Term 2 - Week 2

Principal's Report

ANZAC Day March
Thank you to all our students who attended the ANZAC Day march on Saturday. We had over 90 students marching. The positive comments coming from community members about the students' role in the ceremony and their behaviour was most pleasing.
A big thank you to Sue Chilvers and Jeneen Brady for the wreath and flowers respectively.

ANZAC Day Assembly
We held our school ANZAC DAY assembly on Friday 24th April.
Thank you to our school leaders for running the assembly and Mrs Chilvers for the preparation of the program. Also thank you to parents and students who brought flowers to place at the foot of the flag pole as a mark of remembrance.

Autism Awareness Month
As part of Autism Awareness Month the school will be wearing ‘Rainbow Colours or Blue’ this Wednesday 29th April.
As part of the day teachers will be discussing what autism is and how it relates to the learning needs that students with autism may need in their classrooms and everyday life.

NAPLAN
If your child is currently in Year 3 or 5 they will be sitting NAPLAN May 12th-14th. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/all-about-naplan

Voluntary School Contributions
School Contributions for 2015 are as follows:
$30.00 per student
$45.00 for 2 students
$60.00 for 3 or more students
Please be aware that these fees are not compulsory, however all money raised goes directly back into educational resources for our students. If you have any concerns regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Partial absences
If your child is leaving school during school hours it is essential that you come to the office and fill in a form to explain the reason. The Home School Liaison Officer has conducted a regular audit of school attendance and has noticed some unexplained absences. The school is legally required to record a reason for every absence.
Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

Sporting Congratulations
I would like to congratulate Ella Moon, Jordan Payne, Kayla Panazzolo, Alannah Starr, Isaac Piva and Brodie Mirtschin who have won selection in the Griffith Zone Touch Teams to trial at Riverina selections later in the term.
Finally, good luck to our students competing in the Trent Barrett and Tony Lockett football gala days this week.

Richard Turner
Relieving Principal

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Uniform Shop
The Uniform Shop will be open this Friday and then on our next Assembly in week 4. Just a reminder to get in early to organise your Winter Uniforms, see Belinda Hopwood for any information.
**Bookclub:** Orders are due back Friday 1st May.

**Asthma:** Please ensure your child’s Asthma plan is up to date and a copy supplied to the school.

**Excursion Reminder for K-2 Altina Wildlife**

K-2 students are looking forward to the excursion Please remember the bus is leaving school at 9.10 am Thursday morning, students need to be at school by 9:00am.

Students will need a packed lunch, school broad-brimmed hat and drink bottle. Dress is sensible casual with a pair of good walking shoes.

Thank you to parents volunteering to assist with supervision on the excursion; however we have allocated staff to cover the required adult to student ratio.

**Excursion Reminder for Yrs 5/6 Canberra**

*Full Payment to be returned by 28th April*

**Excursion Reminder for Yrs 3/4 Echuca**

*$50 Deposit due Friday 1st May*

**Hall Out of Use**

The School Hall is currently out of use as the termites are still active. Treatment requires a 2 week period to allow the barrier to take effect. There will be no assembly in Week 2. The first assembly will be held Friday Week 4.

**by Tayla Javens Year 2**

“Once there was a child that gave a soldier a flower, it was a poppy. The child lived in a little cottage not so far away from where the soldiers were at war.

The soldier didn’t want to take the flower. But the flower was beautiful. “Ohhhh” said the girl, “Please take it!”

The little girl asked very politely and he thought for a few minutes, finally he said “Okay!” The little girl was so happy! “Thank you, Thank you!” said the little girl, “I hope this poppy keeps you safe!”

**Next P&C Meeting Tuesday 12th May 7.00pm all welcome**

**Chocolate Fundraiser:** All Money to be sent in immediately.

**Fundraisers:** 18th June Minions Movie, This is a child friendly movie, all welcome Early August – Reverse Draw, 24-25th Oct To Be Announced Year 3 Fundraising Committee
Intention to apply: Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2016

Dear Parent/Carer

Opportunity classes cater for highly achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without classmates at their own academic and social level. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level.

Applications for opportunity class placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Opportunity Class Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on Wednesday 22 July 2015.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 5 opportunity class entry in 2016, you need to do so soon. You will need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student’s email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from 27 April 2015 in a printed application information booklet and at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement. The application website opens on 27 April 2015 and closes on 15 May 2015. No late applications will be accepted.

There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Unit for assistance after 27 April 2015.

You must submit only ONE application for each student.

Yours sincerely

Principal

Cut along the dotted line and return the completed slip below to this school by next Friday.

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**Note:** This is a notice to your primary school that you intend to apply only. It is **NOT** an application.

To apply you will need to register and then apply through the High Performing Students application website shown above.

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Intention to apply: Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2016

Student’s name: ___________________________ Class: _______________________

I am interested in applying for opportunity class placement in 2016

Yes [ ] No [ ]

I have internet access and will be applying online

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OR

I do not have internet access

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Signature of parent/carer: ___________________________ Date: ___________________

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Griffith Connections invites you to:
“Gather the Women”
An empowering and enlightening day for women of our community
Presented by Maggie Dent
Friday 8 May 2015
10.00 am – 2.30pm
Griffith Leagues Club, Jondaryan Avenue, Griffith

Women occupy many positions of leadership in our community, whether it be in their family, their workplace, their sports team or their voluntary committee. But sometimes, there is something that holds us back from experiencing the satisfaction or the joy our important roles bring us. How can we be the best expression of ourselves? How can we help each other to lead? How can we raise tomorrow’s girls to be strong and happy within their skin? How can we do this with ourselves?

This tailor-made workshop will examine how we can build resilience and inner strength and how we can use this strength to manage the good, the bad and the ugly that may come our way, and how we can lead others to do the same. Maggie will explore how women can do this, and why women do things differently to men. She will also help you identify your warning signs, how to lift yourself mentally and emotionally and how to focus on your strengths. Maggie will also look at some keys to being a leader who makes a positive difference in the lives of others in our chaotic world.

This interactive and fun workshop is for any woman who strives to be the best they can be - for the sake of themselves, their family, their business or their community. It is an opportunity not to be missed.

Maggie Dent is an author, educator, and parenting and resilience specialist. Maggie has a range of experience that shapes her work, a depth of knowledge based on modern research and ancient wisdom, an irreverent sense of humour and is the “Queen of Common Sense” when it comes to offering advice.

www.maggiedent.com

COST: $40 per person, includes lunch (payable on the day)
To Register: Call Marg Andreazza at Griffith Connections on 6962 6833 or 0408 207 734
OR email: griffithconnections@gmail.com
OR: complete below and fax to 6964 5522
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Organisation (if applicable):
Phone Number:
Email:
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