

North Weekly News

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Term 1 Week 10

Tuesday, 2 April 2013

Dates To Remember

Wed 3 rd April	Rugby Union Gala Day
Thurs 4 th April	GNPS Cross Country P&C Meeting 7.15pm
Friday 5 th April	PSSA Touch Trials
Sun 7 th April	P&C Family Fun Open Day 10am-2pm
Mon 8 th -Thurs 11 th April	5/6 Canberra Excursion
Tues 9 th April	Bronze Assembly K-4
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

Bronze Certificates

Congratulations to the students in Years 5 and 6 who received their Bronze Certificates at today's assembly. It was wonderful to see so many students working hard and displaying the core values of GNPS. Well done!

Kinder to year 4 will be receiving their Bronze Certificates at next week's assembly.



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**.

School Council

Mr Peter Jones has completed his time on School Council and is standing down as School Council President. The School Council would like to take this opportunity to thank Peter for all his time, support and valuable contribution during his years on the GNPS School Council and especially as President.

Congratulations to Tracy Ciampa who has been nominated and has accepted the position of parent representative on the GNPS School Council to replace Peter. Thank you Tracy!

The School Council's next meeting will be held on Monday 8th April at 6pm. This will be our AGM meeting.

Cross Country

This Thursday is our annual Cross Country Carnival. This carnival is for all students who are turning 8 and older. We will be catching buses out to Lake Wyangan at 11.15am and returning to school at 3.05pm. The first race will begin at 12.00pm. Any parents who are able to help out please see Mrs Johnson. I would like to wish all our students all the best for this carnival and thank Mrs Johnson for all her organisation of this event.

PSSA Zone Touch Trials

PSSA Zone Touch trials will be held this Friday 5th April at Collina oval. Girl's trials will be from 10am-12pm and boy's trials will be from 1pm-3pm. Good luck to the selected students going!

Holiday Dates

Please note the last day of first term is Friday 12th April with school resuming on Wednesday 1st May.



K-2 Easter Hat Parade/ Raffle

Last Wednesday it was wonderful to see the K-2 students with their fantastic Easter Hats. They all looked amazing.

A big thank you, to Mrs. Vearing for all her hard work in coordinating this event and to Miss Mayberry for organising the Easter Raffle.



Congratulations to Emily from 6DM who won the Easter Hamper.



Hope you all have a wonderful week
Susan Bourne
Principal

Annual School Report

The 2012 Annual School Report is available for viewing on our school website; www.griffithn-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.



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K-4 Assembly Awards

KC: Liam, Jessica, Xavier

KD: Jay, Lucy, Rose

K/1V: Max, Chris, Mitavale

1M: Lincoln, Michael, Justin

1/2M: Kaeli, Blake

2B: Ella, Kelab, Muntasir

Italian: Daniel, Iesha

3Y: Damian, Adelaide

3J: Kayla, Nobeljit

4A: Maddison, Marco

4M: Aaliyah, Connor

Italian: Jaali, Matilda

Canteen Roster –Term 1

Wednesday 03.04.13: Helper required

Thursday 04.04.13: Helper required

Friday 05.04.13: Josie Tapner

Monday 08.04.13: Neva Barber

Tuesday 09.04.13: 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.

The school canteen operates with voluntary help each day. If you are able to volunteer some time in the canteen, whether it is on a weekly, fortnightly or monthly basis, please fill out the School Canteen Roster for Term 2 and send it back to school ASAP.

Thank you

Adele & Paulina

P&C Family Fun Open Day

On **Sunday 7th April** Griffith North P & C will be holding a “**Family Fun Open Day**” on the grounds of Griffith North Public School from **10am -2pm**.

The day will have lots of fun activities for children, such as face painting, jumping castle, tattoos, photo booth, pesca jars and many more. There will also be tours of the school available for any future enrolments.

Thank you to everyone who donated Pesca Jars already for the Pesca Jar Stall. If you still haven't donated yours, you are still able to send them into school.

Thank you for supporting our Griffith North Public School P&C fundraising event.

2013 Excursion to Canberra

Monday 8th April – Thursday 11th April

Final payment for the excursion is due now.

Final Reminders

- Students are to be at school by 5:45 a.m. (at the latest).
- Could all medications be clearly labelled and placed in plastic bags to be handed to Mrs Webb before we depart.
- Students are to provide their own morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea on the first day. Please ensure all food and drink is in the bag carried on the bus including two drink bottles of water.
- School jumper is to be worn on day 1 of the excursion with casual clothes.
- A variety of casual clothing is essential. Although it is April and the days should be warm, Canberra can be cold, and we will be going out each night.
- Students are not to bring ipods, game boys, phones or other electrical items. Please do not send your child with an expensive camera.

\$60 maximum spending money. Children must be responsible for this themselves.

Sport News Cross Country

Thank you very much if you have informed us that you are able to assist at the GNPS Cross Country. Adult helpers will be positioned around the course as 'spotters', ensuring that children are safe. At present more adult helpers are required, even if you can only come for an hour that's most helpful. If you have not indicated on the bottom of the GNPS Cross Country information note that you can assist, please advise us as soon as possible.

The details for the carnival are as follows;

Date: Thursday 4th April, 2013

Venue: Lake Wyangan Picnic Area

Time: Starting at approximately 12:00pm

Cost: \$2.00

Riverina Soccer

Congratulations to Andria and Brendan who were both selected in the Riverina Soccer Teams. This is a wonderful achievement for both students.



Rugby Union Gala Day

Griffith North Public School is fielding three teams in next Wednesday's Rugby Union Gala Day at Jubilee Oval. There will be a BBQ and canteen on the day and parents are most welcome to come and watch. The day starts at 9.30am and runs until around 2pm.

Green Mean Machine

Our members for this term have been working very hard in the vegie patch. We have successfully weeded most of our patch and removed the overgrown watermelon plants. The students enjoyed getting down and dirty and felt rewarded after they looked back at our tidier garden.

Help Wanted

Green Mean Machine team would like to ask whether any members of our school community have any brick laying skills. We would like to edge the garden to making it more user friendly for the students. Also, we need assistance with laying the pebbles into concrete stepping stones. If you are able to help, please contact the school.

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.

Remembering our Ex-servicemen & Women on ANZAC Day in a special way

On ANZAC Day this year, as has happened for the past three years, a small white cross and a poppy will be placed on every ex-servicemen and women's graves at the Griffith Cemetery. Nine hundred and ninety five graves in total.

After the ANZAC Day service in the park, the community and students in particular are invited to visit the Griffith Cemetery and place the provided flowers on the graves marked with little white crosses. Donations of flowers will be also gratefully accepted.

This was a beautiful thing to see over the past three years. Not one of the marked graves went without a flower placed there by the small but enthusiastic crowd.

I look forward to seeing you all at the cemetery on ANZAC day.

Marg Tucker

Helpers for ANZAC Day

Anyone interested in helping put the small white crosses out at the cemetery ready for the above activity, please meet Marg Tucker at the Cemetery on Sunday 14th April at 9am.

Young Leaders Conference By Emma and Anna

On the 24th March the Captains and Prefects went to the National Young Leaders Day Conference with Andria, Tom, Brock, Alex, Toutai and Rebecca.

We left at 7am. We arrived in Sydney at 4pm. When we got to Sydney we went to our cabins. We took our bags up to our rooms and went out to explore Darling Harbour.

We went and looked around Darling Harbour and had dinner. We also went to a British Lolly Shop. We went on the Monorail back to our place where we were staying.

The next day we went to the National Young Leaders Day Conference. The speakers were Mike Marin, Creel Price, Brett Lee, Jessica Fox and Nathan Hindmarsh.

- Mike Martin spoke to us about influence;
- Creel Price talked to us about setting goals and challenging yourself;
- Brett Lee talked about his life. He was in the CSI and the Queensland Police Force. He works with communication over the internet and cyber bullying. Brock and Alex were lucky enough to go up on stage and say thank you to Brett Lee and give him a present;
- Jessica Fox talked to us about how she got a Silver Medal in London Olympic Games and she also showed us her medal. She also talked about how she juggled her HSC and practised her kayaking and in the end, she got 99.1% in the HSC.
- Nathan Hindmarsh was Captain of the Parramatta Eels for 3 years. He talked to us about when he failed, he wanted to quit but his mum would not let him and she made him go back and show them that he deserved to be there.

We thought the best speakers were Jessica Fox and Nathan Hindmarsh because they told us their life story and their life story was really interesting.

