

North Weekly News

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Term 3 Week 9

Tuesday, 10 September

Dates To Remember

Wed 11 th Sept	Matinee performance at the Regional Theatre at 11am
Thurs 12 th Sept	Concert Evening Performance at the Regional Theatre 6.30pm
Tues 17 th Sept	K-2 Gold Award Assembly 11.35 3-6 Gold Award Assembly 12.30
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

GNPS Concert "Go with the Flow"

Today we had our dress rehearsal for our concert "Go with the Flow" at the Regional Theatre. All students worked very hard and it was wonderful to see our concert coming together. It will be a wonderful show which will showcase the talented students of Griffith North Public School.

All tickets cost \$12 and can only be purchased from the Regional Theatre. There is no limit on the amount of tickets you can purchase. There are still some tickets available for both the evening and matinee performances, but they are selling fast.

Tomorrow we will be at the Regional Theatre from 10am to 2pm, so again like today every child will need a packed lunch and a water bottle; **NO LUNCH ORDERS**, as we will not be here at school to get them.

On Thursday evening all students are to arrive at the Regional Theatre by 6pm. They are to be dropped off at the Burley Griffin Room and can be picked up from the Burley Griffin Room about 10mins after the concert has finished. We appreciate all your support with the above requests.

Life Education

Due to the Life Education Teacher being sick last week 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.

SASS Recognition Week

This week is SASS Recognition Week! I would like to take the opportunity to acknowledge all the hard work and efforts of all our SASS staff at GNPS. Our SASS staff include, Janet Signor (School Administration Manager), Cheryl Adcock, Tammy Gale, Sarah Signor (School Administration Officers), Helen Cambrell, Judy Betts, Alison Forbes, Melissa Zambon, Jodie Smith, Anita Kumaran, Dawn Brown, Jane Francis (School Learning Support Officers), Paul Simpson (Aboriginal Education Worker) and Nick Schneider and Keith Chapman (General Assistants). All do a brilliant job and often their hard work goes by unnoticed however without all their efforts we would not be as efficient and effective as we are. On behalf of the teaching staff of GNPS I would like to thank the SASS staff for all they do to support public education at GNPS!



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Spelling Bee Finalist

Tomorrow is the Griffith Zone Spelling Bee Final. Representing GNPS are Talina and Jamie in the Stage 2 section and Anika and Jonah in the Stage 3 section. I would like to wish these students all the best for the Spelling Bee final.



NAPLAN

The Year 3 and 5 students' who completed their NAPLAN tests will be receiving their reports for parents on Monday 16th September. If parents would like to discuss their child's results please make an appointment with your child's classroom teacher.

Kindergarten Enrolments for 2014

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 31st 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.

Have a great week
Susan Bourne
Principal

Concert News "Go With the Flow"

At our concert at the Regional Theatre there will be no filming or photography allowed inside the theatre. We have organised for the concert to be professionally filmed. It will cost \$30 to purchase the DVD. We have started taking orders already and they can also be taken on the night of the concert. They can be paid for on the evening or during the last week of term.

We have also organised for class photos to be taken. These will be on display at the Regional Theatre and can be ordered on Thursday night. They will be \$5 for an A5 size or \$10 for A4. They can also be paid for on the evening or during the last week of term as well.

For the concert to be a success it is essential that all children attend the matinee and evening performances. Even if you are not attending the evening performance it is necessary for you to bring your child/children to the evening performance. They will be supervised by their teachers at the Regional Theatre for the duration of the whole concert. A great deal of effort has been put into the concert. All children have set roles and they all need to be present to play their part.

If transport is a problem please contact the school so we can assist you with arrangements.



Canteen Roster – Term 3

Wednesday	11.09.13	Helper Needed
Thursday	12.09.13	Tracey Ciampa
Friday	13.09.13	Josie Tapner
Monday	16.09.13	Karen Owers
Tuesday	17.09.13	Helper Needed

Thank you to all the parents and caregivers who have helped out in the canteen. We really appreciate all your support! If anyone is available to help, even if only for a short time please contact us as all help is greatly appreciated.

Thanking you
Paulina & Adele
Canteen Supervisor

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.

Book Week

What a great Book Week we had celebrating the wonderful books we have to read! Thank you to all the parents and teachers who helped children to get ready for the Book Week parade. Some photos of the children in book character costumes are now up on the school website.

The book illustrator, Frane Lessac, who visited our school on Tuesday, was an entertaining and informative speaker. We were very impressed with her water colour crayons as she demonstrated how she draws a donkey. We also really enjoyed listening to the author Mark Greenwood last week. He was very engaging.



At the Book Fair we sold \$3017 worth of book which benefits our library and we now have a \$600 credit with Collins Booksellers. Thank you to everyone who bought a book and to the families who donated books to the library. Thank you to the parents who helped at the book fair. Your assistance was greatly appreciated.



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**.

Swimming Term 4

Thank you to all the families that have returned the consent form and money for the swimming program in Term 4.

GNPS is offering swimming lessons with qualified Austswim swimming teachers at the Regional Aquatic Centre. It is a fabulous program that is **significantly cheaper** than before and after school classes. Lessons will be held from **Friday 11th October** (Week 1, Term 4) to **Friday 13th December** (Week 10, Term 4) 2013.

Mrs Johnson

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

Active After School Communities

This is our last week of Active After School Communities. The last days for term 3 will be tomorrow Wednesday 11th. Thank you to all the students who have participated in the term 3 program. It will be running again in term 4. If you are interested in participating in term 4 please contact the office.

Year 4 visit Pioneer Park

The Year 4 students from Griffith North joined other Year 4 students from around Griffith for the Pioneer Park Action Day on Friday. The students toured the old buildings at Pioneer Park learning how the early Griffith settlers once lived. They experienced many hands-on activities such as lawn mowing, using old tools, damper and scone making, soap making, playing on old tractors, dog education and playing traditional children's games.

