

North Weekly News

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Term 3 Week 10

Tuesday, 17 September

Dates To Remember

Fri 20 th Sept	Last day of term 3
Mon 7 th Oct	Labour Day Public Holiday
Tues 8 th Oct	Term 4 commences
Tues 15 th Oct	2014 Kindergarten Information Night 6.30pm
Tues 22 nd Oct	2014 Kinder Orientation
Wed 23 rd Oct	Musica Viva
Tues 29 th Oct	2014 Kinder Orientation
Tues 5 th Nov	2014 Kinder Orientation
Thurs 7 th Nov	Music Count Us In P&C Meeting

Spelling Bee Finalist

Congratulations to Anika of 5A who was the Griffith Zone Stage 3 winner of the Spelling Bee. Anika will now go on to Sydney in term 4 to represent GNPS and the Griffith Zone. This is an outstanding achievement!



GNPS Concert "Go with the Flow"

Congratulations to all the students for their fantastic performances at the Regional Theatre for our 2013 Concert "Go with the Flow." It was a great success and I would like to thank all the teachers for their hard work and effort in producing items of such a high standard. I would especially like to thank Mrs Lisa Allen for co-ordinating the concert for the whole school and Miss Jodie Mason for all her efforts with the technology and sound! It was a fantastic team effort by all students and staff!



Gold Award Assemblies

Congratulations to our wonderful students

The K-2 and 3-6 Gold Award assemblies were held today with the majority of our students receiving their Gold Awards. This is a significant achievement for these students and shows that they have displayed excellent behaviour during the past three terms. It was wonderful for me to be able to shake their hands and congratulate them on their fine achievements. I know that there were many proud parents watching their children's eager faces as they came forward to accept their award. Well done boys and girls we are very proud of you.



University NSW Competition results

GNPS is very proud of the excellent results achieved by students participating in the UNSW English Competitions. Two distinctions and five credits were achieved. Congratulations to the following students.

Distinctions:

Ella (Yr 4) and Victoria (Yr 3)



Credits:

Marco (Yr 4), Alice (Yr 5), Muntaqim (Yr 5), Lucy (Yr6) and Angus (Yr 6).

NAPLAN

On Thursday 5 September ACARA identified an error in the placement of the national average markers on the Years 5 and 7 NAPLAN Student Reports for Language Conventions. Importantly the NAPLAN student data is correct. ACARA made the immediate decision to halt any further packaging and distribution of NAPLAN reports while options regarding the distribution of correct NAPLAN Student Reports were considered. ACARA is working closely with Test Administration Authorities (TAAs) in every state and territory to ensure correct reports are distributed. This matter may result in the delay of the distribution of student reports, possibly to the week of 13 October, however ACARA and TAAs will seek to minimise the delay.

End of Term

We have had another very productive term with students involved in a variety of activities from academic, cultural and sporting activities. It is wonderful for our students to have the opportunity to participate in all these activities. All these activities have been so successful due to the hard work and dedication of the parent body, students and the staff.

I would like to thank the students, parents and staff for all their efforts and enthusiasm over this term. We have a fantastic school where we can all work together to provide great opportunities for our students!

I hope you all have a relaxing holiday and I am looking forward to another successful term 4!

THANK-YOU and have a great holiday!

Susan Bourne

Principal

Kindergarten Orientation 2014

Information Evening for Parents

Tuesday 15th October 2013

If you have a child commencing Kindergarten in 2014 you are invited to an information meeting on **Tuesday 15th October, 2013.**

The meeting will commence at **6:30pm** in **KC's classroom (Room 13)**. At this meeting you will be given information regarding Orientation Session times.

We look forward to meeting you!

Orientation dates are:

Week 3: Tuesday 22nd October 2013

Week 4: Tuesday 29th October 2013

Week 5: Tuesday 5th November 2013

These sessions will be a half day of the school day not a full day. The morning session will run from 9.30 to 12pm and the afternoon will run from 12.30pm-3.00pm

Life Education

Due to the Life Education Teacher being unwell, Life Education had to be postponed. Life Education should be returning to GNPS in term 4 week 8. We will keep you informed of any changes as soon as we know of them. Thank you for your support and patience with this.

Canteen Roster – Term 4

Wednesday	18.09.13	Helper Needed
Thursday	19.09.13	Helper Needed
Friday	20.09.13	Helper Needed
Monday	07.10.13	Public Holiday
Tuesday	08.10.13	Helper Needed

Another term has passed so quickly. A big thank you goes to the wonderful mums and grandmothers that have given up their precious time to help in the canteen. We along with the children really appreciate your time.

A huge thank you must also go to Francis Parisi for giving up her time to help every day. Thank You!

Next term there will be a few price changes in the menu due to price increases.

Enclosed in the newsletter is the Term 4 Canteen Roster for volunteers to fill out for when they can help in the canteen. Even if it is only a couple of hours to help serve would be greatly appreciated.

We also have a cake roster for Wednesday or any other day that suits for any mums, grandparents wishing to bake a cake, biscuits etc. The kids love to get a treat every now and then.

Thanking you
Paulina & Adele
Canteen Supervisor

"Go With the Flow" DVD and Photos

DVDs and photos from our concert "Go with the Flow" can be ordered this week from the school office.

The DVD is \$30 and the photos are \$5 for A5 and \$10 for A4 size. Photos are on display in the front office area. Friday will be the last day for orders, as we need to finalise these so they can be organised over the holidays ready for term 4.

Thank you
The Concert Committee

Winner of the Sally Rippin competition

Maddison was the winner of the Sally Rippin competition and she received an autographed gift set of Billie B Brown books and a ticket to the Griffith Readers' Festival, which was on 14th September at Pioneer Park. Congratulations Maddison!



Time to wrap up and round up sponsorship!

The final pages are turning for the 2013 MS Readathon, with the reading period now coming to a close. Almost 4000 pre-schoolers, students and adults took up the challenge to read to help others and have so far raised \$156,000 to help people living with multiple sclerosis.

But we still have a long way to go and need your help to reach our goal of \$500,000.

With the money due date not until October 31st, there is still plenty of time to remind friends and family to support you. Rewards are available for all those who return their fundraising as a thank you for their reading efforts. This year these include Disney packs, book vouchers, movie tickets and even a Samsung Galaxy tablet. For all those who have completed their fundraising, you will receive an email in the next few days with full details on how to return your sponsorship. Information is also available on the MS Readathon website www.msreadathon.org.au or call **1300 677 323**.

AECG Meeting

There will be an AECG meeting this Friday 20th September at 11:00 am. It will be held at the Government office back board room. All interested are welcome to attend.

Favourite Colour Day – Gold coin Donation

On Friday 20th September the SRC are having a casual clothes day to raise money. Come dressed in comfortable clothes in your favourite colour. Make sure you wear enclosed shoes for sport. The SRC are asking for a gold coin donation, this money is going to be donated to charity.

See you in your favourite colour this Friday!

Griffith Junior Touch Football

Registration is now open. Further enquiries please contact Karen Jones on 0417 447 613. Find out more www.griffithtouch.com.au

Tennis

A tennis clinic will be held the first week of holidays from Monday 23rd to Thursday 26th at the Griffith Tennis Club. 9.00 am to 12.00 pm. Bookings essential further enquiries please phone Cheryl on 0429 126 586

Learn to Speak English at TAFE Griffith Campus

Day & Evening Courses for Beginners & Intermediate English Speakers

For Further Information please call Alanna Townsend 69 620405 or Alanna.Townsend@det.nsw.edu.au to make an appointment for an initial English assessment



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NRL Holiday Clinic

Thursday 26th September,
9.00 am – 12.00 pm.

Any boy or girl aged 6-12 years come along to EW Moore Oval Griffith for a day full of fun Rugby League Drills and Games!

WHAT YOU GET: Football, Drink Bottle, Kicking Tee, Boot Bag

Register now:

www.southwestnswdevelopment.leaguenet.com.au

Concert Photos.....



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