



THARBOGANG TIMES

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Term 1, Week 5

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Principal Report

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to week 5, can you believe we are half way through the term! We've had a busy couple of weeks.

Last week I attended the Small School's Principal Network meeting. At this meeting we discussed educational leadership and developing our skills, along with Personalised Learning Pathways for students. This week, I attended two days of Principal Network meetings with principals from all schools across the district. These two days looked at reducing psychosocial hazards in the workplace, improving feedback and creating great teams in the school. All three days were very informative and helpful and I will be implementing some of the strategies in our school environment.

Thank you to everyone who attended our first assembly of the year. It was really nice to see the students sharing their achievements so far and I loved how the parents were able to join in with the children for some singing and dancing. Our next assembly will be held in week 8.

Our P&C family BBQ was held last Friday night with an amazing turnout. It was great to see most of our families there. Parents were able to catch up with each other and staff while the children had fun playing on

Upcoming Events

Week 5	
Friday 1 March	Swimming Lessons Canteen
Week 6	
Monday 4 March	Young Leader's Conference
Wednesday 6 March	GZPSSA Soccer Trials Teacher's Twilight
Friday 8 March	Training Canteen
Week 7	
Monday 11 March	Riverina Swimming Carnival
Tuesday 12 March	Primary Western & Eastern AFL Trials
Wednesday 13 March	Naplan Starts
Friday 15 March	Canteen Available

our equipment and bike track. Thank you to everyone who bought some food to share and to Meg and Dave for organising and cooking the meat. There was lots of delicious food and I went home feeling very full.

We've had a busy couple of weeks with sport and thank you to those students who have represented our school at these events.

Next week on Wednesday, teachers will be having a twilight training session. It will be held at Beelbanger School. It is our second session on the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People. Staff will need to leave school grounds as soon as possible after school has finished.

Naplan starts in week 7. More information will be sent home to our year 3 and 5

students next week. It is important to remember that Naplan is only a snapshot in time and can not tell us everything that a child knows. Please encourage your child to not stress about the exams. If they are feeling anxious please let me know.

Mrs Adams has created a fantastic fact sheet on all the great resources you can access at our local library. Please check it out.

This is our last week for swimming lessons until term 4. Please remind students to bring their swimmers.

Regards,
Natasha Long
Relieving Principal

Voluntary Student Contributions

Voluntary student contributions can now be paid using School Bytes or through the office. Voluntary student contributions are \$50. Please note these are voluntary and no child will be disadvantaged for not paying them. However, if you would like to contribute, the school will be using the money to go towards upkeep and maintenance of the school grounds

P&C Meeting

Our next P&C meeting will be held next week. We would love to see as many people as possible there. The day and time will be posted on Facebook and School Bytes as there may be a change in day due to the MRHS - Griffith open day.

Merit Awards



Last week's merit certificates went to the following recipients:

Lee: for making a great start to kindergarten
Benny: for his listening and helping skills in the garden

Rudy: for his listening and helping skills in the garden

Charnee: for her effort on her Italian poster

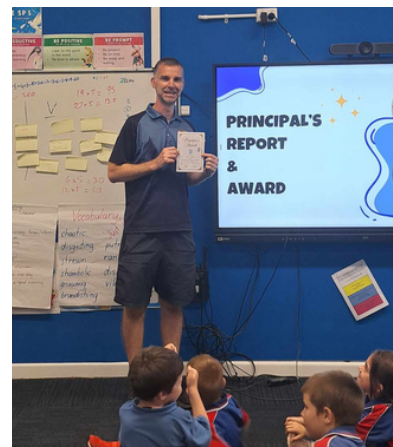
Jasraj: for always sharing his knowledge and being the first to raise his hand

Principals Award

Mr Savage: for using his initiative and always helping around the school

Waste Warrior: Josh

Congratulations to all of our recipients.



Parent Volunteers

Since Covid, we have not had parent volunteers helping out in the classrooms. I would love to see parents coming back to help us out. Helping out at school is a great way to get involved in your child's education as well as get to know the staff and other parents and carers. Research shows that children benefit when their parents or carers are actively involved in their education and school life.

You can help by:

- listening to children read in the classroom
- volunteering on sports days
- helping supervise excursions
- getting involved in fundraising activities
- assist teachers to support differentiated learning groups

If you are keen to help us out please let Renee or myself know what days and times you'll be able to lend a hand. All parent volunteers will need to have their Working With Children Check Declaration for Volunteers. This is a fairly easy process and can be accessed through Service NSW.

Griffith School Leader's Event

On Monday, our school captains went to the Regional Theatre to attend the Griffith School Leader's Event with other school leaders from across the district. Mayor Doug Curran, Director Jayne Gill and MP Helen Dalton presented the students with a certificate and a badge.



Working Together for Student Attendance

We want to do all we can to be sure your child achieves their potential and enjoys being in school.

We know that school is the best place to learn. By attending school every day your child will get the most out of their learning and improve their career and life options. When your child is absent it is important you let the school know, including the reason why, on the day or the day before. This helps make sure we know where our students are and offer support for you and your family if needed.

If you are having trouble getting your child to school every day or on time, please talk to our school staff so we can work together, because every day counts.

Missing a day here or there may not seem like much, but absences add up and can negatively impact your child's learning and wellbeing. When your child misses one day per fortnight, that's 4 weeks of missed learning in one year. Over an entire school journey this adds up to 1 year of lost learning.



Sport News



Zone Swimming

We had a few students representing us at the Zone Swimming carnival. Well done to Max and Andrew who participated in individual events. Our relay team also attended as a practice to help them prepare for the Riverina carnival in a couple of weeks.

Zone Basketball

Congratulations to Max and Andrew who participated in the Zone Basketball Trials this week. Congratulations to Andrew for being selected for the zone team.

AFL

Further congratulations to Andrew for also being selected to join the zone AFL team.

We are very proud of all the students who represent our school at these events. A big thank you to the parents who organise their attendance and training for these opportunities.



Assembly Photos



P&C BBQ Photos



WESTERN RIVERINA LIBRARIES



We encourage all families to sign up to Griffith Library.



Sign Up for a Library Card at our local library

<https://www.wrl.nsw.gov.au/>



Follow the link above to check out our town library website.

Click on the 'Join Our Library' link or head down to library to sign your family up. Each member of your family can have a separate library card.



Join Our Library



What types of resources can you find at our local library?

Our Town Library is found in Banna Ave - the main street of Griffith.

In the library you can find a range of picture books, novels, information texts, cooking books, lego books and adult fiction. You can also find puzzles, board games, Dvds and cake pans available to borrow. There are computers to access the internet and quiet study areas. Free wifi for all library members. During the school holidays the library runs free art classes, movies for kids, Gaming and VR Rooms - Keep an eye out in the school newsletter for further details on special activities as the school holidays draw closer.

Online Resources:

Once you have joined the library, your library card gives you access to a wide range of free resources.



Storybox Library: You can get a free subscription to Storybox library. This website / app has hundreds of pictures books that kids can select to have read to them. We use storybox library at school.



Home



eBooks



eAudiobooks



ePress

Borrow Box: You can also access the library online catalogue. You can borrow 6 e-books, 6 audio books and over 140 different magazine titles through the borrowbox website or app

Other Online Resources Included in your library membership:

GALE PRESENTS

NATIONAL
GEOGRAPHIC
KIDS

Britannica Library



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OPEN DAY

2024

DO YOU HAVE A CHILD WHO WANTS TO GO TO MRHS - GRIFFITH?

MRHS - Griffith will be opening their doors to the community for one night. Come and see our wonderful site and speak to our staff about the fantastic opportunities our school has to offer.

More Information



5.30pm - 7pm
Tuesday
5 March 2024



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