

Term 3 Week 4

Debating

Congratulations to the Year 6 Debating team who participated in the Local Schools Debating Gala Day at Griffith North Public School on Monday. Our opposition were from Tharbogang, Lake Wyangan and Darlington Point. We won the prepared speech (negative) - 'That we should be allowed to kill venomous snakes' – an interesting topic! And a close second on the impromptu (affirmative) – 'We should ban fast foods.' Improvements were made by all students on the day. A great effort to give opinions with reasoning and to listen to others arguments and rebut them. Well done.



Sports

Representing our school and the Small schools team today at the Zone Athletics are Bailey Drinkwater, Charles Kite, Amelia Rowston and Ella Rowney. Wishing you the best of luck.

This Friday we have two events. A number of students will be participating in the Zone Soccer Gala day and the rest of the school will visit Griffith City Library participating in a workshop with book illustrator Jules Faber.

A diverse range of experiences for students this week.

Thursday 16th August, 2018

Next week we will begin soccer coaching with Doug...Please note sport uniform for Monday next week.



The theme for National Science Week is Game Changers and Change Makers. As part of science week students made little Buzzbot robots with a simple circuit.

We were once again lucky enough to receive a grant from the National Science Week committee to help promote science and resource our activities.



Reading

Reading to your child continues to be a powerful learning tool.

Shared reading is different to guided reading – listening and helping your child read aloud. While it is not the case that children learn to read simply by being read to, shared reading is one of the essential literacy experiences that contribute to children becoming good willing readers. Books contain words, grammar and language structures that are different to conversational language.

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Shared reading activities is largely about nurturing a love of reading and books but there are somethings that will make the experience beneficial for children.

Shared reading is important for children of all ages. It needn't stop when they are able to read independently.

One of the keys is to read to with your child rather than to your child.

Involve children in the reading experience by letting them choose books, discussing the story and the characters, talking about sounds and meanings of the words, and talking about the pictures.

http://www.fivefromfive.org.au/parent-resources/reading-withchildren/

At a glance

- When your kids see you read and write, it teaches them that reading and writing are useful skills.
- Reading with your kids at home will help them in all areas of their learning at school.
- Read together with your kids and have a range of reading material available at home.
- -> Try not to let television intrude on reading time.
- → Be confident that your child will learn to read.

Helen Foy Principal (Relieving)

Thought for the week...



What's on Week 4?

Friday 17 th August	Soccer Gala Day
	Griffith City Library
	Book Week – Winter
	Uniform

Monday 20 th August	SPORT UNIFORM
Tuesday 21 st August	Weekly Treat – Bailey
Wednesday 22 nd	
August	
Thursday 23 rd	Trent Barrett Shield
August	(Yr 3 & 4)
Friday 24 th August	



Sports News

Change of sports day for next 3 weeks due to availability of a soccer coach –

Monday 20th August – Sport Uniform Monday 27th & Tuesday 28th August – Sport Uniform Monday 3rd & Tuesday 4th September - Sport Uniform



Could all students please remember to bring a drink bottle each day. Thank you.



Yr 6 Weekly Treat

Yr 6 are selling cakes/slices for \$1 per piece every Tuesday for the rest of term 3. Students may bring in money in *advance* and use a 'debit system'.e.g. pay \$9 for the next 9 weeks.

Live Life Well @ School







By Jessica



By Noah



By Jonty



Debate Samples

First Speaker for prepared speech:

E: On average, there are 18 deaths by snakebite in Australia per year. However, there is also on average 19 fatal shark attacks. That is more than snakes.

Do we go killing all of the sharks in the ocean as well? Where would the killing stop? Elephants also are known to kill people. Imagine a world where we would kill all the elephants. I should think NOT!!!

E: Mosquitoes kill millions of people worldwide. As much as we want to ban them, we cannot. 27 people have died of hornets, wasps and bee stings between 2000 and 2013, although that number does not seem that large, 12 351 people have been hospitalised. So much more damage and a problem then venomous snakes. So let's kill all the bees...who wants honey or pollinated crops?

Although we might want to kill all of these unpleasing things, we **can not**. And should not. **By Claire**

Second Speaker: Save the snakes, cancer medicine from snake venom?

Point: Some snake venom could be for a medicine for CANCER!

Explain: A researcher has be looking into making a type of snake venom into a medicine for CANCER, yes, you heard me, CANCER. Cancer is a very serious disease that is terrible for all of us, and can affect anyone. This snake venom might work, and if it does, we should thank the researchers', scientists', God, and most of all, the snakes who made the venom (definitely the snakes).

Example: For example, let us say that there are no snakes in the world because we killed them all, how else are we going to make a cure for cancer? However, in the real world, there are snakes and we can use there venom for cancer medicine.

Link: Snakes could hold the key to saving lives in the future. We should not get rid of all venomous snakes for the sake of human kind. **By Greer**

By Natalie



Rebut: The other team stated that snakes are dangerous. That's flat out wrong. My reason is that they are just doing it for self-defence. Put yourself in the snakes shoes (or skin I guess), a giant person is walking toward you and you are TERRIFIED of them your survival instinct kicks in and well you have no arms to punch with or legs to kick with so what do you do? Well all you can do is bite really, you can't run away because then they are free to go and hurt your friends and family. It just so happens that your bite is venomous, but hey, they shouldn't have come near your home or you.

The odds of being killed in a car accident are 1 in 645. The odds of being killed by a snake are 1 in 18.

Some people have a fear of snakes but then again people have fears of other things such as a fear of bananas. Should we ban bananas just because people don't find them a-peel-ing (ha-ha)? Or a fear of peanuts butter. Should we ban peanut butter because some people go – nuts- around it? Or air. Does that mean we should ban air or anything just because someone is scared of it? Of course not it's just plain ridiculous! The same applies to snakes. **By Sam**

Second Speaker for impromptu debate:

Fast food can lead to obesity and diseases such as diabetes. A very unhealthy food choice. Do we want to be unhealthy? Much better eating from home.

Fast food is also not good for the environment. It causes a lot of extra rubbish in our environment. Do we want all that rubbish in our environment? Fast food can also be very unhygienic. Lots of disease can come from fast food places. Fast food also has fake advertising. When I bought some, it looked delicious on the outside but when I opened it up instead of golden crisp food I saw salty, drooping pale potato drenched in sad gravy. Fast food can have fake advertising. We need to ban fast food! *By Leo*



Weethalle Maths Day

Weethalle Public School here we come! On Wednesday 8th of August, we went to Weethalle for a Maths Day. We had so much fun there. The first thing we had to do was find a group of six. The teacher that came over to us was our teacher and my teachers name was Mrs. Spiers. She had blonde hair with curls. She was very nice, I liked her, and she was funny. She had hazel eyes and a rose coloured mouth. She was absolutely beautiful. It was a cold windy, wintery day. I made five new friends. The best thing was seeing my friends that go to Rankins Springs Public School.

We had an amazing day at Weethalle Public School and I loved it there.

By Ella Rowney

On the 8th of August, we were invited to Weethalle Public School for a Maths Day. We played games like hoop hoop array, bowling and a really fun cone game.

My favourite activity was painting the wall. The teacher would give you a maths problem and a colour and if you answered correctly you painted the square that matched the answer. I really enjoyed the day. **By Max**



On Wednesday, Binya, Rankins Springs, Naradhan and Beckom schools went to Weethalle Public School for a Maths Day.

We did cube building, bowling, hoop hoop array and shot put find the space. We also painted a wall and walked through paper.

It was cold, windy and there was a shower of rain but we still got a photo in front of the Weethalle silos at the end of the day. **By Bailey**

At the Maths Day, I had a bunch of fun and made a new friend. We started with warm ups then my group went to build a paper tower. Then we made paper planes my friend and I won the paper plane throwing competition.

Next up was water estimating my partner and I did not win but we were only 50mls off the correct answer.

All up, we did ten different activities. I had a lot of fun. **By Charlie**

On Wednesday 8th August, the whole school went to Weethalle Public School for a Maths Day. We played a lot of fun games and activities.

The other schools that went were Rankins Springs, Naradhan and Beckom. The weather was nice but with a bit of wind.

At the end of the day, we all got mini tic tacs. On the way home, we stopped at the silos and got a picture. So all up, it was a great day. **By Millie**





Murrumbidgee Regional High School

Year 6 Parent Information

Evening

Thursday 23rd August 2018

Griffith Regional Theatre

5pm – 6pm

From 2019 Murrumbidgee Regional High School in Griffith will provide a unique school model of secondary education provision, one school two sites, which incorporates the two existing high school sites, Griffith and Wade.

All parents, students and their families of Year 6 students come along and see the new and innovative changes for our two high schools. See the opportunities for your child.