be a free junior coaching clinic at Exies where the above names will be involved. All primary school students welcome. Coaching goes for about an hour. No need to register, just turn up. For further information call Brenton Harrison 0421 866 998.

**BOOK CLUB**
Book Club is due Monday 15th February. Please make sure the order form has your child’s name and class on it and that the entire form is filled out. If paying by credit card you must fill out the entire receipt (not just the receipt number) Thank you Cynthia Crawford

**PANCAKE TUESDAY**
Tuesday 16th February
Pancakes -$1 from canteen at recess. Various toppings available. A note will be sent home in the near future.

**ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK**
Assemblies are held in the Norma Marin Hall.
- School Leaders Induction Assembly -Thursday at 2.00pm
- No K-2 Assembly this week

**GEPS Uniform Shop**
The Uniform shop is open on Wednesday mornings 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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TEACHING STAFF
KM - Kylie Mulholland (AP)
KC - Tania Chapman
KB - Jessica Bergamin
KS - Samantha Causer
1M - Christine Morton
1G - Melissa Graham
1B - Brooke Gray
1/2K - Karen Oates (AP)
2S - Kylie Smith
2G - Jay Grandi
2J - Jessica Kenny
3M - Melanie Gill
3N - Carrin Napoli
3G - Alex Gilbert
3/4C - Vince Conlan (AP)
4B - Hayley Brown
4D - Rachael Davis
5R - Rachel Carter
5C - Cynthia Crawford
5/6CM- Sharon Careri/
Lisa Malone
5/6C - Wayne Cook (AP)
6N - Andrew Noad
MC - Belinda Hunt

SUPPORT POSITIONS
AP: Lisa Turner (Mon/Tue/Wed)

Italian: Annissa McMaster

RFF & Support Teachers:
Jacyn Dawson (Mon/Tue/Wed), Robyn Schmetzer (Mon/Tue/Wed), Annalise Nolan(Wed/Thu/Fri ), Denise Higgins (Mon/Tue/Wed), Tammee Suine (Mon/Tue), Tegan Marangoni ( Mon- Fri), Lisa Malone ( Tue).
Wayne Lockeridge ( Mon- Fri)

Library:
Paul Bristow (Mon/Tue/Wed)
School Counsellor: Tanya Cullen

SCHOOL
ADMINISTRATION STAFF
Rosemary Andrighetto-
Manager
Prov Forbes ( Mon- Thurs)
Vicki Gooda (Wed – Fri))
Tammy Gale (Mon)
Ivana Thomas (Wed, Fri)
Mark Spencer—General
Assistant (M- W)
Neil Grant—General Assistant
(Thu, Fri)

SCHOOL LEARNING
SUPPORT OFFICERS
Sue Delpiano
Joann Taylor
Deb Pryor
Dallas Bassett
Karen Jolly
Sharan Panarello
Uate Qasi
Cheri Williams
Noeline Smith
Aime- Lee Gibbs
Melissa Crawford
Deb Fattore

CANTEEN
Phoebe Ritorto ( Supervisor)
Rosemary Dotta (Assistant on
Friday)

AP = Assistant Principal
RR= Reading Recovery
RFF= Release from Face to
Face

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THURSDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2016
7.30 pm- SCHOOL
STAFFROOM

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