

North Weekly News

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Term 4 Week 5

Tuesday, 5 November

Dates To Remember

Wed 6 th Nov	K-2 Rugby Talks Yr. 5 Parent meeting for the Yr 6 Farewell
Thurs 7 th Nov	P&C Meeting
Tues 12 th Nov	K-2 Assembly K/1V 11.35 3-6 Assembly 5/6P and 4M
Fri 15 th	SRC Casual Clothes Day and Cake Stall
Tues 19 th Nov	K-2 Assembly KD 11.35 3-6 Assembly 5M and 4A
Thurs 21 st Nov	Year 7 Orientation GHS and WHS GHS Parent Information Night 6pm
Mon 25 th Nov	Start of Life Education Van
Fri 29 th Nov	Life Education Van finishes

Music Count Us In

Last Thursday all our students from Kindergarten to Year 6 participating in Music Count Us In, where they sang "Keep On" along with over 600 000 students, teachers and parents across Australia. It was fantastic hearing all our students singing and participating in such a great event. I would like to thank Mr Pendlebury for all his efforts in coordinating this for our students.



Concert DVDs

Last Tuesday the Concert DVDs were sent home to the families that had ordered and paid for them. We currently have some extra copies for sale for any families that missed out on ordering the DVD. They will be sold to the families who bring in their \$30 first.

Kindergarten Orientation 2014

Today was our last day for Kindergarten Orientation. It has been lovely seeing all the 2014 Kinders settling in and having a good time at their new school. I would like to thank Mrs Crawford, Mrs De Paoli and Mrs Vearing for all their efforts in organising Kindergarten Orientation and making our new Kinders feel so welcome. We look forward to them returning next year to start their education with us at GNPS!



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.



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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.

Parent Contact Information

It is very important that when you change your home, work or mobile phone numbers that you let the school know as soon as possible, as we need to be able to contact all parents and caregivers in case of emergencies and when students are unwell. It is very difficult when we have the wrong numbers. It is also important to update your new address as well.

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

Assembly Awards - Term 4 PBL Awards

KC: Callym
KD: Jay
K-1V: Max
1M: Ilesha
1-2M: Feltoa
2B: William
3Y: Ana
3J: Renee
4A: Eutalia
4M: Talina
5W: Olivia
5M: Chelsea
5-6P: Jesse
6M: Adam
6DM: Olivia

PBL Assembly

Our school values including care, respect and responsibility were discussed and the whole school was able to view the matrix of expectations. In 2014 our expectations will be displayed around the school. Each teacher was presented with a vest which will be worn when they are on duty. This vest has our values printed on the back.



PBL – Positive Behaviour for Learning

GNPS has chosen the values Care, Respect and Responsibility.

Each week our school will be looking at one expectation taken from our PBL matrix.

This week's expectation is.....



We would appreciate if these expectations could be discussed at home.

Thanking you

Mrs Braithwaite

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.

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.

Year 6 Farewell Planning Meeting

A reminder that there will be a Year 6 Farewell Planning meeting **tomorrow, Wednesday 6th November at 3:15 pm**, in Mrs Woodward's classroom. The attendance of all Year 5 parents at this meeting would be greatly appreciated. If you have not returned your note regarding your contributions to the evening, please ensure it is returned tomorrow.

Thanking you in anticipation of your support.

Year 5 teachers

P&C Meeting

A reminder, that there will be a P&C Meeting this Thursday at 7.15pm in the staffroom. All parents are welcome to attend.

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.

Digital citizenship

We're the first generation of parents responsible for equipping our children with digital citizenship skills – how to use technology safely and responsibly, and how to evaluate, manage and use the information and tools they find online.

Here are some tips to get you started:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/usin-g-technology/raising-good-digital-citizens>

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

SRC Fundraiser for Playground Equipment

On Monday 11th till Friday 15th the SRC will be holding a lolly guessing competition at recess and at lunch time at the canteen. Each guess is 50 cents or \$1 for 3 guesses. We will announce the winner on Monday 18th. Also on Friday 15th November, it will be a casual clothes day for a gold coin donation and a cake sale at the COLA area. Cakes will be 50 cents each. The money raised will go to the new playground equipment for the K-2 and 3-6 playgrounds.

What is a homonym?

Let's face it, English can be a crazy language. Take homonyms, for example. These are words that are identical in pronunciation and spelling but have different meanings. This homonym list will provide some clarity.

Find out more:

http://www.schooltoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-a-to-z/-/english_glossary/8Qum/1084/homonym

Sun Safety

This spring has seen temperatures soar. A new information pack with the latest advice on sun safety is available for schools and parents.

Find out more:

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentssupport/studenthealth/sun-safety/index.php>

PBL Assembly

GNPS Staff were presented with their duty vest displaying our new school values.



K-6 students received special PBL awards.....



CARE
RESPECT
RESPONSIBILITY