PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

On Wednesday our school held a special “Remembrance Day” assembly to honour those who have given their lives in the service of our nation.

As the oldest school in Griffith, Remembrance Day is particularly important as we remember the sacrifices of a number of former students.

As I write this report Years 7 to 10 are in the middle of their end of year exams. If a student misses an exam for any reason, such as illness, it is their responsibility to see their teacher and arrange a ‘catch up’ exam. If you have any questions please feel free to ring the school and speak to myself or the relevant Year Adviser.

In two weeks time a large group of Year 9 students will depart on a three day excursion to Melbourne. I am confident all the students and staff will have an excellent time and represent Griffith High School in a positive way. Thank you to Mr Jack McMaster for the many hours he has spent organising the trip.

As I mentioned in the last newsletter our Year 12 class have their Graduation Ball on Saturday, November 21st.

On behalf of all the staff at Griffith High School we wish all of our Year 12 students all the best in the future.

Richard Wiseman
Relieving Principal

Nominations are open for the 2015 Australia Day Awards

Griffith City Council are calling for nominations of worthy recipients who have performed outstanding community service or sporting achievements during 2015. This year is a special Australia Day as we are celebrating 100 Years of Griffith next year in 2016.

Categories are

- Junior Citizen Of The Year
- Young Citizen Of The Year
- Citizen Of The Year
- Community Project Of The Year
- Junior Sportsperson Of The Year
- Sportsperson Of The Year
- Club Person Of The Year
- Sports Team Of The Year

Nominations can be entered using the form in the Wednesday editions of the Area News or be submitted using the online nomination form at www.griffith.nsw.gov.au. Nominations close Friday 11 December 2015.

Griffith High School believes in the values of Respect, Responsibility, Resilience, Right Choice and the Pursuit of Excellence.
This term has seen some changes in the Mathematics faculty along with some exciting work and results by students. Mr Haran is spending the term working at Forest Lake State High School in Brisbane. As a result of this, the Maths faculty welcomes Mrs Leaver to the team.

Mrs Leaver first taught Mathematics at GHS in 1978 and she used to play hockey with Mrs Taipaleti’s mother. After raising her family, Mrs Leaver taught at Lake Cargelligo Central School, Ardlethan Central School and Leeton High School. She is enjoying her return to GHS and we have enjoyed hearing about all the changes that have happened since Mrs Leaver first worked here.

Students received their results from the Australian Mathematics Competition. We had ten students attempt this competition where you compete against the best in Australia. Congratulations to Jakob Hill and Harsh Rathi who were awarded a distinction as well as Andria Zanotto, Jesse Smart and Pranjali Chaurasia [all pictured below] who were awarded a credit for their efforts.

There have been many interesting activities happening in Mathematics this term. Year 8 students submitted an assessment task where they had to design a poster that showed how to calculate the area of various 2D shapes. Students in Mrs Stein’s Year 8 class were constructing and calculating the volume of 3D solids.
The junior school have now finished their yearly examinations but I would like to point out that all classes will continue as normal up until the end of the term. Every Mathematics class still has a couple of topics to complete. During these topics students will learn important skills that they will use next year. It is also important for students to continue to cooperate with their teachers and bring the necessary equipment which includes a maths book, pens, pencils, a ruler and a scientific calculator.

I would like to wish everyone all the best over the final few weeks of the year.

John Gallagher
Acting Head Teacher Mathematics

Calculators are available from the school office for $18.60.

Maths students in ALL YEARS require a scientific calculator.

Missing school leaves gaps in your education

Parent/s or caregivers are required – by law – to provide a written or verbal explanation to the Principal within seven days of any absence as to why their child was not at school.
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**2016 Presentation Day ~ Friday, December 11th**

**Last day of school for all students ~ Wednesday, December 16th**

**STUDY CLUB**
Every Monday 3.30 to 4.30
In the Library—Free of charge