

# North Weekly News

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Term 3 Week 2

Tuesday, 23 July 2013

## Dates To Remember

Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> July	Chess Competition
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> July	P&C Lamington Drive in hall
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup> July	P&C Lamington Drive in hall
Tues 30 <sup>th</sup> July	Kinder singing at Central 10am Education Week Open Classes 11.35-12.15 Education Week Assembly K-6 12.20pm Lap-a-thon 2.00pm
Wed 31 <sup>st</sup> July	Dance Group and Choir performing at Central 10.45am Local debating final against Beelbangera at Central 1pm UNSW English Comp
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> Aug	KROP
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aug	KROP
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Aug	School Photos
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> Aug	School Photos
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Possum Magic Rugby League V's Young PS
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> Aug	P&C meeting 7.15pm
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Griffith Zone Athletics Carnival

## Parking

Please ensure that you are using the "Drop off Zone" correctly as Compliance Officers will be checking regularly and fining people who are not using the "Drop off Zone" correctly!

## Kindergarten Enrolments for 2014

Come and enrol now!

Enrolments for students who are eligible to attend school in 2014 are now being taken. Eligible students are those who live in zone and turn 5 before July 31<sup>st</sup> 2014. If you have a child or you know of anyone who has a child who is able to attend school in 2014 please ask them to come and enrol. Applications for enrolments are now being taken at the school office.

Please present your child's Immunisation record, Birth Certificate and evidence of residential address at time of application.

## Athletics Ribbons Assembly



Congratulations to the students who received their Athletics Ribbons at today's assembly.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Miss Mason and Luke Pandolfo, who announced their engagement during the school holidays. This is very exciting news for them both and we wish them all the best!

## Attendance at School

Students need to attend school every day!

Justified reasons for absences may include the student:

- having an unavoidable medical or dental appointment (preferably, these should be made after school or during holidays)
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- being required to attend an exceptional or urgent family circumstance (such as attending a funeral)
- being sick, or having an infectious disease.

Have a wonderful week

Susan Bourne

Principal



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## Education Week 2013

This year Education Week is being held in week 3 of Term 3. The theme for Education Week is "Creating the Future."

GNPS will be celebrating Education Week through a variety of activities throughout the week. We will have Kindergarten singing at Griffith Central on Tuesday at 10am and on Wednesday the dance group and choir will be performing at 10.45am and our debating team will debate Beelbanger in the local debating competition at 1pm at Central. We also have the choir performing in KROP on Thursday and Friday.

Our main celebrations will be held on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July when we will have our Open Day, assembly and Lapathon. Times as follows:

### Open Day

Classroom visits – 11:35am - 12:15pm

Assembly - 12:15pm – 1:05pm

Picnic lunch (parents and students) 1:05pm

Lapathon: 2:00pm – 3:00pm

We hope you are able to come and join us to celebrate in 2013.

Lapathon sponsor sheets have been sent home last week for children to find sponsors. All money raised from the Lap-a-thon will go towards literacy resources for students from Kindergarten to Year 6.

## GNPS Lapathon – "Running Around the Universe"

On Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2013 we will be holding our annual School Lapathon fundraising event. Sponsor sheets have been sent home.

Please help our students by giving your support to their efforts. All proceeds will be used to provide resources to support the school's literacy programs.

## K-6 Assembly Awards - Term 3

<b>KC</b>	Victoria, Shaylo, Jaskaran
<b>KD</b>	Tasnia, Tyler, Porsha
<b>K-1V</b>	Brooke, Chris, Shakiya
<b>1M</b>	Ilesha, Lincoln, Thomas
<b>1-2M</b>	Taylah, Maison, Malina
<b>2B</b>	Conor, Ella, Teagan
<b>3Y</b>	Victoria, Jamie
<b>3J</b>	Renee, Jariah
<b>4A</b>	Brendan, Jmella
<b>4M</b>	Jaali, Luke
<b>5M</b>	Kirsan, Tyeisha
<b>5A</b>	Tayla, Liam
<b>5-6P</b>	Bryn, Noah
<b>6M</b>	Mariah, Andria
<b>6DM</b>	Adam, Tianna
<b>Italian</b>	Brodon, Tahli, Jmella, Daniel

## Active after School Communities (AASC)



Our program for Term 3 will begin on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July (week 3) and Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July and continue each week until week 9 Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September. This term LiveFit will be doing Basketball and Touch Football. All children are required to meet near the canteen after school at 3.15 pm on these days for their snack, before commencing the activities. At the completion of the activities children are to be collected at 4.30pm from the COLA near the hall.

***If you would like any further information or permission notes please contact the office.***

## School Photos

School Photos will be held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> August. Information and envelopes were sent home last week. If you would like sibling photos please collect a sibling envelope from the office.

**Canteen Roster – Term 2**

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>24.07.13</b>	Helper Needed
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>25.07.13</b>	Tracey Ciampa
<b>Friday</b>	<b>26.07.13</b>	Josie Tapner
<b>Monday</b>	<b>29.07.13</b>	Helper Needed
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>30.07.13</b>	Helper Needed

The school canteen operates with voluntary help each day. If you are able to volunteer sometime in the canteen, whether it is on a weekly, fortnightly or monthly basis we would love to see you! Canteen rosters for Term 3 have been sent out, please fill in and send it back to school ASAP.

A warm welcome to the new mums who kindly offered their services. We know it's a busy time of the year but your help ensures the Canteen can operate and run smoothly. There are still many days this term that we need volunteers, so maybe "buddy" up with a friend. You will find it an enjoyable day and your children will love seeing you in the school.

Thanking you

Paulina & Adele

Canteen Supervisors

**P&C Lamington Drive – Thank you...**

Thank you to everyone who handed in lamington order forms. We have had a great response. We will be making about 650 dozen lamingtons on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July and Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July. Those

people who have indicated pick up on Friday can come and collect their lamingtons from 3.30pm. If you have indicated to pick up on Saturday, they will be ready from 12:00pm. We will also ring people during the day as well. If anyone else can help in making lamingtons on Friday between 3pm and 6pm please contact Tamara Minato on 0428 645 044. Thank you for supporting our fundraising event.

GNPS P&C Fundraising



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**Premiers Debating Competition Team A**

On Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July, Andria, Liam, Angus and Lucy went to Hanwood for the Premiers Debate. Our first debate was against Hanwood Year 6 Debating Team. The topic was Gambling should be banned on all Australian Sporting Events. We were the affirmative team. Unfortunately, we lost. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> and final debate consisted of Andria, Lucy, Anna and Angus. It was against Hanwood's Year 5 team and our topic was that Australian Sports Stars are bad role models. We were the affirmative team and we won that debate.

By Anna & Andria

**Team B**

Yesterday the GNPS Year 5 debating Team, consisting of Alyce, Elijah, Alice and Laura Allen, competed in rounds 3 and 4 of the Premiers Debating Competition at Hanwood PS.

Our first debate was against Hillston Central School. The topic was "Australia should ban parents from smacking their children" and we were the negative. We won this debate. Our second debate was against Hanwood Year 5 team and our topic was "Australia should ban people under the age of 18 becoming a model." We were the negative and we also won this debate.

By Alyce Woodward

**Chess**

Griffith North Chess Teams will be competing in the one day NSW Junior Chess League Tournament on Thursday 25 July at St Patricks Primary School, Griffith. We wish them luck.

**MS Readathon****What is the MS Readathon?**

The MS Readathon is a reading-based fundraiser run by Multiple Sclerosis Australia (MSA). For 34 years, the MS Readathon has encouraged children to read books, learn about multiple sclerosis (MS) and raise funds to help people living with MS.

Children read as many books as possible during a designated period. In 2013, the reading period will be the month of August. Friends and family



sponsor them by either pledging an amount per book read or by the time they spend reading or by giving them a donation. This money goes to support people living with MS. The children receive a certificate of appreciation and reward as a thank you for their efforts.

The MS Readathon is a great way to encourage children to read books and improve their literacy at the same time as raising their community awareness and empowering them to make a difference in the lives of people living with MS.

### When is the MS Readathon?

Families can register now online at [www.msreadathon.org.au](http://www.msreadathon.org.au)

Registering online is so easy! Mum or Dad will need to provide parental confirmation. Registration is free. Simply log on to the MS Readathon website, select your age category and click the "Register Now" button. When you register, don't forget to write down your User name and Password so you can log in to your child's/ children's homepage. You will also need to print out your sponsor and reading lists so you can write down all the people who have sponsored your child/ children and the number of books they have read.

The MS Readathon runs from August 1 to August 31.

### Sport News State Cross Country

On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July, the Riverina Cross Country team competed in the State Carnival at Eastern Creek. I competed in the primary 12/13 years girls' race. I was placed 65<sup>th</sup> out of 75 girls.



### Soccer Gala Day

In the last week of term 2 the girls and boys teams competed in a soccer gala day at Collina Oval. It was a successful day for our boys' team. They played 4 games on the day and won all of them. They defeated teams from Griffith East, Leeton, Beelbanger and Lake Wyangan to be champions on the day. This was an outstanding effort. The girls played well in their only game against Griffith East, but unfortunately were defeated on a countback and knocked out of the competition. The boys' team now move through to Round 6 of the competition and will play the winner of Deniliquin South and Edward at a date to be confirmed.

### Griffith North Union team beat Parkes Public!

Our talented Rugby Union team has continued its winning run by beating Parkes Public in the latest round of the Bryan Palmer Shield State Knock Out. Our team travelled to West Wyalong last Thursday for the match. Griffith North played well and won the game in convincing fashion with a 34-7 final score. The Griffith North team has now made it to the top eight teams in the state! Our next match is against Edgeworth Public, which is a school near Newcastle. We will most likely play them at a ground halfway between the two schools e.g Dubbo. Thanks to all the parents who drove over to West Wyalong and also a huge thanks to our awesome coach, Aled Francis. Aled has put in many, many hours of coaching to get these boys to this competitive level. Watching the boys running rehearsed set plays during the match was very exciting. Go North!!!

