PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

The last four weeks has been a time of great activity.

Year 12 are rapidly approaching their formal HSC exams and the end of their time at our school.

Drama and Industrial Technology have had their major works assessed. Music and Visual Arts students have been busy completing their major works. Staff and students have spent many out of school hours working on these projects.

This time is a very important one for Year 12. Normal classes operate right up until the end of Term 3. During the first week of Term 4 staff will also be on hand to assist students in their normal class time. Year 12 need to remain focused and ensure they attend all classes. This is an important part of their preparation for the HSC.

Our traditional Graduation Ceremony is on Friday, September 18th at 10.00am. Family and friends of all students are most welcome to attend.

Listed below are just some of the activities so far in a busy Term 3.

- Wollongong Uni Visit
- Year 6 Transition
- Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Bangarra Dance Workshops
- Staff CPR Course
- NAIDOC Assembly
- Education Week
- Fair Trading Visit
- Sticks & Stones Anti-Bullying Presentation
- Australian Mathematics Competition
- KROP
- Aboriginal Studies Excursion
- Riverina Debating - Leeton
- Gallipoli Team - Sydney
- War Museum Excursion
- HSC Study Days
- HSC Trial Exams
- Taste of TAFE
- Griffith Art Gallery Visit
- Touch Football Clinic
- Temora Aviation Excursion
- Tri Sports 2015
- Motor Neurones Disease Talk
- Altina Wildlife Excursion
- Science Expo
- Malcolm's Restaurant Excursion
- Commerce Local Business Excursion
- Paul Wade Socceroo's Captain Talk
- HSC Ancient History Study Day
- Buchan Shield Rugby
- Canberra Uni / ADFA Visit
- Year 12 Hospitality Restaurant Night

Richard Wiseman
Relieving Principal
Attention All Parents & Carers

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PDHPE Faculty Report

Tri-school Sport

Tri-school Sport is an annual competition, sponsored by Griffith City Council which involves the three local high schools; Wade High, Marian Catholic College and Griffith High School. Each school sends their top 8 all-rounder male and female athletes to compete for the Tri-schools shield, versing each other in the sports of Volleyball, Basketball and Badminton. Our girls’ team won the Volleyball round and came close to winning the Basketball round. Our boys were dominant during Badminton, however went down in all other rounds. Although we weren’t winners on the day, all students showed great sportsmanship throughout. Thank you to all the student athletes who participated on the day and represented Griffith High in a positive manner.

Riverina and State Athletics

The Riverina Athletics carnival was held on Friday the 31\textsuperscript{st} July 2015, at Alexandra Park, Albury. Griffith High School had numerous students attend on the day, with some standout performances from a few. We wish the following students the best of luck, as they travel to Sydney for the CHS Athletics carnival this Thursday 3\textsuperscript{rd} September 2015:

- Brianna McKelvie
- Aisea Taupeamuhu
- Flynn Bonfield-Watson
- Lachlan Lees
- Angus Bartter
- Andria Zanotto

Year 8 PDHPE

Students have received a research task in their PDHPE classes this week. Over the next fortnight they are required to conduct independent research on the topic of smoking and produce an eye-catching and informative pamphlet on the harms of smoking. This task will be due period 2, on Tuesday 15\textsuperscript{th} September 2015. We thank you in advance for your support in assisting your child to complete this assessment. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this task, please contact the PDHPE faculty.

Touch Football Clinic

On Monday 17\textsuperscript{th} August 2015, twenty-two of our junior students took the opportunity to attend a touch football development clinic. During this activity the students represented Griffith High School in an excellent manner, demonstrating a sound skill base and healthy competition. We would like to thank the NSW Touch Football Association for running this clinic and we look forward to the upcoming Touch Football season in 2016.

Uniform reminder

As the weather starts to warm up, we would like to remind all families that students are expected to wear their full sports uniform for all practical classes and on Thursday for Year 7 – 10 sport. Students are to dress in their yellow polo shirt, green shorts or long black pants. To enhance safety, sturdy lace-up runners are encouraged, along with a water bottle and sunscreen.
Altina Wildlife Park
Year 7 attended Altina Wildlife Park to assist with their Science and Geography Assessment tasks. The group was divided into four where students looked at the Tasmanian devils, wombats, capuchin monkeys, meerkats and crocodiles. We were then lead by our guides onto the horse and carts where we saw the larger and more famous animals like the zebras, giraffes, hyenas and white lions.

The African wild dogs put on a show by devouring a frozen rabbit and squealing in delight. The camels got up close and personal by sticking their heads inside the cart while the guide fed them. At the end of the day the horses proved to be the most entertaining for the students throughout their visit.

We had a very successful day where students were asking well thought out questions in relation to the adaptations of the animals to the environment. On the way back to school we celebrated Ellie Taipaleiti’s birthday by eating cake at the park.

We would like to thank Altina Wildlife Park for having Griffith High School students and for sharing their knowledge with us.

Miss Hume, Mr Millis, Miss Treloar and Miss Semmler.
Enter to win
LOGO DESIGN COMPETITION

Calling all budding artists and graphic designers, we need your help!

If you are a **Student under 25 years of age**, try your hand at designing a cool logo for Grow Our Own.

Enter to win a prize and have your logo used throughout the Western Riverina!

Details are available on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/GrowOurOwnWR](http://www.facebook.com/GrowOurOwnWR)

Entries close: 4pm - Friday 18 September 2015

The Grow Our Own initiative is about transforming communities through education by developing, mentoring and retaining local skills.

This is an initiative driven by partnerships with Deakin University, Riverina Institute of TAFE, Bendigo Bank, Councils (Griffith, Leeton, Carrathool and Murrumbidgee), Griffith Chambers of Commerce & Businesses, Western Riverina Community College, and through our high schools.
SAS Staff Recognition Week
31 August 2015 - 4 September 2015

Every year the PSA encourages schools to celebrate the vital role played by School Administrative and Support Staff (SASS) right across NSW.

Recognition Week is an opportunity for each school community to acknowledge their efforts and say thank you.

School Administrative and Support Staff, whether they work in the office, the library, on the school grounds or in a classroom setting, are important contributors to the success of the school and children’s education.

The theme for this year is:

School Administrative & Support Staff: “Our jobs, your children, their future”

Missing school leaves gaps in your education

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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.

It is important that the school receives a written or verbal explanation because:

(1) It is a parent’s legal obligation to explain their child’s absence within seven days.

(2) It is a requirement that the school investigate all unexplained absences.

(3) It avoids the school and the School Attendance Officer from making unnecessary investigations.

(4) It is the way the school knows that your child was legitimately absent and not truanting from school.
## GHS Calendar

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**Roll Call**

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.

If a student misses Period One Roll Call and does not get a late note from the office they are marked absent for the FULL DAY even if they go to all other periods.