Trent Barrett Shield

Both the girls and the boys were on fire last Tuesday as they battled it out with the other Griffith team at the Trent Barrett Shield. The girls team, coach by Jo Curphey, won 2 out of their 3 matches for the day; narrowly missing a spot in the Wagga finals. They played extremely well as a team and all had a fantastic day!

The boys’ team, coached by Dookie, won their first two games convincingly which meant they came up against a formidable opponent in Griffith Public School. They dug deep and when the final hooter sounded the scoreboard read 12-12, with Darlington Point being the first try scorer, therefore the overall winners. The boys team will now compete at the finals in Wagga which is to be held in late August.

Special thanks to Dookie and Jo for their on-going dedication toward the school and the kids.

School Contributions

This year’s school contributions have again been set at $30 per student or $50 per family. This year the staff would like these funds to target some new outdoor seating for the COLA area and for an upgrade of the school’s high jump mats. For these projects to happen we will need to raise approximately $3000.
Darlington Point Museum

Last Wednesday, three classes were lucky to be given the opportunity to visit the Darlington Point Museum. An invitation to visit the museum as part of the ANZAC celebrations was offered by the curator Mona Finley which we happily accepted. Students were able to explore the displays which showed information about the men and women that enlisted in the armed forces from Darlington Point and also explore the several old buildings that lie on the property. Special thanks to Mrs Wood for organising the excursion and to MIA coaches for the loan of the bus.

X-Country

On Friday we held our school Cross Country, thank you to all the parents who came to support the kids and to help out on the course. Congratulations to the following students who won their races. Sye (8/9yrs Boys), Izabella (8/9yrs Girls), Harrison (10yrs Boys), Elie (10yrs Girls), Jai (11yrs Boys), Chloe (11yrs Girls), Rohan (12yrs Boys), Madelyn (12yrs Girls). Student who qualified for the Griffith & Zone Cross Country will be notified shortly.

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM LITERACY AND NUMERACY (NAPLAN)

Next week NAPLAN tests will be completed by Year 3 & Year 5 students at our school. The results of the tests will provide important information to our school about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Additional information about NAPLAN can be found at www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent_Carer_support/index.html.

Homework Centre

The Homework Centre will resume this Wednesday 6th May 2015 (Term 2 Week 3). Parent volunteers are very welcome; we ask that parents obtain a Working With Children check prior to starting any volunteer work with the school.
Canteen News
Canteen is still operating on **Monday** and **Friday** each week. If anyone would like to volunteer or help out please see Lauren in the canteen on Fridays.

Meal Deal Day
Canteen will be having a Meal Deal Day this Friday 8th May.

- Hot Dog with bacon and cheese, Ice Cream and Drink for **$6.00**
- Just the Hot Dog with bacon and cheese for **$4.00**

Other food on the menu is also still available on the day as well.

P&C Mother’s Day Stall
The P&C will be having a Mother’s Day Stall on this Wed 6th, Thur 7th and Fri 8th of May @ lunchtime in the School Hall.

A note was sent home today with prices and also the option of pre-ordering. The pre order form needs to be back by this Wed.

Any volunteers are welcome.

P&C Meeting
The next P&C meeting will be held on this Friday 8th May after assembly in the school hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Can Assist
Any donations to Can Assist can be dropped off to the school office by Friday 8th May.

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**Star of the Week**

This week’s Star of the Week is Caitlin. Caitlin is a positive and enthusiastic class member who always tries her best. She is helpful and kind to all members of the class, who always uses her best manners.

Congratulations Caitlin.

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**FOR SALE BY TENDER**

Toro Z17-52 (17hp with 52inch deck) Timecutter Side Discharge Mower

This mower was purchased by the school from J&P’s in September 2002, it would have done approximately 900 hours of service. The mower is available for inspection via appointment only (Monday, Wednesday & Thursday preferably). All offers are to be sent to the school in a sealed envelope which will be open after the 29th May 2015. The item will be offered to the person making the highest bid.
Kinder – Starlette, Caitlin, Jayla, Scott Lons, Tyler & Daniel
1/2 – Tiani & Bethany
2/3 – Michael
3/4 – Isla, Issabella, Brayden, Noah, Darcy & Breanna
4/5 – Tanaiya, Nadeen, Paige, Henry & Jai
5/6 – Brad

**Mortimer Shield Training**
With the upcoming Mortimer Shield gala day, both teams will be having training on the following days.
Girls – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May, Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May
   Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May, Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May
Girls’ training is from 3:15-4:15 at school.
Boys – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May
   Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May
Boys’ training is from 4:30-5:30pm at Darlington Point football oval.

**Would You Like Chips With That?**
Due to the trimming and removal of several trees in the school grounds recently we have a large supply of bark chips available for sale. We are selling the chips at $10 per trailer or ute load and you must load it yourself. All money raised will go towards buying some new outdoor furniture for the students. Please pay at the front office and arrange a suitable time to load.

**MERIT AWARDS**

**TERM 2 WEEK 2**

**Kinder**
Amarni – her fantastic investigation skills during this week’s math activities about shapes.
Liam Harvison – his excellent contributions to our lessons about maps.
Scott – his outstanding effort and improvement during guided reading.

**1/2**
Tiani – working hard on addition strategies in Mathematics.
Jack – his attention to punctuation and expression when reading.
Dylan – demonstrating some great word attack skills in Reading.

**2/3**
Stella – persistence in understanding and using the bridging to ten strategy in Mathematics.
Issac – working hard to improve at writing.
Brock – being a considerate, kind and helpful classmate at all times.

**3/4**
Isla – excellent work with place value and three digit addition in Maths.
Ky – great improvements in his spelling and handwriting in all areas.
Noah – applying himself consistently and working hard in all areas.

**4/5**
Nadeen – being polite and helpful and trying her best in all Key Learning Areas.
Henry – a pleasing effort with all Spelling Menu activities.
Paige – an excellent effort with all tasks in Mathematics.

**5/6**
Todd – always jumping in and having a go in Fitness.
Meg – her fantastic input to our Fantasy unit in English.
Oliver – outstanding work with decimals this week.