Principal's Report

Debating Gala Day & Multicultural Speaking
Our School Debating Team (April, Arabella, Sophie and Katie) will be involved in a gala day this Wednesday 27th August at Griffith East Public School. Their first debate will be against Beelbangera Public School, with the topic being ‘That daily exercise should be part of the school timetable’. Our team will be arguing the affirmative case in this instance. In the afternoon the students will be involved in an impromptu debate against Griffith Public School. They will find the topic out for this debate an hour before the scheduled start. I wish the girls all the best of luck.

The following day, Thursday 28th August Arora and Arabella will travel to Henty Public School to represent our zone at the next stage of the Multicultural Public Speaking Competition. Like the debating day, the girls will present their prepared speeches and then organise their thoughts for an impromptu section.

Public speaking is an area that children and most adults find very difficult. To have the two students representing Griffith come from our school is a fantastic effort. Good luck to both of these students. I know they will do well.

Kindergarten 2015 Information Night - TONIGHT
We will be holding a Parent Information Night tonight, Monday 25th August for students starting Kindergarten next year at our school. Enrolment forms and information booklets will be available on the night. If you know of any new families who might find this night relevant, please send them along. It will commence at 6:00pm in our library.

Kindergarten Orientation
A reminder that our Kindergarten Orientation days are fast approaching. They are as follows:

- Friday 12th September 2014, 9:00-10:30am
- Friday 19th September 2014, 9:00-11:00am
- Friday 10th October 2014, 9:00-11:20am
- Friday 17th October 2014, 9:00-12:30pm
- Friday 24th October 2014, 9:00-1:50pm
- Friday 31st October 2014, 9:00-3:00pm

If you have any enquiries regarding our Kindergarten Orientation, please ask.

Book Week
Thank you to those parents and grandparents who turned up to our Pyjama and Parent Reading Day. I hope you found the information sessions on L3 and Focus on Reading helpful. It gives you an idea of what great programs we have running in our morning Literacy sessions. It was also great to see so many students and parents outside reading in the sunshine. Thank you for taking the time to come and enjoy the morning. I know the students appreciated this time.

Road Safety
Over the coming few weeks you will find a number of Road Safety tips attached to our newsletter. The information sheets investigate topics like crossing the road, walking home, getting on and off the bus and bike safety. These are situations where children need to understand the risks and how to avoid them. These fact sheets are developed to start conversations with your child at home, please take the time to discuss this important issue.
P&C Raffle
Please get your book of raffle tickets from the office. All money goes towards supporting the students of our school.

Also, please look out for an exciting upcoming social event that the P&C Fundraising Committee are organising. IT'S HUGE. More details to follow soon.

Email Address
Thank you to those parents who notified the school of their email address. We will be undertaking a test run today with this week’s newsletter attached. If you don’t receive this in your email and you have given us your address, please let the office know. This test run will allow us to ascertain if there are any problems or if someone has dropped off the list. I hope you find this system helpful as we find other ways of communicating with our school community. Please watch this space for further electronic means of communication in the near future.

Have a great week
Derek Noffke
Principal

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1/2 SINGING IN THE RAIN!
Our school assembly item will be in Week 8 this term. Many parents have sent in their child’s umbrella – Thank you! If you are yet to send one in could you please organise one for this week. We will be continuing to practise this Wednesday and the more practice we have with our umbrella the better we will be! If you are unable to borrow, many parents have purchased the smaller sized umbrellas from Tiny Treasures Bargain shop in Griffith Central, which are reasonably priced! With thanks, Mrs Hilton & Mrs Serafin

Drawing of Gogeldrie Weir by David Millis

CONFIRMATION DINNER AT YENDA DIGGERS CLUB
Cucina Italiana at the Yenda diggers Club will be holding a confirmation dinner on Saturday, 30th August 2014. Adults $23 per person Children (5-12yrs) $12 per person Please call Sunta on 0427 251 461 for bookings by Tuesday, 26th August.
**K-2 Merit Awards**

- Baden Blackney
- Lucas Signor
- Kayley Fiddler
- Toby Hams
- Alynta Watts
- Madisyn Martin
- Quade Callinan
- Mylee Madden
- Brock Signor
- Nicholas Mannell

**3-6 Merit Awards**

- Ella Moon
- Giovanna Smith
- Dylan Jamieson
- Zoe Murphy
- Chloe Perez
- Grace West
- Mason Patten
- Darcy Payne
- Connah Teaupa
- James Rogerson
- Breanna Twigg
- Jorja Wallace
- Callum Mirtschin
- Caleb Whipps
- Rajbir Gakhal
- Michael Roth

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**BOYS TOUCH FOOTBALL TRAINING**

Each Wednesday 3-4pm with Emma Signor.

Family, Fun and Fitness

**Free Trial Days**

Thursday 11th and Thursday 18th September 2014, 5.00 pm

Season Commences Thursday 9th October

West End Oval Griffith

Thursday’s at 5.30 pm

**Ages from 3 years to 17 years**

Register on line at [www.laansw.com.au](http://www.laansw.com.au)

Little Athletics is suitable for all abilities and levels

For more information email littleathleticsgth@live.com.au

Veronica Cudmore on 0408 768 059
What a great day Pyjama Day turned out to be!