

Anchored in Excellence....

Community Newsletter #11
October 21st 2015

Griffin State School

Reminders:

Consultation Meetings
Values and Behaviour
Wed October 14th

P&C Meeting
Wed October 21st

At this meeting community members will be able to join the P&C and nominate for positions.

A P&C executive will be voted in on the night so the school has a functioning parent body.

Venue:

Murrumba Secondary College,
Performing Arts Centre 6.30pm
Please enter the college via Ogg Road.

Public Meeting
November 11th at
the school.
Tours of admin
commencing at
5.30pm, meeting
6.30pm.

From Vicki Baker, the Principal

It is official. We are Griffin State School.

We will now start formalising the enrolment process. I distributed an email yesterday explaining the process. If you are uncertain whether you are in catchment, please feel free to submit an Application for Enrolment. You will then be advised in due course whether you are out of catchment and you have been placed on a Waiting List.

It is imperative that applications are received as quickly as possible to support our administrative processes and decision making. Your support is appreciated.

Staff Retreat

Our staff team spent three days working with me over the weekend to start the conversation regarding the vision for learning in our school community. We were able to get to know one another and develop a shared understanding of how we will work together to become a high performing team that achieves the very best for every student in our community. Staff are committed to working collaboratively to hone their skills and practices and to developing strong relationships with parents to involve them in the life and learning of the school.

A great deal was achieved. For me it really is a privilege to work with such a positive and enthusiastic group of professionals. I am deeply appreciative of their preparedness to give up their personal time, away from family and friends to do the work that needs to be done. My gratitude also extends to the principals in their school communities for allowing them to come off-line on Monday. We will have another two days of professional learning in late November to meet with Wayne Craig and start our work around *Curiosity and Powerful Learning*.

The feedback from staff was extremely positive with many stating they are more excited than ever.

To say that staff were touched by the big basket of goodies from a group of parents from within our community is an understatement. It was appreciated greatly and so gorgeous that we couldn't bring ourselves to break it open. We've decided to save it for when we meet together shortly to celebrate moving into the administration building. To those very generous people who did this, thank you.... It was a beautiful gesture that was deeply appreciated.

From one of our staff: I loved and valued all the time we spent together working on Values, our Mission statement, our Beliefs and Culture. I really believe it was time very well spent and important in order to set a strong foundation for our new school. I went to school today a little tired but enthusiastic and excited about our new school. Lots of people asked me how the week-end was and I could not stop talking about it. Some other teachers have said they have 'new school envy'.

Updates:

- A new fabric has been chosen for our formal uniform. Thank you to the parents who assisted with the decision making with this. The style remains unchanged. The uniform will be unveiled at the third Public meeting.
- The Values have been decided. These two will be showcased on November 13th.
- Enrolment interviews can be booked online via the school's website. These start on October 27th.
- Out of Hours School Care: We complete our part of the process today.

The school is looking amazing. This week the furniture fit out for the administration block and Resource Centre has been completed. The landscaping is well in hand (and gorgeous) and the infrastructure for technology installed.

***Official 'hand over' is November 2nd.
Cannot wait!***

Admin will open November 3rd.

Recently asked questions....

Q: Are we having a Prep orientation?

A: We are. It will be held on November 26th from 6.00pm.

Q: Will students have an opportunity to meet their teachers?

A: Yes. On the 22nd of January from 2pm you are invited to bring your children to the school to meet teachers, look through classrooms and join staff for a community BBQ.

Q: When will uniforms be available for sale?

A: Uniforms will be available for sale from Monday the 7th of December. All students are expected to have a formal uniform and unisex uniform.

The formal uniform **MUST** be worn on the first day of school, January 25th. At 10.30am a photographer will take a photos of the entire student and staff community.

Diary Dates:

Wednesday October 21st 6.30pm: P&C Meeting

Wednesday November 11th 6.30pm: Public Meeting

Thursday November 26th 6pm Prep Orientation Evening

Information evening Years 1-6: to be confirmed.

Uniforms on sale from week beginning December 7th

Whole school orientation and community event: January 22nd 2016 from 2pm 'til late.

Photo Gallery



Thank you!



From previous Community Newsletters.....

We need to think about an interim P&C.....

Those present at the Community Forum in regard to the school’s P&C, had the opportunity to hear information, ask questions and work together to consider what their aspirations are for our community and the attributes they would like those who nominate for positions on the executive to demonstrate.

Feedback in regard to the community that we want to create included:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong sense of belonging • Good communication • Being welcome • Having parent meeting places • Being respected and valued 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engaging: A happy, safe, inclusive, positive community • Fellowship • Unity • FUN!!!!
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Feedback re attributes for Executive Team included:

President and (vice)	Secretary	Treasurer
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good leadership skills • Good communication skills • Community oriented • Approachable • Listener • Honest and open • Passionate • Motivated 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work in a team • Good communication • Approachable • Reliable • Organised • Clear, concise, focussed • Professional 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respectful of public money • Honest • Understanding a budget/accounting procedures • Attention to detail • Listener • Approachable • Transparent • <i>Can can't</i> • Ask for help • Follow protocols

I do hope I gave you food for thought in regard to the vital role that P&C’s play in shaping strong, cohesive school communities. Those successful in being elected to the executive positions will fulfil very important roles and become the public faces of our community. I hope there are many considering these positions. Now is not the time to be shy. If you’d like further information please feel free to contact me on 0409 461 023 or Robyn Kelso on 3352 3900. Nominations will be sought in late October with the view to having an Interim P&C established in the school by the end of October. Links to the following websites might be useful.

<http://www.readingrockets.org/article/parent-involvement-checklist>

<http://www.readingrockets.org/article/getting-parents-involved-schools>

<http://www.pbs.org/weta/twoschools/getinvolved/empowering/busy.htm>