

North Weekly News

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Term 1 Week 8

Tuesday, 19 March 2013

Dates To Remember

Mon 25 th Mar	Young Leaders Conference-Sydney
Tues 26 th Mar	No K-2 Assembly 3-6 Assembly-5M
Wed 27 th Mar	K-2 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
Sun 7 th April	P&C Family Fun Open Day 10am-2pm
Mon 8 th -Thurs 11 th April	5/6 Canberra Excursion
Fri 12 th April	Last day of term 1
Mon 29 th April	SDD Staff only
Tues 30 th April	SDD Staff Only
Wed 1 st May	Students return to School

Harmony Day

Today GNPS celebrated Harmony Day. It's a day where all Australians celebrate our cultural diversity. The day is also the United Nation's International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

Harmony Day gives people the opportunity to celebrate what makes each Australian unique and share what we have in common.

The continuing message is that **Everyone Belongs**. It's a time to reflect on where Australia has come from, recognising the traditional owners of this land. It's also about community participation, inclusiveness and respect – celebrating the different cultures that make Australia a great place to live.

Today students had the opportunity to taste different foods from different cultures. There was Indian, Swiss, Lebanese, Tongan and Italian just to name a few. The students had lots of fun finding out about the foods, culture and preparing and eating the food. I would like to thank Miss Mason for all her organisation of this event for our students!



School Development Days (Pupil Free)

This year all Public Schools have been given an extra School Development Day on **Tuesday 30th April**, to be ready to implement the new Australian Curriculum in 2014. Therefore, at the beginning of term 2, there will be 2 School Development Days. This will mean that students will not return to school until **Wednesday 1st May**.

Staff News

Welcome back to Mrs Young, who was on Long Service Leave for the past two weeks. I would like to thank Mrs Hipkiss for teaching 3Y, during this time and Mr Angel for relieving as Assistant Principal.

Parent Teacher Interviews

This term teachers will be holding their parent teacher interviews. Years 5 and 6 will be held during week 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.



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A visit from the Tongan Princess

Yesterday we were very fortunate to have a visit from the Tongan Princess. She spoke to 5A, 5W and 5/6P. The students learnt about her role as the Tongan Princess and about different aspects of the Tongan cultural.



School Council

Parent Representative Required

School Council nominations are now being called for a parent representative position on the Griffith North Public School, School Council. Information about the School Council and nomination forms are available from the front office. Nominations must be returned to Janet at the GNPS front office by 4:00 pm on Friday 28th March. If you have any questions in regards to the school council, please contact the school on 6962 1043.

Annual School Report

The 2012 Annual School Report is available for viewing on our school website; www.griffith-n-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

The 2012 Annual School Report outlines our achievements during 2012. If you do not have access to a computer at home to read the Annual School Report please come and see me so I can organise a copy for you.

Uniform

Lowes has had a new shipment of girl's summer uniforms arrived last week.

Have a great week

Susan Bourne
Principal



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K-6 Assembly Awards

KC: Charlotte, Jonah,
Callym
KD: Porsha, Rhys, Ella
K/1V Mariam, Jorja,
Tre
1M: Ilesha, Alex, Alex
1-2M: Emily, Maison, Jasmine
2B: Muntasir, Paddy,
Abbey
3Y: Ana, Jamie
3J: Jacob, Victoria
4A: Rebekah, Shane
4M: Oscar, Noa
5M: Mikayla, Hailey
5A: Connor,
Muntaqim
5/6P: Bahri, Tala
6M: Anna, Thomas
6DM: Siselo, Grace
Italian: Celina, Maddison,

Jack, Jayden, Liliani, Rebekah

Canteen Roster –Term 1

Wednesday 20.03.13: Liza Guglielmino
Thursday 21.02.13: Amanda Bordignon
Friday 22.03.13: Josie Tapner, Tracey Ciampa
Monday 25.03.13: Neva Barber
Tuesday 26.03.13: Leslie Girdler

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

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.

P&C Family Fun Open Day

Thank you to everyone who came along to our "Family Fun Open Day" meeting last week. It was great to see lots of people interested in helping.

The Family Fun Open day will be held on Sunday 7th April from 10am-2pm in the school grounds. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

2013 Excursion to Ballarat Full Payment Due

Thank you to students who have returned their medical and permission notes. Please return notes if you haven't already done so. Final payment for the excursion will need to be finalised by **Friday April 1**.

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

Amazing art

Autumn's the perfect season to take a trip to a gallery. The popular ArtExpress exhibition connects us to the inner lives and self-expression of high school students. Amazing works are on show throughout NSW. Check out the calendar.

Find out more:

<http://artexpress.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/>

Sport News

Cross Country

On Thursday, 4th April, 2013, Griffith North Public School will be holding its annual school cross country event at Lake Wyangan Picnic Area. The children will be travelling by bus. Please complete and return the permission note and **\$2** to the class teacher as soon as possible. Also, if you are able to assist at the carnival, would you please indicate on the permission note?

Thank you

Mrs Johnson

Tennis News



On Thursday 14th March Anna, Tristan, Tom and Natalie went to the Griffith tennis courts to play in a school tennis team knock. First we versed Tharbogang. Tom lost one set and we all won the rest. Then we moved on to verse Griffith East. Anna and Tom lost their mixed doubles and we all won the rest. Overall we won, so that means we get to move on to the next round playing the winner of Hay or Berrigan. All players from all teams displayed excellent sportsmanship and developed friendships. Thank you to Mrs Triggs for all her organisation for this event.

By Anna & Natalie

PSSA Tennis

Congratulations to Tristan & Natalie, who gained 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 Natalie & Tristan players.

P&C Family Fun Open Day



On Sunday 7th April Griffith North P & C will be holding a "Family Fun Open Day". This will be held on the grounds of Griffith North Public School.

On the day we will have lots of fun stalls for kids to enjoy. One of the stalls will be a "Pesca Jar Stall". We are asking that families send in an item to the value of \$2. We ask that you put your donation in a jar and hand it in to your classroom teacher by Friday 22nd March.

Some suggestions for your \$2 jar might be:-

- Matchbox car;
- Mighty beans;
- Wrapped lollies;
- Hairbands;
- Pencils;
- Erasers;
- Sticker pages (rolled up);
- Tiny textas;
- Crayons,
- Whatever fits into a jar to the value of \$2 and something that kids love basically!!

Your generosity will be greatly appreciated!!
Thank you for supporting our Griffith North Public school P&C fundraising event.

Get caught reading across the universe – Photographic competition



Reading across the universe is the theme for Book Week this year. Get creative and photo shop, cut and paste a photo of yourself reading somewhere in the universe. You may be sitting

on Jupiter or Mars, or under your bed reading a book. Enlarge to A4 size and bring it into our library. Book prizes will be awarded during Book Week.

Sounding out aloud

Making phonics fun. Help your child learn to read by sounding out their words. Here are some tips to help your child gain confidence reading.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/phonics-helping-your-child-with-letters-and-sounds>

Facts about fractions

If you've forgotten $\frac{3}{5}$ of primary school maths and $\frac{7}{8}$ of high school maths, what's left? Ah ha! Kids need help learning how to add fractions too. The only thing left is to print these fact sheets.

Find our more:

<https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/eppcontent/glossary/app/resource/factsheet/4013.pdf>

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>