

North Weekly News

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Term 4 Week 3

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Dates To Remember

Thurs 23 rd Oct	Year 6 High School Transition
Tues 28 th Oct	K-2 Assembly 11.35 1/2M 3-6 Assembly 12.35 5M Kindergarten Orientation
Tues 4 th Nov	K-2 Assembly 11.35 1M 3-6 Assembly 12.35 4M Kindergarten Orientation
Thurs 6 th Nov	Year 6 High School Transition P&C Meeting 7.15pm
Mon 10 th Nov	Griffith Debating Competition Final against BPS
Tues 11 th Nov	K-2 Assembly 11.35 KC 3-6 Assembly 12.35 5A
Wed 12 th Nov	CSIRO Science Performance
Thurs 13 th Nov	Year 6 Market Day

NSW P.S.S.A State Athletics Carnival

Last week Paddy, Ryan, Aisea and Talina travelled to Sydney to compete in the NSW PSSA State Athletics carnival.

Some of these students achieved their personal best.

Congratulations! The school is very proud of your achievements!



Staff News

I would like to wish Miss Mason all the very best for her wedding this Saturday. She will be on leave from tomorrow 22nd October to Friday 7th November. When she returns she will be known as Mrs Pandolfo.

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Debreceeny who are expecting their second baby in March 2015.

Kindergarten Orientation 2014

Today was our first Kindergarten Orientation Session. It was lovely seeing the 2015 Kinders settle so well on their first day!



Orientation dates are:

Week 4: Tuesday 28th October 2014

Week 5: Tuesday 4th November 2014

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

School Plan for 2015-2017

We are getting ready to write our school plan for the next three years. In order for this to happen, we will be consulting our school community (parents, staff and students) about the future directions of GNPS. Over the next two weeks we will be randomly selecting parents to ring to find out what you think about GNPS. If you would like to be involved in this process, please call the front office and leave your name and we will call you. We value your feedback.



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Entry to Government Selective High Schools for Year 7 in 2016

Parents or carers of Year 5 students who wish their child to be considered for placement in Year 7 at a selective high school in 2016 need to apply now, as applications are required by 17th November 2014.

Parents with internet access are requested to apply online. Online applications will be available from 14th October to 17th November 2014. Application information is available on the Department's internet at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

for parents without internet access please contact me for a paper application form. Paper applications must be submitted to me by 17th November 2014.

All students seeking Year 7 entry to a selective high school in 2016 will be required to take the Selective High School Placement Test on the morning of Thursday 12 March 2015.

If you would like more information please contact me at school.

Term 4 Sun Smart

It is expected that all students will wear their school hat before school, at recess and at lunch time otherwise they will have to play in the shade. Years 2-6 will not be allowed to go to APEX at lunch time without a hat. School hats are available from the school canteen for \$16. Students are encouraged to wear sunscreen to school and they can put their own sunscreen on at school if they have some in their bags.



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Assembly Awards - Week 3 Term 4

KC:	Lonoah, Relisha
KD:	Chris, Raja, Cody
K-1V:	Grace, Blake, Jay
1M:	Thomas, Mitchell, Kylah
1-2M:	Jessica, Ella, Jonah
2BD:	Sophia, Lincoln, Shaunna
2/3Y:	Zainab, Michael
3J:	Johnny, Isabell
4A:	Jack, Kiarnah
4M:	Fefiloi, Naumankhan
5A:	Osam, Matthew
5M:	Ella, Dylan
5-6P:	Keedan, Jemimah
6M:	Tala, Mikayla
6DM:	Jayden, Jesse
Italian:	Sarah, Damien, Matilda, Jayden

2015 Classes

We are currently working on class structures for 2015. If you will be moving away from Griffith at the end of the year and your child will not be attending GNPS in 2015, could you please advise the school office as soon as possible. Also if you know of any families moving into the GNPS zone and will be attending GNPS next year, please let us know as grade numbers have a significant impact on the formation of classes.

Choir at Griffith Festival of Gardens

Last Sunday our choir performed at Careri's Garden for the Festival of Gardens. The choir represented GNPS beautifully and were a credit to our school! Thank you to Mr Pendlebury for organising this for our students!



Selective high schools

Online application for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2016 is now open. Find out more:

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/shsplacement/index.php>

Green Mean Machine

New Green Mean Machine members have been chosen for Term 4 and were very busy last week harvesting our crop of potatoes. They picked so many that we were able to sell some but we kept some small tasty ones for a special treat this week.

Our new members are: Debarun, Brandon, Tobie, Ella, Emily, Iesha, Aoibhinn, Nikita, Dante, Maddison, Adam, Dakota, Kayla, Kiara and Kevin.



Literacy Pro

The lexile reading program for Year 3 to 6 has changed to Literacy Pro. Most students will have the same user name and password. There is a hotlink for the website on the My Library tab in the student portal. Alternatively students can log in at www.slz04.scholasticlearningzone.com/auth/in/tl/Login/AUSVY3X

Year 4 Borambola Excursion

The Year 4 excursion will be **Wednesday to Friday of Week 9, Term 4 (3rd December to 5th December).**

The cost of the excursion is \$270. A deposit of \$50 has already been paid.

The remaining \$220 must be paid before Friday November 28th (end of week 8).

Canteen Roster – Term 4

Wednesday	22.10.14	Kellie Bordignon
Thursday	23.10.14	Help Needed
Friday	24.10.14	Josie Tapner
Monday	27.10.14	Neva Barber
Tuesday	28.10.14	Help Needed

Canteen News

Thank to everyone who has returned their rosters. We still need more helpers during Term 4.

A reminder that hats and library bags are available from the canteen. Both are \$16 each.

Also with the warm weather approaching we have sippah straws available in the mornings only. They are \$1.50 each.

Thanking you
Adele and Paulina
Canteen Supervisors

Year 6 Farewell – Meeting for Year 5 Parents

Thank you for your wonderful support shown at the recent meeting held to organise the Year 6 Farewell on Monday 15th December. We sincerely thank those parents who attended and others who have offered their services.

Last week a note was sent home asking you to indicate the ways in which you are able to assist with this function, either helping out or supplying food. If you have any queries, or you did not receive this note you are welcome to contact either the year 5 teachers, or our parent representative Jo Thorpe on 0432184977. Please complete and return the reply slip on your note to your child's class teacher by Friday 24th October.

Thanking you in anticipation of your support,
Year 5 teachers

Band Information Meeting

This afternoon at 5.30 there will be an Information Evening about starting a Band next year in the hall. The Griffith City Band will be here. This is a great opportunity for your child to learn a musical instrument.

SRC News



The SRC are conducting a guessing competition. There will be two items from which to guess the correct number, a lolly jar and a stationary bucket. If you can guess the correct number you will win either the lolly jar or the stationary set.

SRC representatives will be selling guesses (3 guesses for \$1) at both recess and lunch time in the K-2 and 3-6 playgrounds beginning on Wednesday 15th October. The competition will be drawn on Wednesday 22nd October. Please support our proactive SRC who would like to make further improvements to our playground. Remember 3 guesses for \$1.

Swimming Term 4

Our first week of swimming went very well. I would like to thank the students for their wonderful behaviour and listening and I am sure this will continue for the remainder of the lessons.

Yrs. 4, 5 and 6 – 1.20pm - Friday 24th October

Yrs. 2 and 3 – 2.00pm - Friday 24th October

Please ensure children have a towel, swimmers, goggles and a strong zip up bag. Please ensure all items are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Mrs Johnson

Managing your child's weight

It's all about family when it comes to influencing children's waistlines and no number of wonder diets can beat some simple changes at home.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/zh/wellbeing/fitness/managing-your-childs-weight>

Choosing the right school shoes

Can those school shoes last..one...more...term.....? And are the expensive ones REALLY better for your child's feet?

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/choosing-the-right-school-shoes>

Creative reading

If your child is full of great ideas, share these 22 slides to help them tell their stories. Pixar's 22 rules for great creative writing are brilliant!

<http://bit.ly/1fyxNK3>

Year 6 Market Day

Year 6 students have been planning a market day for Week 6 on Thursday the 13th of November. Year 6 students will run a number of market stalls during lunchtime on this day. These will include a popcorn stall and cake stall. Year 6 are planning some other great stalls too. All money raised from this event will go towards purchasing a Year 6 gift for our school. Year 6 students have been talking about what to buy and we have had some great suggestions, like a new drum kit or an art work. We will decide soon. More information about this fun day will be published in upcoming newsletters.

Griffith Show Winners



Congratulations to these students who received prizes for their artworks at the Griffith Show recently.