



GRIFFITH TUTORING CENTRE CHALKBOARD

Quarterly Newsletter

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The articles contained within are designed to provide up to date information about GTC's services, so that all clients are better able to make informed educational decisions.

EXCELLENCE IN ENGLISH

English as a subject is highly unique. Not only are students required to develop foundational skills in reading, spelling, writing and comprehension but, especially when it comes to high school, students should also be creative, have a broad understanding of the world and feel confident when expressing themselves in both written and verbal forms.

Students are often baffled by English and can be heard making statements like "there is no wrong answer in English" or "you just need to waffle on". When students receive a poor result, they can struggle to identify where they went wrong or how to do it better next time.

Considering all of this, it is no wonder that students and parents often struggle to identify when support in English is needed. As a general rule, most of our new enrolments could benefit from considerable help in the subject.

If your child would benefit from support in these areas, Catherine, our senior English specialist, has several vacancies available for students in Years 5-12. Please call 0474 328 911 and speak with Dani about this opportunity.

*This term our raffle prize for a Positive Attitude and Hard Work goes to
Therese Nicolls!*



MULTIPLICATION MATH FACTS

This year we are looking for Times Tables Rock Stars! To encourage our students to build stronger foundations in maths, we are running a new competition.

The student who achieves the highest percentage improvement in their times tables speed, will earn 2 free movie tickets. Children who practise frequently at home will have a better chance of winning.

Congratulations to our winner for Term 2! Asamul H. improved his starting score by 50%!

▶ ▶ TEACHER FEATURE ▶ ▶

Introducing Lauren!

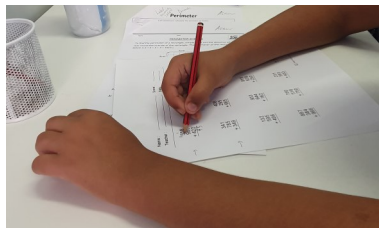
Lauren's passion for reading and writing led her to study English Literature, gaining a Bachelor of Arts (English Literature and Psychology) and Graduate Diploma of Education (Secondary English and Legal Studies) at Macquarie University in Sydney. Lauren has also completed studies in Psychology, Law, Creative Writing and Counselling.

Lauren has taught in several high schools around the Riverina over the last 10 years and has taught across many different faculties including English, HSIE, Languages, Wellbeing and Learning Support and Creative Arts. She has also taught in primary schools across the region delivering Literacy programs. Lauren has tutored high school and primary school students from Years 3 to HSC students in English/Literacy and Maths/ Numeracy for several years.

Lauren's focus in working with students is in developing a strong understanding of their individual needs, whether that be remedial support or extension, and building their confidence in being able to independently apply their skills.

NEW TUTOR ON STAFF!

- ◆ Primary
- ◆ Secondary
- ◆ English
- ◆ Cross-curricular



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In 2021, students who display a strong work ethic and a positive attitude to learning during their weekly session, will enter the draw to win an end of year prize.



NAPLAN, STANDARDISED TESTS and REPORTING

Many of our students have recently completed the NAPLAN exam and results are beginning to arrive. NAPLAN is a high pressure exam and the style of questions students are required to answer can be very different to those experienced in a typical classroom setting.

For this reason, results can vary widely and don't always reflect the true capabilities of each child. Despite this, we would still like to encourage all parents to share these results with their children's tutors. We welcome any feedback (school reports, medical reports, teacher feedback etc) from parents about the progress of their children as this all helps to inform our teaching when working with your child.

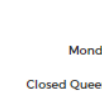
You may email these through to contact@griffithtutoringcentre.com or we can make a copy ourselves if you bring them into the centre.

2021 IMPORTANT DATES



TERM 01

Monday, February 1st - Thursday, April 1st
9 x Weeks.
Closed Good Friday (Friday, April 2nd)



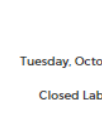
TERM 02

Monday, April 19th - Friday, June 25th
10 x Weeks.
Closed Queen's Birthday (Monday June 14th)



TERM 03

Monday, July 12th - Thursday, September 17th
10 x Weeks.



TERM 04

Tuesday, October 5th - Friday, December 10th
9 x Weeks.
Closed Labour Day (Monday, October 4th)

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REMINDER:

Our office does not have private bathroom facilities. Toileting your child prior to their tutoring session ensures that we can supervise all children adequately.

CAN'T MAKE YOUR SCHEDULED LESSON?

**SMS/Call us beforehand on
0474 328 911
to arrange a catch up!**

▶▶▶ TERM TRANSITION PROCEDURES ▶▶▶

At GTC, we are as surprised as you that Term 3 is almost over and are already thinking about how to put our best foot forward when entering Term 4. Some information has already been sent your way, and there is more to come:

- ◆ **SMS Message**— Sent last weekend, this SMS asked whether you intend to re-enrol your child for Term 4. A prompt reply will ensure that a session is reserved in your name and our schedule can continue to be the well-oiled machine that it is!
- ◆ **Client Feedback Survey**— received via email, this short survey is designed to give clients some input into improving our services. We greatly appreciate all who take the time to do this!
- ◆ **Term 4 Invoices**—Anyone who has previously chosen our pay-per-term fee option should have received their invoice via email by now. To receive the 5% discount, accounts must be settled by C.O.B. Friday, October 15th (Week 2).

NEW VACANCIES AVAILABLE!

We have a small number of vacancies available going into Term 4. If you are a satisfied client, please tell your friends and family with school-aged children to give us a call.

PICK UP / DROP OFF TIMES

Please BE ONE TIME to your sessions. During opening hours, all of our staff are teaching and are unable to be responsible for the supervision of children outside of their scheduled booking times.