**Griffith Debating Competition**

On Wednesday 4th November our Year 6 Debating Team consisting of Georgia, Samuel, Callum and Connor will participate in the Griffith Local Schools debating competition at GEPS. I would like to wish our Year 6 debaters all the best and thank Mrs Delves for all her efforts in getting our debaters ready for this debate. Good luck!

**PBL “Reach for the Stars” Badges and Awards**

Congratulations to the following students who have received our Reach for the Stars Gold Star Award and badge:

**K-2 Charlotte** for demonstrating respectful behaviour to all teachers and students.

**3-6 Luca** for being a responsible learner and showing respect for teachers and other students.

**Staff News**

Mrs Triggs will be on leave for the remainder of the term, as she is having a knee operation. We would like to wish Mrs Triggs all the best and a speedy recovery. Mrs Vearing will be replacing Mrs Triggs while she is on leave as the Learning and Support Teacher and the ESL Teacher.

**Kindergarten Orientation 2016**

Today was our last day for Kindergarten Orientation. It has been lovely seeing all the 2016 Kinders settling in and having a good time at their new school. I would like to thank Mrs Crawford, Mrs De Paoli and Miss Petrulli for all their efforts in organising Kindergarten Orientation and making our new Kinders feel so welcome. We look forward to the new Kinders returning next year to start their education with us at GNPS!
2016 Classes
We are currently working on class structures for 2016. If you will be moving away from Griffith at the end of the year and your child will not be attending GNPS in 2016, could you please advise the school office as soon as possible. Also if you know of any families moving into the GNPS zone and will be attending GNPS next year, please let us know as grade numbers have a significant impact on the formation of classes.

Music Count Us In
Last Thursday all our students from Kindergarten to Year 6 participated in Music Count Us In, where they sang “Gold” along with over 600 000 students and teachers across Australia. It was fantastic hearing all our students singing and participating in such a great event. This year we also had some members of the band playing along as well which was wonderful. I would like to thank Mr Pendlebury for all his efforts in coordinating this for our students.

Assembly Awards Term 4 Week 5
KD: Dylan, Abdurrehman, Zoey
KC: Saskia, Muhammad, Jaimi-Lee
K-1P: Rory, Raeef, Relisha
1M: Jenna, James, Tyler
1-2T: Chris, Prabhdeep, Saritia

2BA: Riley, Mervyn, Bianca
2/3Y: Riley Curran, Kylah Hurst, Dylan Best
3J: Ezra, Adam
3-4A: Jone. Scholar
4M: Ethan, Lachlan
5W: Renee, Nobeljit
5P: Lacey, Enzo
6M: Osman, Eutalia
6D: Luke, Robert
Italian: Mason, Paddy, Tess, Ella

Nature Playground
After school there is no teacher supervision on the nature playground. If parents allow their children to play on the nature playground, it comes under the parental duty of care, not the schools. Children who are waiting for their parents will not be able to play on the nature playground, as they will not have parental permission. We appreciate your support with this matter.

Year 4 Borambola Excursion
The Year 4 excursion will be Wednesday to Friday of Week 9, Term 4 (2nd December to 4th December).
The cost of the excursion is $270. A deposit of $50 has already been paid.
The remaining $220 must be paid before Friday November 27th (end of Week 8).
Prac Student
We would like to welcome Miss Victoria Pittari to GNPS. She is completing her 2nd Year Practicum with Mr Pendlebury and 5P. Miss Pittari will be at GNPS for the next three weeks.

Band Information Evening
Wow - What an amazing turnout at our 2016 Band Information Evening!
Mr Pendlebury will sit down over the next couple of weeks and try to allocate instruments to students for the 2016 school year. There will hopefully be enough instruments for everybody, but he can't make any promises. Stay tuned! (Get it?)

Beecroft Band Touring
Next Tuesday we are hosting the Beecroft Public School, School Band. They will be performing in our school hall at 1.45pm for all our students free of charge. Lake Wyangan Public School will be joining us for the performance. This is a wonderful opportunity for all our students to see a school band.

Canteen News Week 5

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Please remind your child to hand their lunch order in before 9.15am please. Lots of students are coming too late with their orders.

Due to an increase in prices Icy Poles are now $1.10, Fandangles are now $1.60 and Crunchers are $1.20 each.

Hats and library bags are $16 each which are available from the canteen.

Thanking you
Adele and Paulina Canteen Supervisors

P&C News
Our next P&C Meeting will be held this Thursday night at 7.15pm in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome to attend.
Thank you to the families who have already donated the items for the P&C Raffle for Carols. We really appreciate your support.
Thanking you
Jo Thorpe
P&C President

P&C would like to invite the school community to contribute to the Christmas Raffle. Please consider whether you or your business are able to donate: gift certificates, hamper items, toys, services, goods of any kind. Deliver to the office ASAP.
Thank you!!
Swimming Term 4
Swimming lessons are going very well. The students are enjoying them and making good progress.
Yrs. 4, 5 and 6 – 1.20pm - Friday 6th November
Yrs. 2 and 3 – 2.00pm - Friday 6th November
Please ensure children have a towel, swimmers, goggles and a strong zip up bag. Please ensure all items are clearly labelled with your child’s name.

Year 6 Farewell – Meeting for Year 5 Parents
Our final meeting will take place on Wednesday 2nd December at 3.15pm in Mrs Woodward’s classroom.
We would greatly appreciate your attendance at this meeting as we finalise arrangements for catering and setting up for the evening.
Thanking you for your support,
Year 5 teachers

Year 6 Transition
Griffith High School and Wade High School will both have their full Orientation Day on Thursday 26th November. Their final transition will be held this Thursday 5th November.

Kinder Orientation Photos

GRIFFITH
Friday 6th November 2015
Willow Park, Griffith
5.00 pm  Event & Lantern Sales Open
          On-Stage Entertainment
          Classic/Historic Car Display
7.45pm  Lantern Lighting Ceremony
8.00 pm  Light the Night Walk Starts
8.30pm  Event Concludes

For further details about Griffith Light the Night visit:
http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/griffith

Entry to Government Selective High Schools for Year 7 in 2017
Parents or carers of Year 5 students who wish their child to be considered for placement in Year 7 at a selective high school in 2017 need to apply now.
Important information:
- Parents must apply online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement
- Applications for entry in 2017 can be made online between 13 October 2015 and 16 November 2015. Applications will not be accepted after 16 November 2015.
- All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on Thursday 10 March 2016.
- Aurora College is a selective virtual secondary school. With Aurora, students attend their local high/central school and connect with specialist classes and teachers in English, Mathematics and Science. It means that they do not have to leave home, or school, to access extension opportunities. Parents may consider their children sitting the selective test to keep their options open in 2017.

If you would like more information please contact Miss Bourne at school.