Principal’s Newsletter:
What an excellent start to a term. Our UAC [Universities Admission Centre] presentations were outstanding. Students from Years 10, 11 and 12, parents and staff all participated in these presentations. In fact students, staff and parents attending Wade High School participated in similar presentations.

As a result, all stakeholders of the Griffith community have now heard the one message regarding choosing senior subjects and pathways, what happens to marks and the ins and outs of how an ATAR [Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank] is determined.

Year 10 and 12 Parent Teacher afternoon and the Year 10 Subject Selection Information evening held afterwards were successful events.

As we go to print the Parent Teacher Afternoon for Years 7, 8, 9 and 11 will be held in the school hall. Hopefully we have another strong attendance.

Earlier this week our Aboriginal students participated in dance workshops choreographed by Kerry & Rayma Johnson (formerly Bangarra).

Our students performed this dance as part of our NAIDOC DAY celebrations on Thursday 23rd July. After the performance and ceremony guests were invited to enjoy a sausage sizzle and some ‘yummy’ traditional foods prepared by some of our Aboriginal parents and community.

Year 10 students are reminded that their Year 11, 2016 Subject Choices are due to Ms Taipaleti by Friday 24th July. Make your choices even if you are unsure about returning to Griffith High School for Year 11. If you change your mind we may not have subjects that you are interested in studying in Year 11 – remember our curriculum is determined by your choices.

Finally a reminder to all parents / carers if your child misses school for any reason a note explaining why should be written and given to the front office or Ms Taipaleti on the day that they return to school.

If you have any concerns about your child’s education please do not hesitate to contact the appropriate teacher, the faculty Head Teacher or a member of the senior executive for clarification as soon as possible before the situation could be “blown out of proportion”. Our contact phone number is 6962 1711.

DID YOU KNOW THAT GRIFFITH HIGH SCHOOL HAS A FACEBOOK PAGE?
Our face book page will keep you updated on all events, happenings and goings on at our high school it is up to date and current at anytime.

Also check out our webpage
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Charlie Cochrane
Principal

Griffith High School believes in the values of Respect, Responsibility, Resilience, Right Choice and the Pursuit of Excellence.
Minister's Message

A message from NSW Minister for Education
Adrian Piccoli

Education Week is a time to celebrate the achievements and successes of our students, teachers and support staff across all NSW public schools.

Public education is undergoing significant transformation with a clear agenda of reform to provide the best possible education for our children.

Over the past four years the NSW Government has been delivering bold reform across the public school sector. Our evidence-based reforms are aimed at improving student results by providing more resources for schools through a fairer needs-based funding model and a focus on quality teaching.

These reforms are underpinned by a record 2015-16 State Budget allocation of $11.2 billion for public school education and capital works.

Our Great Teaching, Inspired Learning policy is raising the standard of teaching at every career stage. We have introduced higher university entry standards for future teachers, provided more support for beginning teachers and additional funding for teacher professional development.

This year the Government announced a further $224 million investment in quality teaching, providing additional release time for our best and most experienced primary school teachers to mentor and coach other teachers.

We are also committed to addressing the concerns of teachers, parents and the community about student welfare. Our Supported Students initiative invests $167 million to improve the wellbeing of students. Public schools will benefit from additional counsellors and funding to meet the needs of our students.

Education Week 2015 is an opportunity to celebrate our successes and show how our schools are improving to benefit every student in NSW.

Buchan Shield
Under 16’s Rugby Union

Huge congratulations to our boys who defeated Yanco Ag. by a massive margin 70 to 5 !!!

As Riverina Champions they now advance to the next level in the state wide competition
The CAPA Faculty has started term 3 full steam ahead. Not only are we providing quality lessons in the classroom, several teachers are busily preparing their students for the HSC Examinations. Education Week is held during Week 3 this term and CAPA is heavily involved. Faculties will be providing photos of work that students have been doing, with this being displayed at Central Plaza. Students will be performing at the plaza on Tuesday and Wednesday and the school choir will be performing as part of KROP, which will be held at the theatre on Thursday and Friday Week 3.

During this term HSC Drama students are putting their final touches on their projects. With the markers arriving between Weeks 6 and 7, our students are presenting 3 complete different group performances, 7 monologues and 2 design projects. We wish our HSC students the best of luck in their upcoming HSC performances.

Stage Five Drama are working on their own Australian Identity, while developing skills in script writing. The new Year 8 Drama class is learning about Greek Theatre and where Western Theatre began.

Mrs Sharp's Year 7 music class are exploring how sound is made, instrument classification and the instruments of the orchestra. Students will complete an Instrument Research assessment task, design a poster board that incorporates the history of the instrument and analyse famous pieces composed specifically for their chosen instrument.
Year 8 are discovering music from around the world including African, Polynesian and Andean cultures. Student will focus on aural skills by identifying traditional instruments and develop their understanding of the musical concept of duration. They will complete a Body Percussion assessment task, write lyrics and compose a score to accompany.

It's all about musicals with years 9 and 9/10 this term. Students are continuing to develop their aural skills by focusing on the musical concepts of texture and structure and analysing famous musicals such as The Sound of Music and Wicked. They will complete a Viva Voce assessment, where they verbally present their understanding of musicals and the concepts of music.

GHS choir performing at the theatre during KROP rehearsal

Year 12 are working hard on completing and refining their electives based on either performance, composition or musicology. Electives 2 and 3 are due Weeks 4 and 5 this term. Students will also be assessed by HSC markers this term.

Year 12 VET Entertainment are busy working on KROP in Week 3 for work placement. During the week, students will be involved in lighting, audio and staging activities at the Griffith Regional Theatre.

Mr Mahaffey

Head Teacher Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA)
Year 8 Visual Arts students are currently working on a unit titled ‘Animals in Art and Culture’, where they will be focusing on the significance of animal imagery. Students will study natural history illustration and develop basic drawing techniques, so that they are prepared to meet some challenges later on. Parents of Year 8 Visual Arts students can expect to see an assessment task brought home mid-term.

Jaykumar Shah

Ryan Nichols

Chelsea Noonan
Year 7S and 7E really enjoyed Visual Arts with Miss Border in Semester One. They learnt about the elements of art and produced a collection of artworks for their assessment showcasing their creativity and skills. Attached are some images of the artworks created by those students last term.

Year 8 Visual Arts Elective explored the possibilities of printmaking, using a variety of colours and techniques to create visually stimulating reduction prints based on the theme of ‘Nature’.

Year 9/10 Visual Arts students gained a vital understanding of art history and the important movements that have shaped the art being produced today. They are now discovering the broad spectrum of Contemporary Art and the different forms of art now available as a result of emerging technologies.
The annual Letters and Numbers Challenge was held on Thursday 16th July. In this challenge, each year group enters a team of up to four students. The year groups compete against each other in two games.

**Letters Game** - You get nine letters. The goal is to make the longest word.

**Numbers Game** - You get six numbers plus a target number. The goal is to use the four basic operations to make the target number.

**Competitors**

- **Year 7**
  - Bonnie Brown
  - Lachlan Cirillo
  - Jakob Hill
  - Sophie Mitchell

- **Year 8**
  - Monique Cooper
  - Jonah Fatafehi
  - Tom Geddes-Kanety
  - Niko Selemaea

- **Year 9**
  - Harsh Rathi
  - Jesse Smart
  - Caleb Stone
  - Will Taylor

- **Year 10**
  - Teagan Cirillo
  - Shelby Currie
  - Caitlyn Lees
  - Nikita Sutton

- **Year 11**
  - Kohan Grace
  - Amber Morris
  - Giulia Zanotto

**Impressive Results**

In Round 2, Year 8 made a 7 letter word from the letters N, E, T, A, T, O, M, A, D   .................NOTATED

In Round 8, Years 8 and 11 made an 8 letter word from the letters T, E, R, A, S, E, D, I, N   .................STRAINED

In Round 3, Years 9, 10 and 11 were spot on target when given the numbers 75, 50, 4, 6, 7, 4 with a target of 432

In Round 9, Years 7, 9, 10 and 11 were spot on target when given the numbers 50, 100, 7, 8, 1, 7 with a target of 206

**Results**

We would like to thank the students who participated. During the afternoon there was a lot of jockeying for position but Year 11 proved too strong in the end.

First place went to Year 11 with 188 points. Second place went to Year 9 with 168 points. Third place went to Year 10 with 159 points.

**Stats**

# Rounds:24 (16 letters games, 8 numbers games)

Lollies consumed: 4kg

Lots more photos on the GHS web page

- Georgina McCormack & John Gallagher
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**Griffith Basketball 2015 Spring Competitions**

*Junior, Senior & Mixed Nominations*

*Thursday 23rd & 30th July 5pm – 6.30pm*