

# North Weekly News

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Term 4 Week 1

Tuesday, 8 October 2013

## Dates To Remember

Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Swimming Starts
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct	2014 Kindergarten Information Night 6.30pm 3-6 Assembly 5W and 3J K-2 Assembly 2B
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Yr. 3 Excursion to Cocoparra National Park NSW PSSA Athletics Carnival
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Yr. 4 Excursion to Cocoparra National Park NSW PSSA Athletics Carnival
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Venue Sports Starts
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	2014 Kinder Orientation 3-6 Assembly 6M and Italian K-2 Assembly 1/2M
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	Musica Viva
Tues 29 <sup>th</sup> Oct	2014 Kinder Orientation
Thurs 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Music Count Us In
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	2014 Kinder Orientation
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	P&C Meeting

## Welcome Back to Term 4

Welcome back to term 4. I hope everyone had a great holiday and are ready for another busy term. Fourth term is always extremely busy with all of our end of year activities, such as Presentation Day, Carols, Year 6 Farewell and Student Reports. Attached to this Newsletter is a calendar of the activities which are already planned for the term.

## Road Safety Update

The flashing lights that were put up in term 2 in Kooba Street and Carrathool Street are being moved to Noorebar Street and Animoo Street. Another set will also be placed at the top of Boonah Street. This will now mean we have three sets of lights slowing down traffic around our school.

There is still no news regarding the bus zone. GNPS have 4 representatives, Tamara Minato (P&C), Amanda Bordignon (P&C), Leanne Roser (School Council) and myself, on the working party and we are waiting for the next meeting with Griffith City Council. We will keep you updated!

## NAPLAN

It is anticipated that the 2013 NAPLAN student reports will be distributed to parents during next week, Monday 14<sup>th</sup> to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October.

On 5 September ACARA identified an error in the placement of the national average markers on the Years 5 and 7 NAPLAN Student Reports for Language Conventions. Importantly the NAPLAN student data is correct. ACARA made the immediate decision to halt any further packaging and distribution of NAPLAN reports while options regarding the distribution of correct NAPLAN Student Reports were considered. ACARA is working closely with Test Administration Authorities (TAAs) in every state and territory to ensure correct reports are distributed. This matter may result in the delay of the distribution of student reports, possibly to the week of 13 October, however ACARA and TAAs will seek to minimise the delay.

## NSW PSSA Athletics Carnival

Next week is the NSW PSSA State Athletics carnival. GNPS have 7 students representing GNPS, and the Riverina at the Carnival. The students are Maddison, Rebecca, Emma, Andria, Toutai, Noel and Talina. I would like to wish them all the best for next week.



Education & Communities

Public Schools NSW

## Additional ESL

GNPS has been given an additional day to support ESL students at our school. Mrs Delves will be taking on this role and will be working every Wednesday supporting ESL students.

Have a great week

Susan Bourne

Principal

## Kindergarten Orientation 2014

Information Evening for Parents

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2013

If you have a child commencing Kindergarten in 2014 you are invited to an information meeting on **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2013**.

The meeting will commence at **6:30pm** in **KC's classroom (Room 13)**. At this meeting you will be given information regarding Orientation Session times.

**We look forward to meeting you!**

Orientation dates are:

**Week 3: Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2013**

**Week 4: Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2013**

**Week 5: Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2013**

These sessions will be a half day of the school day not a full day. The morning session will run from 9.30 to 12pm and the afternoon will run from 12.30pm-3.00pm

## Year 4 Borambola Excursion

The Year 4 excursion will be **Wednesday to Friday of Week 9, Term 4, (4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> December)**.

The cost of the excursion is approximately \$260.

If you would like your child to participate in this excursion please complete the consent form and return it to school with the initial deposit of \$50.00 by **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2013**.

**Please note:** This is strictly the final date for receipt of deposits and confirmation of participation in the excursion.

## Canteen Roster – Term 4

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>09.10.13</b>	Helper Needed
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10.10.13</b>	Helper Needed
<b>Friday</b>	<b>11.10.13</b>	Helper Needed
<b>Monday</b>	<b>14.10.13</b>	Helper Needed
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>15.10.13</b>	Helper Needed

Welcome back to term 4 and we hope you all had a wonderful break.

Enclosed in this week's newsletter is a new Canteen Menu. There have been a couple of price increases due to our cost going up.

Last term we also sent home a Term 4 Canteen Roster for volunteers to fill out for when they can help in the canteen. Even if it is only a couple of hours to help serve would be greatly appreciated.

We also have a cake roster for Wednesday or any other day that suits for any mums, grandparents wishing to bake a cake, biscuits etc. The kids love to get a treat every now and then. Please return these rosters ASAP. We look forward to seeing all our regular helpers and some new helpers in the canteen this term!

Thanking you

Paulina & Adele

Canteen Supervisor

## Ordering Lunches.....

Just a reminder if children can hand in their lunch orders in the morning so we have time to prepare them. Too many lunch orders are being handed in too late, and children cannot have what they prefer, and this makes the children a little bit upset.

Also a reminder when children are going home sick and they have ordered their lunch from the canteen, they need to let the canteen know before 12.00 pm, or they can collect their lunch and have at home. If we are not notified there will be NO refund.

Thank you

Adele & Paulina

## Citrus Sculpture -Your Help is needed this Sunday



GNPS have entered their "Grow to Know" citrus sculpture in this year's Garden Festival. We need parents and students to help us attach the oranges on **SUNDAY 13<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**. It's a great way to contribute to our wonderful community. There will be a free sausage sizzle for all volunteers. If you can help out, please meet in Banna Avenue opposite *Beaurepairs Tyres* by 7:30am. **Closed in shoes are essential.**

## Active After School Communities

**There are a couple of changes to Active After School Communities for term 4.**

This term the Active After School Communities will only be occurring for one day a week instead of two. It will now be held on **Tuesday** afternoons from 3.15 to 4.20. Livefit will be providing the activity and Miss Mason and Miss Mayberry will be the supervisors.

We will be starting Active After School Communities on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October, (week 3) and concluding on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, (week 9). If you are interested in your child participating in Active After School Communities for term 4 please contact the office for a permission note. There are limited places available.

## "Go With the Flow" Photos and DVD

The photos from the concert will be available next week for collection. We will let you know when the DVD will be available. Thank you to the parents for ordering for photos and DVD and supporting the concert!

Thank you  
The Concert Committee

## Sport News

This term sport will be held on Friday mornings from 10.00am to 11.15am. Venue sport will be starting next week and Tharbogang Public School will be joining us for Venue Sport. All permission notes and money for venue sport will need to be returned to school ASAP.

## Swimming Term 4

Thank you to all the families that have returned the consent form and money for the swimming program in Term 4. The swimming program for Term 4 starts this Friday!

**Yrs. 2 and 3** – 1.20pm - Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October

**Yrs. 4, 5 and 6** – 2.00pm - Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October

Please ensure children have a towel, swimmers, goggles and a strong zip up bag. Please ensure all items are clearly labelled with your child's name.

**Mrs Johnson**

## GoSwim

Griffith Swimming Club would like to invite you to their GO Swim Day to celebrate everything great about swimming. This will be an opportunity to have some fun racing against your friends and the clock. Get involved in Australia's most popular Olympic and Paralympic sport!

**Date:** Wednesday 23/10/2013

**Location:** Griffith Regional Aquatic leisure Centre

**Contact:** Craig Tilston- Club President

**Visit:** [www.goswim.org.au](http://www.goswim.org.au) for more information



## Learn to Speak English at TAFE Griffith Campus

Day & Evening Courses for Beginners & Intermediate English Speakers

For Further Information please call Alanna Townsend 69 620405 or [Alanna.Townsend@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Alanna.Townsend@det.nsw.edu.au) to make an appointment for an initial English assessment



## Getting off the lounge

It's never been more important for children to get off the lounge and take a break in the great outdoors. You'll find the benefits aren't just health-related.

Find out more:  
<http://www.schooltoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/why-your-child-may-learn-better>

## Getting organised

Mid-way into the month, you may be in need of a planner; or if you're super-organised why not download October's?

Find out more:  
<http://www.schooltoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/2013-homework-planner>

## Kids' holiday camps

Do your kids have technology overload? Challenging adventurous activities - like rock climbing, kayaking and archery - help children and teenagers develop independence, self-esteem and social skills. Watch the video for inspiration.

Find out more:  
<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?v=615882415134701>

## Premier's Spelling Bee app

The app is free at Samsung Apps and features two categories for junior and senior primary school aged children, with a number of levels that increase in difficulty. Most adults would find the high levels in the senior category a challenge!

Find out more:  
<http://www.schooltoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications/premier-s-spelling-bee>



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### Do you have children 7 to 13 years old?

Go4Fun is a fun and interactive program which runs for 10 weeks during school term. Sessions are run once a week after school. **Children and their families become fitter, healthier and happier as they have fun, meet new friends and learn new skills.** Registrations for the next school term are now open.

**FREE fun program for kids to become fitter, healthier & happier**

CALL LIVEFIT **02 6964 5849**  
SMS 0409 745 645 for a call back or visit  
[www.mendcentral.org/go4fun](http://www.mendcentral.org/go4fun)



Health  
Murrumbidgee  
Local Health District

Where?  
Livefit Fitness Studio  
124 Wakaden St, Griffith

When?  
Starts Monday 14th October 2013  
at 4pm



Nutrition Snippet

## The simplest way

to improve the health of your family and save money.

Want to know how to get your family to eat all the fruit & veg they need to stay healthy?



Think fruit & veg cost too much?

Over the coming weeks we'll give you tips and ideas that will help you:

- Make healthy meals the whole family will love
- Pack healthy lunch boxes that will get eaten
- Save money by eating more fruit and veg
- Encourage fussy eaters with fun food ideas
- Grow your own fruit & veg without fuss

Got an idea to help us? Get in touch!

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