

North Weekly News

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Term 4 Week 4

Tuesday, 29 October 2013

Dates To Remember

Thurs 31 st Oct	Music Count Us In MS Readathon Sponsorship Due
Tues 5 th Nov	2014 Kinder Orientation K-6 PBL Assembly 11.35
Wed 6 th Nov	K-2 Rugby Talks
Thurs 7 th Nov	P&C Meeting
Thurs 21 st Nov	Year 7 Orientation GHS and WHS GHS Parent Information Night 6pm

2014 Classes

We are currently working on class structures for 2014. If you will be moving away from Griffith at the end of the year and your child will not be attending GNPS in 2014 could you please advise the school office as soon as possible as grade numbers have a significant impact on the formation of classes.

Spelling Bee Finalist

Next Wednesday 6th November Anika of 5A will compete at the State Spelling Bee final in Sydney. She will be representing GNPS and the Griffith Zone. I would like to wish Anika all the best and we look forward to hearing about her achievements. GOOD LUCK!



Credit Card Facilities

We are having our Annual Financial roll over early this year and then we will be changing to a new system. In order for us to be ready for this system our Credit Card facilities will not be available for use until November 19th. We thank you for your understanding and support with this matter.



Education & Communities

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Kindergarten Orientation 2014

Orientation dates are:

Week 5: Tuesday 5th November 2013

Next week will be our last Kindergarten Orientation. The sessions are going very well and the 2014 Kinders are having a lovely time at school doing the wonderful activities with Mrs Crawford, Mrs De Paoli and Mrs Vearing.



Prac Students

I would like to welcome Mrs Angela Kschenka and Miss Kate Davis to GNPS. Mrs Kschenka will be completing her practicum placement on K/1V with Mrs Vearing and Miss Davis will be her practicum placement on KD with Mrs De Paoli.

Writing school notes

If your child is absent, you need to write a note within seven days.

1. It must explain why your child missed school.
2. Include how many days your child was away.
3. Remember to include the date or dates.
4. Place this in your child's school bag.
5. Remind your child to give the note to the teacher.

If your child is going to be away for more than three days, please call the school to let the teacher know. **You will still need to write a note when your child returns to school.**

Entry to Government Selective High Schools for Year 7 in 2015

Parents or carers of Year 5 students who wish their child to be considered for placement in Year 7 at a selective high school in 2015 need to apply now, as applications are required by mid November 2013.

Parents with internet access are requested to apply online. Online applications will be available from 15 October to 18 November 2013. Application information is available on the Department's internet at:

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

for parents without internet access please contact me for a paper application form. Paper applications must be submitted to me by 18th November 2013. All students seeking Year 7 entry to a selective high school in 2015 will be required to take the Selective High School Placement Test on the morning of Thursday 13 March 2014.

If you would like more information please contact me at school.

Have a great week

Susan Bourne

Principal

Lost Property

If your child has lost an item of clothing, please come and have a look in lost property, as there are currently quite a few items in there without names.

Citrus Sculptures

Thank you to Renee and Victoria Gibbs and to Mrs Delves who came along and helped take our Citrus Sculpture down.



Assembly Awards - Term 4

KC: Liam, Callym, Charlotte
KD: Zac, Lucy, Gisela
K-1V: Abraam, Kaleb, Maddison
1M: Alex, Dylan, Elise
1-2M: Jasmine, Todd, Emily
2B: Muntasir, Kyle, Ethan
3Y: Victoria, Jamie
3J: Jacob, Jack
4A: Marco, Jasmeet
4M: Parnjosh, Nicholas
5W: Richard, Kiara
5M: Chelsea, Eliza
5-6P: Tala, Amy
6M: Andria, Blake
6DM: Reece, Emily
Italian: Ethan, Tamia, Jesse, Katelyn

Year 6 Farewell

The Year 6 Farewell dinner for Year 6 students and their parents will be held in our school hall on Monday 16th December at 6:00 pm. (Week 11 Term 4). To ensure the success of the night we traditionally ask Year 5 parents to help with the organisation and preparation of the evening. Hopefully, you will be able to relax and enjoy the night next year, when your child is in Year 6.

Thank you to the Year 5 parents that came along to the first planning meeting. Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 6th November at 3:15 pm, in Mrs Woodward's classroom, to finalise the planning. The attendance of all Year 5 parents at this meeting would be greatly appreciated.

Thanking you in anticipation of your support,
 Year 5 teachers

Blue Light Disco – Years 2-6

Get your tickets now.....

Halloween theme

Pre Event Tickets only.... \$9.00 Available at the PCYC Griffith Adults must purchase tickets for students. All Blue Light events are drug and alcohol free and are supervised by officers of the NSW Police Force.

Friday 11th November, 5.00 pm – 7.00 pm, PCY Griffith Olympic Street.

Canteen Roster – Term 4

Wednesday	06.11.13	Helper Needed
Thursday	07.11.13	Helper Needed
Friday	01.11.13	Leah De Marco
Monday	04.11.13	Neva Barber
Tuesday	05.11.13	Kylie Foord

Just a reminder children need to 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.

Thanking you
Paulina & Adele
Canteen Supervisor

Music News

Musica Viva touring group – Teranga

On Wednesday 23rd October, a Senegalese music group called Teranga came to school and performed two concerts – one for infants and one for primary students.

The children enjoyed playing, singing and moving to the groovy music, and learnt all about such exotic instruments as the fula (a type of flute), the doundoun and djembe (drums) and the balafon (a type of xylophone). What fun!



Music Count Us In

On **31st October at 12:30pm AEDT**, over 600 000 students, teachers and parents will sing a song together across Australia to promote music education in schools.

GNPS students will be part of this and have been busily practising the song 'Keep On' for the occasion. Visit www.musiccountusin.org.au and come along to the primary COLA at the above time to hear us!
Mr Pendlebury

Stuck for Christmas Present ideas?

Turn your child's artwork or family photo into calendars, cards and diaries
The P&C and Crazy Camel Fundraising have joined forces to offer you this great opportunity.



Calendars (Art or Photo) - \$12

Greeting cards - \$12

Diary - \$16

Orders close Monday 4th November. All orders will be back in time for Overseas Christmas Postage.

Please indicate clearly your child's class and order requirements on the order form. If you want a child's artwork included this must be returned with your order.

You can post photographs directly on the Crazy Camel website – just follow the prompts on the order form.

Any questions don't hesitate to call.

Meg Taipaleti

04101280160 or 69642154

KC's Healthy Lunches



Jonah - On Friday we made yummy healthy lunches in class. It had bread and lots of salads.



Alexa— All of KC made healthy lunches. We made faces with the salad. It had carrots, cucumber, lettuce and egg. It was yummy!!!



Matthew— I loved making my "Healthy Lunch". It was delicious



We all even had to peel our hard boiled eggs....

MS Readathon thank you

Thank you to those families that have returned their sponsorship to the MS Readathon. Thousands of community minded fundraisers throughout ACT, NSW, Victoria and Queensland have taken part in the MS Readathon this year and are now collecting and returning their final sponsorships. But we still have a long way to go and need your help to reach our goal of \$500,000. Sponsorship is **due October 31st**. **Rewards** are available for all those who return their fundraising as a thank-you for their reading efforts **by this date**. This year, these include Disney packs, book vouchers, movie tickets and even a Samsung Galaxy tablet. Details on how to return your sponsorship have been sent to students and parents recently via email. Information can also be found on the MS Readathon website www.msreadathon.org.au.



Griffith High Year 7 Orientation

Griffith High School Orientation Day Year 7 2014 will be on Thursday 21st November, which is in Week 7. There will be a Parent/Teacher Evening on that day too, starting at 6pm.

Choosing the right shoes

School shoes may all look the same but the cost can vary from about \$30 to \$120 and beyond. Does a more expensive shoe mean a better shoe? Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/choosing-the-right-school-shoes>

Student banking

Just a reminder that student banking is processed every Tuesday morning. If anyone is interested in banking please pick up an application package from the front office.

