## GHS Term Two Calendar

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## Principal's Newsletter:

NAPLAN testing occurred this week. Our students in Years 7 and 9 participated in NAPLAN 2015. Students were tested on their Literacy skills in Reading, Writing and Grammar and Numeracy. NAPLAN is just one measure of the skills level across these areas. Results will become available to the school and families in about 12 weeks time.

Thanks to all the staff who came in early to cook a bacon & egg breakfast for NAPLAN students.

It is ½ Yearly Examination time again for Year 7 to Year 11 students!

**Year 11 examinations**

Week 5 - Monday 18th May, finishing on Friday 22nd May

**Years 7 to 10 examination**

Week 6 - Monday 25th May, finishing on Friday 29th May.

These examinations will give staff, students and families a clear indication of the effectiveness of the learning experiences that we are delivering to our students as well as the progress each student is making in their educational outcomes.

A reminder all students are expected to attend all examinations and give their best efforts. Results of these examinations enable staff to monitor student progress at this stage of 2015. Parents/carers will have the opportunity to discuss their child’s progress early in term 3 at out Parent Teacher evening scheduled for Thursday 16th July, Week 1, Term 3.

The Term 1 Parent Teacher afternoon was such an outstanding success with more parents and their children attending than have done so for a long time. We are expecting similar support from our parents and carers next time.

Again, I strongly urge parents to continue come along with their child, sit down with their teachers, discuss their progress and any concerns, be well informed and share their child’s educational pathway, supporting them to achieve their personal best.
Our senior debating team, coached by Georgina McCormack, are now Zone Champions. The team is made up of Giulia Zanotto, Skyla Eardley, Jessica Noffke & Georgia Campbell. Their next challenge will be participating in the region finals. Go team!!! Congratulations and Good Luck!

Our Year 7 Camp based at Jindabyne has been labelled an outstanding success. A full report will follow in a later issue of our newsletter. Thanks to Kym Stein for her efforts in putting the excursion together and to the staff who accompanied students – Keith Wells, Chloe Lu, Foni Uofalelahi & Aaron Grugan.

Last week all students Years 7 to 12 were given the opportunity to listen to Joey Williams, a footballer and professional boxer based in Wagga Wagga. Joey shared his life experiences both highs and lows with our students. His message to students was very inspiring and empowering for all, as he addressed his struggles, as he overcame depression. Thanks to Kirralee Philp for acquiring Joey’s services and for her organisation of the mornings activities for students. Another very valuable life skill addressed.

**DID YOU KNOW THAT GRIFFITH HIGH SCHOOL HAS A FACEBOOK PAGE?**

Our Facebook page will keep you updated on all events, happenings and goings ons at our high school – it is up to date and current at anytime. https://www.facebook.com/GriffithHighSchool

Those families who do not have Facebook accounts are reminded that the GHS Web Site is regularly updated with photos and events.

http://www.griffith-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

**REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS**

School commences at 8:53am. All students are expected to be at school on time. Too many students continue to roll into school after 9:00am without a reasonable excuse – ‘sleeping in’ is not an excuse. I ask you to support school policy and your child’s education by ensuring that your child gets to school on time.

A reminder for parents of our senior students they too are expected to attend school and all timetabled classes and activities. If they choose not to attend, Griffith High is responsible to make sure that this happens. As a result my Deputy Principal, Mrs Taipaleti is following up inconsistent attendance to ensure that students experience their best possible educational outcomes.

Since last year there has been a huge effort by staff and students to encourage the wearing of our school uniform. The hard work and constant reminders are working, our students look fantastic in their uniform, they are wearing it with pride – a big thank you to parents, staff and students for your efforts so far. This pressure will be continued throughout the year. The wearing of school uniform is supported by the majority of our school community – keep up your great efforts.

15yr girl Tyra Simpson
15yr boy Mosesse Kata & Nathan Rowley
16yr girl Alilava Tafeaga
16yr boy Bo Ingold
Open girl Mata Varasia
Open boy Tau Faiva

**The winning house on the day was Wentworth.**

**Years 7-10 PDHPE**

Throughout Term 2, students in Year 7 will be learning about ‘Challenges ahead – Growing up’. This unit will focus on the changes which occur during adolescence and puberty, in addition to introducing the issue of sexually transmissible infections.

Year 8 will be studying ‘Factors Affecting Health’ which focuses on lifestyle choices which can help or harm health and lifestyle diseases.

Year 9 will be studying ‘Safe and Healthy Relationships’ which focuses on the skills needed to build healthy relationships, in addition to the skills necessary to identify and exit from abusive relationships. In the second half of the term, Year 9 will study the ‘Science of Movement’ which focuses on forces and strategies which can aid or hinder sporting performance.

Year 10 will be studying ‘Roles in Physical Activity’ with a focus on the skills and characteristics needed to successfully assume these.

**Coming up we wish our students all the best in the following knockout competitions:**

- Zone Cross Country
- Zone Athletics
- University Shield Rugby League
- U14’s Buckley Shield
- U16’s Buchan Shield
- Open girls League Tag
- 7/8 girls State Cup Netball
- Open girls Netball
- Open boys and girls Volleyball

We would also like to remind all families that Year 7-10 whole school sport runs on Thursday afternoons from 1.21-3.25pm. All students in these year groups are expected to wear full sports uniform, be organised with correct equipment, attend and participate in the sport of their choosing each week. 

**PDHPE Faculty**

**Please remember to label clothing, especially jumpers with your name. A lot of jumpers are left out on the oval at lunch time and we have no way of knowing who to return them to.**
Knockout Competitions
Thus far on the sporting calendar, Griffith High School has participated in the knockout competitions of open boys and girls touch football, open boys and girls basketball, open boys soccer, Bill Turner cup soccer, lawn bowls and open girls tennis. Thank you to the staff and parents, whose support allowed our students to compete once again in 2015.

GHS Cross Country carnival results
Griffith High Schools annual Cross country carnival was held on Friday 20th March 2015. We were lucky enough to have excellent weather for the event and a great afternoon was had by all. The following students were successful in winning the title of age champion in their respective age groups.

12yr girl Judy Talioe Sila
12yr boy Angus Bartter
13yr girl Monique Andreazza
13yr boy Dakel Smyth
14yr girl Andria Zanotto
14yr boy Damon Wilde
15yr girl Teagan Cirillo
15yr boy Richard Burns-Mullins
16yr girl Jorja Waring-Bryant
16yr boy Rossi Trimboli
Open girl Giulia Zanotto
Open boy Andy McRae

The winning house on the day was Wentworth.

GHS Athletics carnival results
Griffith High Schools annual Athletics carnival was held on Friday 8th May 2015. An enjoyable day of competition was had by all students who attended. It was great to see a number of parent and family members with us on the day, supporting their children and the school. The following students were successful in winning the title of age champion in their respective age groups.

12yr girl Brianna McKelvie
12yr boy Angus Bartter
13yr girl Arabella Bardney
13yr boy Aisea Taupeanuahu
14yr girl Andria Zanotto
14yr boy Joseph Favero

As the colder weather approaches just a reminder we do not want multi-coloured clothing worn, please try to stick to our school colours as you prepare to keep warm.

Finally, students are expected to come prepare for their daily lessons. All students should have their correct books and equipment for every lesson. If students make the choice not to come prepared for the day’s timetabled classes they might find themselves missing out on many of the extra-curricular activities that they love to do.

A REMINDER FOR OUR STUDENTS:
All students have rights BUT with those rights come with responsibilities – some students are not meeting these responsibilities!

Charlie Cochrane
15th May 2015

Year 7 Campers On Top of Mount Kosciusko
Once again, it has been a very busy start to the 2015 school year, with an array of sporting activities and achievements occurring thus far. However, before we focus on these, the PDHPE Faculty would like to take this opportunity to formally welcome Mr Daniel McKenzie to Griffith High School. He has joined us from Wollongong region and will be working with us in the coming terms.

Rugby League and Union

The footy season has kicked off again here at GHS with the boys back to their winning ways. Our first competition of the year saw our year 7-8 and 9-10 boys Sevens Rugby Union sides head to Wagga Wagga to compete in the ACT Brumbies High School Rugby Union 7's. Both teams had a very successful day with our brand of free-flowing attack and hard-hitting defence seeing us go through the pool stage undefeated and both teams reaching the finals. The year 7-8 boys were up first and, after the scores see-sawing all match, came out on top in a great game of fast-paced rugby and were crowned competition winners. Our 9-10 boys were up next and were unfortunately unable to come up with the goods, finishing runners-up. A huge congratulations to Solomona Toru who was deemed the player of the day.

Our success in these competitions resulted in GHS being invited to compete in the ACT Brumbies High School Rugby Sevens Finals Series at the University of Canberra. Our boys played tremendously well against a host of Canberra schools, seeing them again go through undefeated in the group stage of the competition and advancing to the finals. Despite playing well the year 9-10 side bowed out of the competition in the semi-final in a close match. The year 7-8 boys won their semi-final and progressed to the grand-final but unfortunately the long day and hot conditions had taken their toll, with our boys running out of steam despite giving it their all in a hard-fought game, resulting in the finishing runners-up.

Congratulations to all of the boys involved in our successful Rugby Sevens competitions this year.

With the beginning of Term 2 came our Opens boys chance to strut their stuff in the Rugby Sevens arena, heading to Wagg Wagga to participate in the College Sevens Rugby Union Competition. Unfortunately, our disadvantage of having less interchange players meant that fresh legs were not always readily available, resulting in the boys only winning one of their three pool games. Despite the disadvantage, our boys played incredibly well and were successful in defeating cross-town rivals Marian Catholic College.

Year 7-9 Girls League Tag

Our 7-9 girls League Tag team has achieved great success in the CRL knock-out competition for 2015. After dominating in their first round of local competition, the girls travelled to Wagga to compete in the Riverina final. A big congratulations must go to Ms Laweloa and the girls for their hard earned title of Riverina Champions for 2015.

Fifita Cup – Griffith All Schools

Griffith High School has once again been victorious in the All Schools – Fifita Cup competition for 2015. In the Open girls League Tag, the team defeated Marian Catholic College and drew with Wade High School. As a result, they were declared the winners for 2015. In the U16 boys Bonetti Family Shield and Open boys Andrew Fifita Cup, the teams were successful in defeating Marian Catholic College and Wade High School to secure their respective titles for 2015. A big congratulations goes to Mr Godber, Ms Laweloa and all involved students.

Riverina Representation

The students below have been outstanding representatives of Griffith High School and the Riverina region in the following sports:

- Swimming – Makita Power, Rhys Salvestro, Quade Stevenson, Angus Bartter
- Secondary Boys Australian Football – Isaac Campbell
- Secondary Boys Open Rugby League – Jermayne Cook
- Secondary Boys Open Rugby Union – Aistan Fidow, Billy Maiava, Andy McRae, Craig Matereke
- Girls 15 Years and under Secondary Touch Football – Lily Misiloi, Andrea Zanotto
- Secondary Open Boys and Girls Volleyball – Jonny Vaeono, Raymond Aloni, Rangiatae Beni, Valu Toru

State Representation

The following students deserve special mention, for their outstanding efforts at a state level:

- CHS Swimming – Makita Power, Quade Stevenson, Angus Bartter
- CHS U16 Rugby Union – South Africa Touring team – Aistan Fidow