Principal’s Message

We hope you all had a lovely weekend celebrating Valentines Day with those people you love.

Many thanks to the parents and friends who joined us at our very first Whole School Assembly on Friday. It was great to see so many of you there. Congratulations to the students in Year 4 – 6 who led the assembly and showed us the creative and fun way in which they rehearse their number drills each day. We would like to congratulate Johnathan Catanzariti who was presented with the Principal’s Award

Swimming Carnival
Our school will be participating in the Small Schools Swimming Carnival tomorrow. We would like to wish all the students all the very best. Any child in Year 3 – 6 who is not competing in an event, will stay at school under the direct supervision of Miss Cliff and Mrs Primrose. Mrs Sampson will be the supervising teacher at the Swimming Carnival.

Evacuation Drill
We completed our Evacuation Drill on Friday last week. All students did a wonderful job listening to instructions and completed the drill in a sensible and responsible way. Well done.

Voluntary School Contributions
The Voluntary School Contribution assists our school in covering costs for students. This includes stationery and resources your child will require at school. Our school fees for this year are $50 per student and $80 per family. Your support and assistance in prompt payment is greatly appreciated.

Interest Groups ~ Peer Support
Our Interest Groups will commence this Friday at 9:30am. With family and community support we are happy to announce that we will have 4 groups running. Students will have the opportunity to elect which group they wish to be a part of. These include;

- Choir (a commitment that will be required for the whole year)
- Green Gang – Gardening Group
- Lab Rats – Science Group
- Culinary Creations – Cooking Group.

Each term these groups will change, and students will be able to choose a different group to be a part of. Unfortunately not all students will be given their first choice, however, we will endeavour to try and accommodate their choices throughout the year.

Updating Information
Many thanks to the families who have already returned their ‘Ghosted Enrolment Form’. If you have not yet returned it, we ask that you check the personal details on the form and return this as soon as possible.
Scripture Classes
All Scripture classes commenced today.

Parent Information Session
Many thanks to all of the parents and carers who attended the Information Sessions with the classroom teachers. If you were unable to make these meetings, please know that you can always make an appointment to see your child’s teacher through the office.

Year 5 & 6 Camp Fundraiser
The students in Year 5 & 6 are very excited to be attending camp in Melbourne later in the year. To assist our students with the financial cost, we will be holding a Cake Stall every Monday. 100% of all money raised will go directly to subsidising the cost of the camp. Students may purchase items from the Cake Stall for $1 each item. We thank you for your support.

Before School Supervision
Morning playground supervision commences at 9am. It is imperative that students arrive after this time, as NO supervision is available for students before 9am.

P&C Meeting
Thank you to everyone who attended the P&C Meeting last week. Over half of the school population attended this meeting, which was a wonderful representation of our community. The next P&C Meeting will be held on Monday, 7th March at 7pm. This will be the P&C Annual General Meeting. We encourage everyone to come along and attend.

Parent & Carer Help
Parents and carers are always welcome to come to school and assist in any way. Volunteers are always welcome. Please do not feel that you have to commit to a certain time or day. If you have a spare half an hour and wish to come in to assist in the classroom, listen to children read or help to make valuable classroom resources, you will always be welcome. Please note that all volunteers will require, by law, a Working With Children’s Check. This can be completed, free of charge, via the Office of the Children’s Guardian webpage http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/working-with-children/working-with-children-check
Please understand that this is for the safety and wellbeing of all our children.

Book Club
We are very lucky that Mrs Brand in the office coordinates Book Club for us. Did you know that by purchasing Book Club, you are supporting our school? With every purchase made, the school is given ‘Scholastic Dollars’ to be spent on reading books for our Library. Our first Book Club for the year is due this Friday 19th February. Thank you.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Angela Sampson
Relieving Principal

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Take a look at what is happening in our classrooms…

Kindergarten & Year 1
Our class story this week is “One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish” by Dr Seuss and we will be having some fun with rhyming!
Kindergarten will continue learning the initial sounds /a/ /m/ /s/ /t/ /f/ /i/ while year 1 will be looking at ‘sh’ and ‘ch’
In mathematics, K-1 will continue studying patterns and algebra while K-2 will start working on gathering, organizing, displaying and interpreting data.
As part of our thematic unit we will be talking about our families and begin making family trees.
To help us with this, I would really appreciate any families who have not yet sent in a family photo to do so. You can either send them in with your child or email them to me at jasmine.cliff1@det.nsw.edu.au

Year 2 – 3
Thank you to all those parents who were able to make it to our class meeting last week. I know it can be difficult to attend during the day so I have sent home a class information note with your child. Please see me if you have any questions or comments.
In Literacy this week we will be looking more at information texts about what causes day and night and designing a poster to explain this. In Spelling we are looking at the rule which says that words ending in –ay, –ey and –oy just add the ending and we are into our 2nd week on Pattern work in Maths.
For History, I was wondering if there were any grandparents or great grandparents out there who would be willing to come in and talk to 2/3 and K/1 about what life was like when they were kids.
Please let me know if you can suggest someone so we can organise a time.

Mrs Alana Primrose

Year 4 – 6
Literacy – we are continuing to read Misery Guts and are about half way through the book. Last week we were busy completing our previous week’s writing task, so this week we will commence our brochure on Australia. Our Spelling rules for this week are; Year 4 ‘wr’ Year 5 ‘o’ says ‘u’ e.g come, some, money and Year 6 ‘rh’. Our Grammar focus is on base words and suffixes
Number – Patterns & Algebra
Measurement & Geometry – Data
CAPA – Singing Australian songs and creating Digital Art following our class theme of Superheroes.
Sport – Milo Cricket

Mrs Angela Sampson & Mrs Kerry Dal Nevo

Newsletter Notes
A Huge thank you to all Parents and Carers who have returned the notes regarding our Newsletters. By having our school Newsletter emailed to you, you will ensure it does not get lost or damaged and you can continue to read the digital copy throughout the week. If you have not yet returned this note, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you

~LUNCH ROSTER ~
Friday 19th Feb
Morning Pick up – Melissa Harris
Lunch Drop off at 11:30am – Helper needed please
Griffith High School
Prospective Parent and Student Evening
Year 7 2017
Thursday 18\textsuperscript{th} February 2016
6:30pm – 7:30pm
School Hall
All welcome
This evening will include a school tour, a brief presentation and Q&A session
Enquiries: Ph 69621711

Griffith Junior Swans
Football & Netball
Registration Days

Register your kids to play for the Swannies!
A great club for all the family.

AWESOME SAVINGS
GREAT SAVINGS FOR FAMILIES plus
SIGN UP A NEW BUDDY & SAVE

Saturday 13 February 11am-1pm—Exies Sports Club
Thursday 25 February 4.30pm-6.30pm—Exies Sports Club
with a fantastic opportunity to meet AFL stars from

GWS GIANTS
Junior Football & Netball- U11’s /U13’s /U15’s
Friday’s 5.15pm – Starting 29 April 2016
Net Set Go: Wednesday’s 5pm - Starting 27 April 2016

For more information contact:
Jr Club President- Sandra Best –0447 686 655

Griffith Swans FNC
Tharbolong Public School in Pictures…
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Monday, 15th February, 2016