PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

We have a great school, but together we can help to make it even better. Your financial contributions to our school enable us to provide much needed resources which improve the quality of teaching and learning. The result is better outcomes for all of our students.

Griffith High School operates on two levels of fees.

1. **General Contributions** – while these are voluntary, they are used across all subject areas to provide required resources for students.

2. **Subject Contributions/Fees** cover the cost of materials in practical subjects. This allows students to retain the actual product of a course or eat the food prepared in Food Technology. All Year 7 and 8 students are required to pay fees for the technics subjects to cover the costs of materials.

Students in Year 9 and above, and their families, are advised of details of Subject Fees at the time that subject selections are made. Students who choose subjects that attract a fee are expected to pay their fees. There are alternate subjects available for those students who do not wish to pay subject fees.

Statements detailing any outstanding fees owing will be posted home within the next few weeks.

**Prompt payment of outstanding fees would be appreciated.** Arrangements can always be made to pay contributions by instalments. A receipt will be issued by the office each time a payment is made. Cheques, cash, EFTPOS or credit card payments can be made in person at the school office. Credit card payments can also be made over the phone. Details of the Direct Deposit option are on your invoice.

Assistance is available through the Student Assistance Scheme for families facing financial difficulties. This support can be used to pay for Subject Contributions but not General Contributions. An application form is available by phoning Mrs Bowditch in the office. All applications are treated in the strictest confidence.

Griffith High School has always valued the support that has come from within our school community. Together, with your help, we can continue to provide the best opportunities for our students.

**A big thank you to those families who have already paid their fees in part or in full.**

Charlie Cochrane
Principal
At Griffith High School the daily roll is marked each day at the start of Period One. School starts at 8.53am each day.

If a student is late for school they must come to the office for a late note. (Years 11&12 must swipe in)

All students who are late should bring a note from home to the office explaining why they are late. Sleeping in is NOT a valid reason for being late.

Students who arrive late to school without a note may have to complete a lunchtime detention.
A **HUGE** congratulations to our Under 16 Rugby Union team. They are now in the semi-finals of the state wide **Buchan Shield competition**. On Monday they were victorious over Brisbane Waters Secondary College 20-17.

Their next match is against Tomaree High School and will be held in Dubbo next Wednesday.

**GOOD LUCK BOYS!**

Well done to the students and staff who participated in KROP at the Regional Theatre last week. Our singing group, pictured above, made a huge contribution to the event’s success by supporting and coaching other schools.
Science and Agriculture Report

Science and Agriculture have been a hive of activity over the last few weeks and will continue to be in the coming weeks.

Year 7- Have just complete their Wanted Element Posters and I must say they were very impressive. The posters were well researched and very creative. Well done Year 7.

Wanted Element posters

An excursion has been planned by the HSIE and Science faculties to take the year 7 students to Altina Wildlife Park on Wednesday 19th August. The cost is $25, any enquires please contact the HSIE or Science Faculty.

Year 8: Have been working on their student research projects. Their plans should have been submitted to their teacher and they can now be conducting their investigations. If parents have any concerns regarding the project please contact the Science faculty.

Year 9: Are currently in the working on the topic Electrifying Science- which has involved them investigating how electrical circuits work and the generation of electricity.

Year 10: Have completed Project X. This year there were some interesting and unique projects. I would like to congratulate all the students who completed their project and made a display board.

We had the Project 10 presentation night on Wednesday, 22nd July. The turn out from the Students, Parents/Carers, siblings and Friends was fantastic. Unfortunately we were unable to award prizes to everyone and selecting the winners this year was very difficult.
The Prize Recipients this year are as follows:

Most Outstanding Overall Project: Teagan Cirillo for Play Right-Sweat Right

Best Commercial Application Project: Jake Harrison for Driving the Balls Mad

Most Unique Project: Calista Tuitavake for Luminosity

Best Environmental Awareness Project: Jorja Waring-Bryant for Fresh is Best- or is it

Best Biology Project: Lily Browne for Does Organic Food Taste Better

Best Physics Project: Dylan Meehan-Gibbs for Do Moon Phases

Best Chemistry Project: Merrilyn Greig for Should You Really Be Drinking That

Best Agriculture Project: Razia Ahmad for Growing Garlic

Miss Nicholson’ Class Award: Nikita Sutton for Does Talking or Texting Affect Reaction Time

Mrs Greig’s Class Award: Shannara Bishell for Does Water Proofer Protect All Materials
Mr Chirgwin’s Class Award: Ashleigh Vearing for 50 Shades of Foundation
Science Encouragement Awards: Seloti Apulu Sio for BBQ Sauce
Dylan Hately for A Magnifying Break through
Caitlyn Lee for Bell Towers
Rick Abbey for Fast and Furious

Year 11: Students are currently completing their last units of work before they sit their Preliminary HSC end of course examinations.

Year 12: Have been busy revising in preparation for their Trial Examinations which start next week.

Agriculture: Tuesday 18th August -12pm
Biology: Tuesday 18th August – 12pm
Chemistry: Monday 17th August- 1.10pm
Physics: Friday 14th August - 9am
Senior Science: Monday 17th August- 1.10pm

Griffith Representative Netball selection day will be held for the following teams on SUNDAY, 6TH SEPTEMBER 2015

9 am 12 years (born 2004)
10 am 13 years (born 2003)
11 am 14 years (born 2002)
12 pm 15 years (born 2001)
1 pm 17’s (born 1999 or 2000)
1 pm OPENS

All girls must bring a ball and a drink bottle. No representative clothing to be worn for try-outs. Nomination forms to be completed on the morning. Any questions, please call Karen Lewis on 69648712 or 0417 648714

Agriculture students have been working with our pigs, Kath and Kim, trying to hatch chickens and planting out paddocks. The
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JOURNEY TO A CAREER'

TVET PARENTS AND STUDENTS INFORMATION EVENING

TAFE NSW Riverina Institute in conjunction with National Skills Week are holding parent and student information sessions at three campus locations

TVET Information sessions will be held from 5pm to 7pm:
- Tuesday August 25       Albury Campus
- Wednesday August 26     Wagga Wagga Campus
- Thursday August 27      Griffith Campus

The sessions will provide opportunities for parents and students to speak directly with teaching staff of TVET courses and will be held in the Library at each campus.

Discuss future pathway options through Riverina Institute and our partner Universities
Learn the advantages of undertaking a TVET course
Contact the Campus School Engagement Officer for more information.

Kylie Hruz, Albury 0449953839 <-> Cassie Flanagan, Wagga 0449964467 <-> Josie Marks, Griffith 0449954414

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