

North Weekly News

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Term 1 Week 7

Tuesday, 12 March 2013

Dates To Remember

Tues 12 th Mar	K-2 Assembly 1/2M 3-6 Assembly-6DM
Wed 13 th Mar	P&C Family Fun Day Meeting 7.15
Tues 19 th Mar	Harmony Day K-6 Assembly K/1 and 6M
Mon 25 th Mar	Young Leaders Conference-Sydney
Tues 26 th Mar	No K-2 Assembly 3-6 Assembly-5M
Wed 27 th Mar	Easter Hat Parade
Fri 29 th Mar	Good Friday
Mon 1 st April	Easter Monday
Wed 3 rd April	Rugby Union Gala Day
Thurs 4 th April	GNPS Cross Country
Mon 8 th -Thurs 11 th April	5/6 Canberra Excursion
Fri 12 th April	Last day of term 1

Riverina Carnival

Congratulations to Maddison Casey, Declan Owers and the senior girl relay team, consisting of Maddison Casey, Rebecca Girdler, Emma Woolnough and Lily-Belle Misiloi, who have all qualified for the NSW PSSA Swimming Carnival, which is to be held on Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd April at Homebush. Maddison has qualified for 5 events, 50m butterfly, 50m backstroke, 50m breaststroke, 50m freestyle and the senior girls relay team and Declan won 5 of his events, 100m Freestyle, 50m freestyle, 50m breaststroke, 50m backstroke and 200m Individual Medley. Declan also made the all age Riverina Relay team. This is an outstanding achievement!



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P&C Executive 2013

Parents and school in partnership

The Griffith North P&C held their AGM on Thursday 7th March. I would like to publicly thank the members of the 2012 committee for their work in the past 12 months and welcome the new committee to their roles. I am looking forward to working with the new committee.

The P & C executive positions for 2013 are:

President: Tamara Minato

Vice-President: Bec Chapman & Steve Mitchell

Treasurer: Travis Payne

Secretary: Amanda Bordignon

School Canteen Treasurer: Leanne Roser

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.**

Acceptable Reasons for Your Child being Absent from School

A small number of absences may be accepted by. For example, if your child:

- has to go to a special religious ceremony
- is required to attend a serious or urgent family situation (e.g. a funeral)
- is too sick to go to school or has an infectious illness.

Parent Teacher Interviews

This term teachers will be holding their parent teacher interviews. Years 5 and 6 will be held during week 7 and 8, before the Canberra excursion, and K-4 will be held in weeks 9, 10 and 11. Each class teacher will send home their dates and times.

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 number! It is also important to update your new address as well.

Have a wonderful week

Susan Bourne

Principal

Harmony Day Tuesday 19th March

This year for Harmony Day we will be doing "A Taste of Harmony", where classes will be involved in cooking and tasting food from different countries. We are asking for any parent helpers who would like to be involved or help out on the day. Please contact Miss Mason at the school.



KC Students really enjoyed their first day of PMP

SRC Representatives for 2013

Congratulations to the following students who were elected by their classmates as SRC representatives for 2013. These students will be working with the Captains and Prefects to develop leadership skills and to make our school an even better place to be. SRC members will receive their badge at a special assembly at a later date.



3J – Victoria, Damian

3Y – Amber, Leo

4A – Samuel, Maddison

4M – Lara, Dylan

5A – Sophie, Jayden

5M – Alice, Elijah

5/6P – Bryn, Ema

6DM – Liam, Katelyn

6M – Mariah, Angus

P&C Update

The P&C are organising a "Family Fun Day", as one of its major fundraisers for 2013. We are having a meeting **tomorrow night (Wednesday) at 7.15** in the staffroom, to begin to organise this event for the school. If you are interested and have some ideas for activities for this event please come along to the meeting, as we will need as much help as possible to get this event up and running! We are looking forward to seeing as many people at this meeting as possible.



K-6 Assembly Awards

KC: Alexa, Ozyrious, Nevaeh
KD: Alexander, Vincent, Stephanie
K-1V: Mitchell, Brodie, Ezra
1M: Dylan, Salesi, Dante
1-2M: Nic, Celina, Feltoa
2B: Noah, Lara, Teagan
3Y: Amber, Tyler
3J: Abbie, Damian
4A: Tamia, Matthew
4M: Charli, Kayleb
5M: William, Aafarin
5A: Jade, Krisha
5/6P: Isabel, Ema
6M: Blake, Anthony
6DM: Mardre, Loren
Italian: Lacy I, Rebekah, Paige, Mardre

Canteen Roster –Term 1

Wednesday 13.03.13: Leah De Marco
Thursday 14.02.13: Liza Guglielmino
Friday 15.03.13: Josie Tapner
Monday 18.03.13: Kellie Bordignon, Neva Barber
Tuesday 19.03.13: Helper Required

We are still asking for canteen helpers as there is a lot of vacant days. Please consider even a couple of hours if you cannot do a full day.

Thank you

Adele & Paulina

Removing head lice and nits

Mention head lice and most of us instantly develop an itch. While head lice and nits, (the eggs of head lice) are certainly annoying and persistent, they're not dangerous. Here's everything you need to know to rid your kids of head lice and nits.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/removing-head-lice-and-nits>

Sports Fever – Casual Day



Thank you to all the students who dressed up last Thursday for the "Sports Fever" casual day. We raised \$265.00 for the new Griffith zone PSSA representative singlets

University of NSW Computer, Science, Mathematics, English, Writing and Spelling Competitions 2013

Students in Years 3-6 are invited to participate in the University of NSW Competitions. The competitions are: Computer (Yrs. 3 & 6), Science (Yrs. 3-6), Maths (Yrs. 3-6), English (Yrs. 3-6), Spelling (Yrs. 3-6) and Writing (Yrs. 3-6). The entry fee for each competition is \$8.00 per student except for spelling which is \$11.00 and Writing \$17.00. Entries to all competitions must be to the school by **Thursday 28th March 2013**. Payment can be made using cash, cheque or credit card. **Cheques should be crossed and made payable to Griffith North Public School.**

2013 Excursion to Canberra

Thank you to all those students who have returned their permission note and medical forms for Canberra. These forms must be returned to school now if you wish your child to participate in the excursion. The balance of payment can be made in instalments or as a lump sum and must be made before the excursion. Complete payment will be expected by Friday April 1. **Any parent, who foresees difficulty completing payment before the due date is invited to make an appointment with Miss Bourne as soon as possible.**

Tennis News



Congratulations to Tristan, Anna, Tom and Natalie for being selected to represent GNPS in the PSSA Knockout competition. The 1st and 2nd rounds will be played on Thursday in Griffith. The winner from GNPS and Tharbogang will play the winner of GEPS and Lake Wyangan. Good luck to Tristan, Natalie and Anna who on Monday 18th March will be attempting to gain a position on the Riverina PSSA Tennis Team which will play at the NSW State Carnival in Term 2.

Great sportsmanship was displayed at all GNPS tennis players at the school's tryouts last Thursday. Good luck to all players.

Suzi Triggs

Succeeding in science

Encouraging your teen to ask questions and helping them find the answers is top of the list in helping them to succeed in science.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/other-subjects-and-projects/science/helping-your-teenager-succeed-in-science>

Facts about tutors

Private tutoring to give kids a helping hand in their schooling is a growing business. However, it's also an area where parents can be vulnerable to bogus offers and misleading advertising.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/facts-about-tutors>

Public speaking

Does your child suffer glossophobia? Fear of public speaking is common. Try creating opportunities for your child to present speeches to the family, without putting pressure on them to perform. Here are some tried and true tips to make your child's next speech a success.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/public-speaking-in-primary-school>

Science starters

Did humans live with dinosaurs? Does the moon disappear in the day? Kids love to know the answers to life's mysteries but there are a few facts they often get wrong in the name of science.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/other-subjects-and-projects/science/10-scientific-facts-your-child-needs-to-know>

P&C save the Date.....

Sunday 7th April
"Family Fun Day"
10.00 am - 2.00 pm

More information to follow

KC's Hat making

