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Principal Message

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We have so much to be proud of

Our school's very first Anzac Day Ceremony was absolutely superb. Accolades to our student leaders for the way they very capably hosted the ceremony and to our students for the way they engaged so respectfully. Their behaviour was brilliant and so was their singing. Our invited guests and parents were full of praise with one saying that this ceremony was going to be very hard to 'top'.

Our community was privileged to have two of our dads, Mathew Francis a former New Zealand soldier and Warrant Officer Class Two Timothy Douglas address the students. Students heard personal insights in regard to the relationship between the Kiwis and the Aussies and now have a much deeper understanding of the meaning of Anzac Day and how this event in our history shaped our nation.

The ceremony was made especially meaningful when Alex Skaines, a former Trooper in the armed forces who has served in Afghanistan (and the son of our lovely Sharon in the office), presented the school with a brand new slouch hat. Once our hall is built this hat will take pride of place and become one of the very important symbols of Anzac Day that we share with the community each year.

While this ceremony was a team effort from the very dedicated Griffin staff team, a very special thank you needs to go to Mrs Perry for the hours of work she put into making this very first Anzac Day ceremony what it was. It certainly met our criteria.. It was absolutely anchored in excellence.....

A huge thank you also to the 60+ students, their parents and Griffin staff who represented our school at the Anzac Day march on Monday. This representation given our small size was just wonderful. This was our very first 'step' as a school into our wider community and again accomplished with respect and pride.

A number of students wore the medals of their fathers and grandfathers. I have included a photo of Landon Lyons in today's newsletter. Seeing Landon with his mum and newborn baby brother, so proudly wearing his dad Cameron's medals was particularly poignant and a reminder that we still have courageous young men and women serving our country.... Cameron is currently serving in Afghanistan and while he was able to be here for the birth of his second son this family, like so many others, are making significant sacrifices and for that we are all most truly grateful.



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P & C Day

In recognition of the wonderful work that P&C's do in schools across Queensland a day each year is designated to celebrate. On the 13th of May at 2pm our school will be hosting an afternoon teat 2pm in the Resource Centre for all members (or prospective members of the P&C). Please mark this day in your diary.

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School Council

As in Independent Public School we are required to have a School Council. The role of the Council is to provide input into the strategic direction of the school. The Council does not have a financial delegation so the activities that are managed through the P&C and very separate. The membership of this Council includes the P&C President, staff as well as community members. I will be hosting an Information Session prior to the next P&C meeting at 5.30pm in the Resource Centre for those who'd like to know more.

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A few things you should know

- Mr Alizzi's leave has now been extended to the beginning of week six. Mrs Appleby will continue until this time.
- **Chicken Pox and other communicable diseases** - It is very important that the guidelines of communicable diseases are followed stringently. In our community there are many students who are at higher risk and are required to take precautions to reduce the impact of some diseases. Please ensure the school is notified.
- The **Look Out Program** is operational and working beautifully, but we need the support of volunteers to keep this happening. School staff are currently manning the loading zone but this is reducing the amount of time that staff spend with students. If you'd like to know more about how you can assist please see our admin staff. Again a huge thank you to everyone for their support in this very early stage. It's all about safety and efficiency of traffic flow in our school.
- **Pets of any type** are not permitted on the school site unless an arrangement has been made with your child's class teacher to bring it in for a specific purpose. We have the health and safety of all within the school to consider.
- **Winter uniforms** are now on sale. All outer garments for winter must be plain maroon if they are sourced from retail outlets. This includes tights and stockings for girls. We have a very small number of students not wearing plain black shoes. We ask that parents address this as soon as possible.

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Curiosity Project

The students in Year 3 Yellow and 2/3Purple had the opportunity to bring their parents into school for breakfast this week to share their Curiosity Projects with others. The topics that interest our young people are many and varied... from robots, to crystals, to understanding how fish breathe underwater..... I cannot wait to see the final outcomes. To those parents who were able to come along and spend this time with their children.... Thank you.... Thank you also to the lovely Mrs Shackcloth and Mrs Whitta for orchestrating this opportunity.

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Roadworks

I am meeting with staff from the Department of Main Roads and Transport, Moreton Bay Regional Council and Department of Education this week to discuss issues related to the intersection of Brays and Tesch Road. At my request the speed along Brays Road has now been reduced from 70kms per hour to 60km. While this is a start we are still in discussions with these groups to look for future improvements.

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Regards
Vicki Baker

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As a reminder I am including our three priority areas for this term in our newsletter.

Reading: Our aim is to have EVERY child reading EVERY night. The secret to reading success is no secret at all. It simply comes down to what we call -reading mileage. The more you read, the better you get! Every student in the school will be issued with a Reading log next week to record their home reading.

Attendance: At the end of last term students who attended for more than 95% of the time were given a special attendance certificate. Those who had 100% attendance received one that congratulated them for this. While children absolutely need to remain at home when they are ill, it is in their very best interests that they attend school EVERY day when they aren't.

Arriving on time: Every day we have a significant number of students who are late for school. The bell for the commencement of the school day sounds at 8.50am. Students who arrive late miss out on critical aspects of learning every day. Their arrival also impacts on the flow of the classroom as teachers have to stop to ensure they are informed of what is required. A smooth start to the school day is often a key component in a successful day.

As partners in learning, parents are urged to partner with us to make these priorities also.

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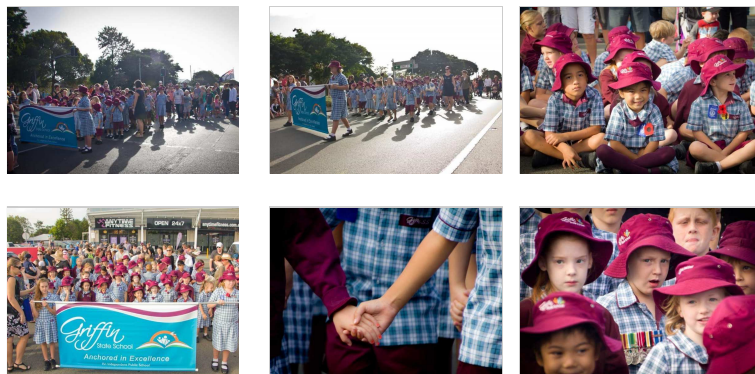
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Date	UPCOMING	TIME
28th April	Murrumba State Secondary College students performing a scene from their upcoming musical	1:00pm
29th April	Gala Day	all day
29th April	Community Coffee	2:30pm - 3:30pm
3rd May	Assembly	2:00pm
6th May	Cross Country District Trials	
9th May	Naplan week for years 3 & 5	
17th May	Assembly	2:00pm
25th May	Year 5 & 6 Camp- MUST BE AT SCHOOL BY 8:15am Sharp	
26th May	Year 5 & 6 Camp-	
27th May	Year 5 & 6 Camp - returning by 3:00pm	

Also -

16th May Year 4/5 Yellow

17th May Year 6 Yellow

18th May Year 4 Yellow

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Upcoming fee's

Finance upcoming events

Event	Cost	Payment Due Date
Year 5 & 6 CAMP	\$280.00	05/05/2016
Voluntary Contributions	\$ 50.00	NOW
Student Resource Scheme Part Payment 2	\$ 80.00	30.03.2016

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Please read attached document to know what time frame your child should be absent from school

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Message from P&C

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Sign up to Volunteer at our school in May

Sign up to Volunteer at our school in MAY.

<http://vols.pt/a2467z>

Click the link to head to the GSS P&C May Volunteer spots.

Choose your available dates and select where you would like to help.

Choose from Coffee Cart, Classroom or Tuckshop.

This is a trial month so we expect there will be more volunteer places to come.

Please email pandc@griffinss.eq.edu.au if you have any feedback

Happy Volunteering!

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Mothers Day Stall Opening Hours

Hello all

Hours for the GSS P & C Mothers Day stall are:

Thurs 5th and Fri 6th May

8:15am-12:15pm and 2:30pm-3:30pm both days

There will be a range of gifts from \$1-\$2 and up to \$3-\$5.

Children will be able to purchase more than one gift if they'd like and are asked to bring their money on these days so they can buy something for mum.

We need helpers on the stall. Here is the link if anyone would like to volunteer. There are 3 time slots and we are looking for 4 volunteers per shift (approx 1-2hrs).

<http://vols.pt/qya386>

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Creating Behavioural change

I have attached the flyer regarding the free workshop being delivered by an associate of mine, a Lecturer in Early Education and Speech Pathology from Melbourne – Mr Scott Hardie.

The workshop outline covers supports, strategies and tools for behaviour and creating behavioural change. It will support parents and teachers to create change within the home and within the classroom with students with conditions such as those on the Autism Spectrum, Dyslexia, ADHD, or perhaps those with other behavioural issues, bullying or self-esteem issues.

I thank you for your support in sending this flyer out to your teachers and parents at your school.

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Attachment for Creating behavioural change free workshop

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Term 2 Parenting Course - share with your school community

We are excited to share with you our latest online parenting course – **Raising Well-behaved Kids: Teaching kids to be safe, savvy and social**. This course is all about understanding the new basics of managing and teaching kids to behave well so that, no matter your child's age or circumstances, you can move them from 'All about Me' to 'Fitting in with We'. Share [this course information sheet](#) with your school community in your school newsletter, website or app. [Share now](#)

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Family day care

2017 I will be restructuring the way I run my FDC business and will be providing care to kindy aged children only. After 10 years of caring for infants, I feel it's time for a change.

At the moment I am sourcing expressions of interest for parents who maybe interested in my little programme and hope to be able to work in conjunction with the school to provide high-quality play-based learning to prepare the children for their prep year.

I have spoken with quite a few prep teachers from a variety of schools and have been advised that some children simply aren't ready for prep. I feel that by having a small amount of children in my five day fortnight programme and working on their self-help skills, early literacy and mathematics and fine and gross motor skills that they will be prepared when they enter the classroom.

I have created a Facebook page which parents may find helpful. This link is as below:

<https://www.facebook.com/littleonesearlylearningkindy/>

Yours in caring

Rebecca

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