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Principal Message

Message from Mrs Baker

Yesterday we bid farewell to our students in years 5 and 6 as they headed off to camp at Mapleton. It was lovely to share their excitement and that of their parents as they prepared to leave. They will have a lovely three days in a truly picturesque setting engaging in a range of activities designed to engage, excite and challenge them. All of this will be done without the distraction of technology. While I greatly appreciate the advantages of technology, I am very pleased to say that camp is an iPad free zone! I look forward to sharing their adventures with you in the next newsletter.

IPS Conference

This week I spent two days with principals from Independent Public Schools across Brisbane. Time was spent considering the challenges and opportunities that increased autonomy brings to school communities and engaging in some very worthwhile professional learning.

As I listened, I was affirmed that as a community we are looking in the right direction. A futures focus is imperative. The need to get into the 'world' of young people as they know it and ensure they have the skills that will equip them for a world that is changing at a faster rate than ever before is our challenge. Being curious, having an inquiring mind, being able to think deeply, reason and problem solve are at the heart of our work.

Schools that have been on the IPS pathway for some time shared their stories and how by working closely with their community have made significant gains for students.

Exciting times ahead for our community. The very next piece of work that needs to be done around IPS is electing a School Council. I welcome and strongly encourage your involvement in this.

My apologies..... Next week I am out of the school for most of the week attending further training. Always know that if you don't see me out and about that it generally means that I am not in the school. As most of you would know, when I'm at school, being with children and families is one of my key priorities.

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 hosted our very first information session last night prior to our P&C meeting. A Fact Sheet about School Councils is available on the school's website for perusal. If you have any queries in regard to this please do not hesitate to contact me.

Another information session will be offered prior to our next P&C Meeting on 5.30pm on the 8th of June. Voting for School Council positions will take place at the P&C Meeting on the 10th of August.

Crossing Brays Road

Again, I have spoken to students who cross Brays Road each day. This week I have followed up with a letter to parents voicing my concerns and the actions that I have taken to increase the safety for students on this road. As well as having the speed reduced and a variable sign put in place, fluorescent signs have also been placed on the refuge island to increase visibility.

I urge parents to carefully consider if their children have capability to cross this road without supervision. Parents are strongly advised to find alternate ways of ensuring their children arrive at school safely each day if they don't. I have had two very recent recounts of 'nearmisses' that have left adults and students shaken. Always, the safety of all is our highest priority.

Coming up:

1.Free Dress Day for the Leukaemia Foundation, June 14th. *We are also having a very special assembly and some very brave people will be shaving their heads.*

2.Celebration of Learning: 2pm on June 16th. *Involving parents in the life and learning of the school is an important part of our work. Celebrations of Learning allow parents to spend focused time with their children talking about the progress they are making. Parents are encouraged to provide feedback to their children on past learning goals and to learn more about where their children will be focussing for the next term. This is really valuable time. Please ensure you have this time marked in your diary. If you're unable to attend please make every attempt to send someone who is special to your child so that they get to share their learning with another.*

3.Official Opening: June 21st 11.30am. *More information in regard to this event will be shared shortly.*

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 'readingmileage'. 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.

Uniform at Griffin

We are proud of our very high standards..... Please be mindful that all winter garments must be a plain maroon. While parents are able to purchase from retail outlets, please be aware that those from our uniform shop are of a very high quality and comparable in price to those from retail outlets. We have both microfibre and fleece on sale. Each is embroidered with the school logo. They look very smart.

Road Safety - School Zone

As we reported via SMS last week there is a stronger police presence in our community. Police are currently assisting students to cross safely on Brays Road. Please note that all access roads around our school are 40 at ALL times, not just during school zone times. Your attention to this supports the safety of our precious children and our crossing supervisor. Please take care.

Calling On Volunteers for The Look Out Program

We are seeking volunteer assistance with the Look Out program. Currently teacher aides are being paid to do this task at a cost of over \$200 per week. This resource is taken directly from the support we would provide to students. This program is operating very smoothly and one that can be easily accommodated by volunteers. Again if you can give 20 minutes any afternoon of the week to do this task your support would be appreciated greatly. Please contact the office.

Premier's Reading Challenge

Premier's Reading Challenge 2016 Monday 16th May – Friday 26th August

The Premier's reading challenge has now commenced. Remember to keep reading every night and you will complete the challenge before you know it!

Just a reminder - experiencing a book can include classroom or at home activities such as shared reading, listening and reading along with a book, or being read to.



Year level Number of books

Prep - Year 2 Read or experience 20 books

Years 3 - 4 20 books

Years 5 - 9 15 books

"The more you read, the more you know, the more you know, the more places you will go" (Dr Zuess)

**Leukemia Foundation –World’s Greatest Shave
Fundraiser**



GRIFFIN GO GETTERS are raising money!!!!!! That is right. We are raising money for the Leukemia foundation. We have some students and staff that are wanting to participate in the World's Greatest Shave.

A little story that I hope most Parents will be humbled by and want their children to participate - We have a student here at Griffin who found out at the age of 2 that he had Leukemia. Imagine what this did for this family. We are hoping that all of our school community will get behind this wonderful event.

We are hosting this on the 14th June 2106

To register log onto <https://worldsgreatestshave.com/signup>

Make sure you say I am joining an existing team and we are called the "Griffin Go Getters"

Once you register you can even ask Mum and Dad to get some of your neighbors to help raise money and get a receipt book. Imagine making one or two phone calls to your Grandparents to help donate money to this wonderful foundation.

For those not so daring to do the shave you can participate by doing the CRAZY HAIR COLOUR'S. You will get to meet our amazing student and his Parents who will speak to us at Assembly (bring your tissues). We will also have a free dress day on the 14th June and we would like all students to bring a GOLD COIN donation to assist in raising that little bit more.

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1-2-3 MAGIC & EMOTION COACHING - A Three-session Program For Parents And Carers

News from our Guidance Officer - Mrs Robyn McNee

Griffin State School is presenting the **1-2-3 Magic and Emotion Coaching Course** for parents. The focus of this course is to help parents to respond to their children's behaviour when they don't behave as parents would like them to.

The course will run over three **Tuesday evenings, 31st May, 7th June and 14th June, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.**

There is **no cost** for parents of students who attend Griffin State School, so reserve your place by contacting the school office on 3490 3777.

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Attention Young Musicians

Presents

YOUNG MUSICIANS



General Information:

Our Afterschool music program is designed to develop children's natural enthusiasm for music along with increasing fine and gross motor skills and music appreciation/understanding. Children get to try out many different musical instruments, experience sounds and rhythms and learn how to read and write music.

Class Description: (45 minute class)

The 45 class is divided into 4 different sections.

- 1) Musical Instruments/Music Styles – Explaining and the different instrumental families eg. Percussion, woodwind, strings. Performing an activity based on the instrument of the week.
- 2) Playing the Instruments being learnt eg. Keyboard, Ukulele, Guitar, Flute, Drums.
- 3) Learning a Rhythms with percussion instruments and musical notations – Students will learn to identify and sing notes of the music staff on Treble and Base Clefs combining the taught rhythms.
- 4) Ending the class on a fun note – A group activity using a parachute, music net, Rainbow Ring etc.

NOTE: Private Instrumental lessons may be available upon request.

Years: Prep – Year 4

Number of sessions: 6 sessions

Number of Students: Minimum 8, maximum 20 per session

Day: Wednesdays 3:15pm-4pm

Cost: \$54 (\$9 per class)

Equipment: No equipment is required from Students, Instructor brings all Instruments and equipment needed for the class.

Instructor's name: Teneille Douglas Email: info@neighbourhoodcreche.com.au

Phone: 0423032591

Registration form for Young Musicians:

Child's name: _____ Parent Name: _____

Child's grade and teacher: _____

Phone : _____ Email Address: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Arrival/Departure Information: (Tick those that apply)

My child will be taken to Young Musicians by _____ and picked up by _____

My child will arrive from OSHC and returned to OSHC

My child will walk to the Young Musician class him/herself and leave him/herself at the end of the class.

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____

Future Enrolments 2017



Calling all future enrolments

Griffin State School is hosting an Open Day for future Students seeking to enrol in 2017. Parents and students are welcome to attend.

Date- 9th June 2016
Commencing at 9am -11am

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Bookclub Issue 4

Money will not be accepted through the office.

Parent Loop Orders are to be done online by the 5th June.

P & C News

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Thank you and well done to all our volunteers for the first annual GSSP&C Mothers Day Stall. The kids loved it and so did all the mums!
We raised over \$700.

Join our FB page for updates around the school and our community
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/587054118116281/>

Volunteers needed! For Tuckshop, Coffee Cart & Classroom.
Volunteer here <http://www.griffinss.eq.edu.au>
We also need help with Christmas Concert planning.
Contact Tenille info@griffinss.eq.edu.au



MEMBER PROFILE – DANNI PIRC
Danni is one of our Vice-Presidents. She looks after our FB page, grant applications and Fundraising. She has a son in prep and a 3yo daughter. Danni loves Bootcamp, Good Wine and Reading

Next Meeting
Wed 15th June

Uniform Shop
Open
Mon 8-10:30am
Tues 1:30-4pm

Mother's Day Stall
a big Success!!

P & C Day
Afternoon Tea this
Friday 13th May

Let us know your fundraising ideas!
Email us below.

GRIFFIN SS P & C
pandc@griffinss.eq.edu.au
Meetings First Wed of every month 6:30pm
Join us on FB



News from OSHC



School Plus Griffin Fun

We've been having lots of fun at School Plus! We have started our ginger sports soccer classes. The kids are loving being able to learn lots of different things about soccer.



We have started making our School Plus Griffin class movie. We are starting to film all of the things our children love doing whilst they are at OSHC. All the children are very excited to see what the final product will look like.

Our June/July vacation care program is out and we are all excited for our very first excursion to Australia Zoo! Thank you to all the children and parents that have given us lots of fantastic ideas for this vacation care program. Last vacation care the kids had so much fun on the waterslide and having the fire department visit, we can't wait to start the fun again!!

School plus Griffin wants to thank one of our lovely preppy parents Emma for coming into the service during vacation care to do some face painting for the kids. They loved it, thanks Emma!



Next week our seniors club is starting. Our grades 4-6 children will be able to join and will get special privileges and responsibilities. We are very excited to see all of the great leadership skills from our fantastic seniors group!



Laugh Out Loud with School Plus!

We welcome new friends to join in the excitement. For further details please call the Service on 0402 448 218 or email griffin@schoolplus.com.au or visit our website at www.schoolplus.com.au

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If you are an existing School Plus family and haven't tried my Family Lounge, please contact School Plus Support Office on 07 3161 9904.

Once registered with my Family Lounge you can download the free App and be able to do the below 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

- Make casual Before and After School bookings (with instant confirmation)
- Advise of an absence for permanent and casual bookings
- Advise of a cancellation for permanent and casual bookings (Note all cancellations are defaulted to absent and School Plus applies the correct cancellation policy depending on the number of days and where incursions and excursions are non-cancellable.)
- Make all Vacation Care bookings (with instant confirmation)



On my Family Lounge website, you can do the following:

- Make, change and cancel permanent bookings (not instant confirmation)
- Make, change and cancel casual bookings (with instant confirmation)
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- Change family details including people authorised to collect your child/~~DOB~~, phone numbers ~~etc~~
- Enrol an additional child



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OSHC - June School Holidays Program



Join us for a Wacky Program with lots of fun this holidays at School Plus

Griffin State School
Book Now for the June School Holidays
All school age children welcome
Invite your friends to join you

Native Day	Bricks 4 Kids	When I grow up...
Dr Seuss	Laser Tag	Excursion to Australia Zoo
Goey Goey Day	Dreamtime Dancing	Pyjama and Movie Fun

Bookings received before 17 June 2016 \$44.50* per day.
Extra for incursions and excursions please see program
Bookings received after 17 June 2016 \$46.50* per day
For full details on how to book and to obtain a copy of daily program please email griffin@schoolplus.com.au or phone 0402 448 218

Hours: 6:30 am to 6:00 pm
All children attending must bring a broad brim hat, water bottle, wear closed in shoes, Sunsmart clothing and their lunch daily.
*Daily fees are calculated for each individual family and are based on a family's eligibility for Child Care benefits and rebates.
Incursions have an additional cost.

Daily Fees from \$0.24* per child
Includes Breakfast morning and afternoon tea.