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## Principal's Message

A huge congratulations to the P&C Executive for their brilliant organisation of our very first Ladies High Tea on the 29th of May. It was a resounding success enjoyed by 30 mums and raised approximately \$1300 for our school community. These ladies never cease to amaze me! Their attention to detail, commitment and enthusiasm for their work is evident in everything they do. Congratulations ladies on a truly wonderful outcome.

Last week I spent three days engaged in intensive professional learning. Thankfully the time was really well spent and proved to be extremely beneficial in shaping my thinking regarding our strategic planning. Two days were spent training as a Peer Reviewer. This training allows me to go into schools and work with the Review Team when school reviews are done. Every state school in Queensland is required to have a Review every four years and is assessed across key criteria in 9 Domains outlined in the National School Improvement Tool. This training deepened my knowledge of the tool, which has allowed me to refine processes in the school.

Mrs Hughes and I spent one day at Phase 2 of High Performance Teams training. Again the professional learning was highly beneficial to our work.

On Friday we hosted staff from the five schools constructed under the same Public Private Partnership contract as ours. It was just delightful to be able to show them around so that they could see the fabulous work that is being done by our students and staff in classrooms and talk about our plans as we move forward. We have so much to be proud of.

Last Tuesday evening Ray Inkpen, President of the Pine Rivers Rotary Club, invited me to attend their weekly dinner. I was invited to speak to members and was presented with a cheque for \$1000 to assist with projects in the school. My deepest gratitude is extended to them for their generosity.

Uniform at Griffin....We are proud of our very high standards.... winter uniform is plain maroon and footwear as always is plain black shoes and plain white socks...

## The School's Official Opening

Exciting times ahead! The Griffin State School official opening will be held on June 21st at 11.30am in the Resource Centre. The Hon Kate Jones, Minister for Education, will be in attendance. Students from years 1-6 will attend the official ceremony while our Prep students will be present when the Minister unveils the garden following the ceremony. Because of limited space, the number of adults able to attend the ceremony will be limited to 40. Parents attending are requested not to bring toddlers.

The first 40 parents indicating they would like to attend will be provided with a ticket. All parents will be invited to a shared lunch that day and younger siblings are most welcome to be a part of this celebration. More information will follow.

### **Cybersafety**

This week our lovely Adopt-a-cop Kerri spent an afternoon with students in years 4, 5 and 6 talking about Cybersafety. What is of greatest concern for me is the number of students spending time in 'spaces' that have the potential for harm. Included in this newsletter is a posting from our department outlining some important issues.

Kerri also spoke to a very small number of parents also and provided them with sites where they can get information regarding security settings and suggestions on how to set boundaries. Mr Cruse also gave those present some advice that included just Googling key questions to get information. As Kerri said to parents, it is absolutely critical that parents understand the 'worlds' of children and take measures to ensure their safety. Another session will be scheduled later next term in the evening for those interested.

### **Playgroup**

The lovely Pamela Connelly and I met yesterday with Kirsten from Playgroup Queensland. We intend to have a Playgroup operational in our community from the first Wednesday of next term. Wednesdays have been chosen as the preferred day because of the way many Kindy programs operate. We are hoping to attract our Kindy kids to this program at least on a fortnightly basis. This will assist greatly with their transition to school. While Pamela and I will work closely to establish this program we will be 'building' it as we go with the support of parents in our community. For parents able to attend, please keep Wednesday mornings from 9.10-10.30 free for some fun with your little ones and networking with other parents.

### **Student progress and achievement: Report Cards: Celebrate 'C's'.....**

Staff are currently working in reporting mode. Across the school there are so many stories of students who've made significant gains through sheer hard work. They are incredibly proud of their progress. Students will look forward to sharing their individual stories with parents at the next Celebration of Learning on the 16th of June at 2pm. Where parents are not able to make the necessary arrangements to have time away from work, they are asked to make every effort to ensure that their child/ren have a 'significant other' attend. Celebrations are an important part of the learning process for all children. They will share their successes and also discuss where they are concentrating their efforts. Parents will have an opportunity to provide feedback to their child and know how they can support them at home.

Report Cards will be issued electronically on the 22nd of June. When reading reports please be mindful of how you share your responses with your child. Looking carefully at effort, behaviour and the final comment will give you reliable information regarding the effort your child is making to improve their learning. Reporting is more than just the achievement levels in each of the Key Learning Areas.

It is very important for parents to be aware that a 'C' indicates a student is working at level. It is now very hard for a student to receive an 'A' or 'B' as these indicate they are working beyond their year level. Gone are the days when a large percentage of students can be the straight 'A' student. Some of our young people have made tremendous gains and may not at this point be at a 'C' level. It may well be that there are some who are receiving an 'A', but not challenging themselves and putting in effort.

This week I've been in classrooms looking at the work the students are doing. The best part of my job is getting to see the work of students and share in their joy of learning. In today's newsletter for your enjoyment is a photograph of four of our little Prep students who so proudly showed me their writing.

We are seeking volunteer assistance with the Look Out Program. Currently our Education Assistants 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 in classrooms. This program is operating very smoothly and is 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.

### **Our Foundation Garden**

Our Foundation Garden is now under construction and will hopefully be ready for unveiling at our Official Opening on June 21st. This garden will house our anchor and forever immortalise our School Vision, 'Anchored in Excellence'. Very exciting!

It's been very interesting and slightly hilarious to hear what some of our young people think is happening with the garden. Some have suggested there is going to be a statue of me or a little chair for me to sit on in the morning when I say "Goodmorning" to the school community!

**Important Cybersafety tips for parents** The department has recently been alerted to random users contacting children using the social media app 'Instagram'. Please share the following tips with parents:  
1. Know which social media your child uses. 2. Discuss with your child who their online friends and followers are. Only be friends with people online who you know in the real world. 3. Take a proactive approach and establish clear and agreed rules for your child's internet use.

### **Crossing Brays Road**

On Wednesday, police officers who are currently providing supervision for students to cross safely on Brays Road came and spoke to students in several classes. Despite this supervision we are still seeing unsafe behaviour from a number of students. A small number are making very dangerous decisions to cross on other parts of Brays Road. The Department of Education takes the safety of students very seriously. The funding to support this initiative is significant and parents are urged to ensure their children are crossing with the officers.

**The safety of all is important. Students are reminded that bikes and scooters must not be ridden in the school grounds.**

### **Coming up:**

1. Free Dress Day for the Leukaemia Foundation is June 14th. We are also having a very special assembly and some very brave people will be shaving their heads.
2. Celebration of Learning begins at 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 focusing 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. Another information session will be offered prior to our next P&C Meeting on 5.30pm on the 15th of June. My apologies for advertising this previously for the 8th of June.

Questions worth answering.. They are all criteria for success. Reading: Is your child reading every night? Is your child ready for their first Reading Certificate that recognises 25 nights of reading? Attendance: Is your child at school every day unless they are unwell? Is your child on track to receive a 95% or 100% attendance certificate? Arriving on time: Is your child supporting their learning and the learning of others by being on time EVERY day? As partners in learning, parents are urged to partner with us to make these priorities also.

## Class Changes

As most of you are very aware we have had a significant increase in enrolments through this term. As we all know, this is of course one of the challenges of being in a brand new school in a rapidly growing area. At the end of this term we will be looking closely at class configurations and making changes where necessary. The parents of any students that this impacts on directly in terms of a change in teacher, will be contacted directly. We've managed one reconfiguration this year already and the transition was very smooth and very successful. Your support as always, in regard to matters such as this, is appreciated greatly.

## P & C News

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Our latest fundraising effort was the Ladies Day High Tea held on Sun 29<sup>th</sup> May. What a great event! We raised over \$1300 for our school. There was lots of fun to be had with our beautiful High Tea from Tiffany's at North Lakes as well as a super fun Auction and Raffles. A big thank you to all who donated prizes for the event: Scarborough Beach Resort, Tempest Restaurant, High Tea at Tiffany's, Nutrimetics by Julie DeMarchi, Healthy Booties, Zen Chi, Scentsgroup for Westfield North Lakes, the Skin Therapy Room, Younique by Bozza Connolly, Florie Lane, Gag @ Thermomix, Charmant Evening Park, The Flower Hit, Norvax by Carly Gosewisch, Tupperware, Avon by Tracey Bennett and Carrol Bradshaw, The Hair Emporium, Chocablock Chocolates, Zumba by Krista, Neighbourhood Crèche, Tilla and Birdie by Tennille Gostevsky and Letharimetics. Without their help our event never would have been possible! Thank you all so much!!



One of our very own school mums Kelly Spedler is organising Picnic Hill in Redcliffe. She has built the event from the ground up in a short period of time. It will raise money for the Redcliffe youth centre. There is also 2 other mums that are holding stalls for their home business, Tennille Gostevsky with her beautiful little girls clothing and Melissa Van Santen with her awesome face painting. Please support our community by having fun on 8<sup>th</sup> July!!

Join our [FB page](#) for updates around the school and our community – Members and non-members welcome.



### MEMBER PROFILE – PAMELA CONNELLY

Pam is our Uniform shop Convener and Volunteer. She has a son 9 and three girls 8, 5 and 4. She loves shopping, socializing and spending time with her children.

**Next Meeting**  
Wed 15<sup>th</sup> June  
All Welcome!

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

**Pie Drive**  
Fundraiser Coming  
Soon!!

**Tuckshop Starting**  
Term 3!

Let us know your  
fundraising ideas!  
Email us below.

**GRIFFIN SS P & C**  
[pandc@griffinss.eq.edu.au](mailto:pandc@griffinss.eq.edu.au)

Meetings First Wed of  
every month 6:30pm  
Join us on FB

## World's Greatest Shave

UPCOMING!!!! Lock this in your calendar. Free Dress next week. Please bring a gold coin donation. We are raising money for the Leukaemia Foundation. You may have seen the amazing Kerri-Ann selling merchandise out the front of our school as well. Which parents are up for the SHAVE??? Which students are up for the shave as well and are raising money???

**Date: Tuesday 14th June 2016**

Don't forget register. Just log onto: <https://worldsgreatestshave.com/signup>  
Make sure you say I am joining an existing team and we are called the "Griffin Go Getters"



## News From OSHC



### School Plus Griffin Fun

The last couple weeks have been loads of fun!! Working with the children we have recently started up Dojo's for the children whilst they are at School Plus. Dojo's is a fun app that is used by some classes at school. We have found it's a great way to make sure all our children that are always going above and beyond to help people

get recognised. At the end of each week we present certificates and prizes for our top dojo earners.

Our senior leaders group have already started with their responsibilities while they're here at OSHC and they have been doing a fantastic job. We can't wait to give them their senior leader badges and watch them be worn with pride.

The children have started building their very own mini skateboard and car track. They have started by using boxes and different recycled materials but very soon they will get to put their model onto a table with lots of paper mache and sand. We can't wait to see the end result!



Our term two soccer incursion only has a few weeks left, the children have had loads of fun with their soccer coaches and have learnt some great soccer skills. We are now taking ideas for our term three

incursion. We would love to hear from the parents with what type of activity they would like to see offered.

Don't forget to book in quick for our vacation care program. Make sure you don't miss out on our early bird prices and our very first excursion to Australia Zoo. The children can't wait! The excitement is building for all the fun things planned.



### 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](mailto:griffin@schoolplus.com.au) or visit our website at [www.schoolplus.com.au](http://www.schoolplus.com.au)

Laugh Out Loud – Learn through Play with School Plus!

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For new enrolments

Go to our website [www.schoolplus.com.au](http://www.schoolplus.com.au) New Families.

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)
  - Make all Vacation Care bookings (with instant confirmation)
  - Change family details including people authorised to collect your child/ren, phone numbers etc
  - Enrol an additional child.

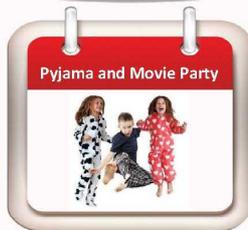
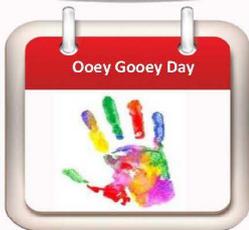
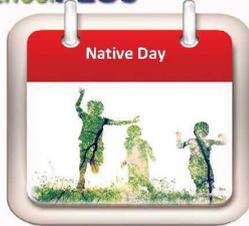
# OSHC - June School Holidays Program



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



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](mailto: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.

## No Hat No Play!

Students are reminded that a hat must be worn at all times during outside play. Could parents please ensure your child has a school hat that is clearly named.

**Happy Birthday Mrs Baker**

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*Happy Birthday to our amazing Principal, Mrs Baker from all the Staff, Parents and Students at Griffin State School. We hope you've had a wonderful day and feel as special as you make us all feel.*