

North Weekly News

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Term 4 Week 4

Tuesday, 28 October 2014

Dates To Remember

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| Tues 4th Nov | K-2 Assembly 11.35 1M 3-6 Assembly 12.35 4M Kindergarten Orientation |
| Thurs 6th Nov | Year 6 High School Transition P&C Meeting 7.15pm |
| Mon 10th Nov | Griffith Debating Competition Final against BPS |
| Tues 11th Nov | K-2 Assembly 11.35 KC 3-6 Assembly 12.35 5A |
| Wed 12th Nov | CSIRO Science Performance |
| Thurs 13th Nov | Year 6 Market Day |
| Fri 14th Nov | Indigenous Award Night |
| Tues 18th Nov | K-2 Assembly 11.35 2/3Y 3-6 Assembly 12.35 2/3Y Year 5 and 6 Boys "Goodfellas" |

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.

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.



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SRC Guessing Competition

Congratulations to Fefiloi who correctly guessed 240 lollies in the lolly guessing competition.



Also congratulations to Eva-Rose who correctly guessed 203 in the stationery guessing competition.



Thank you to the SRC who made \$90.00 for our school.

The SRC's next fundraising event will be the School Disco on Wednesday 26th November. K-2 6.00-7.00pm and 3-6 7.00pm to 8.30pm.

World Teachers Day

This Friday 31st October is World Teachers' Day! I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our wonderful teachers for their outstanding dedication and professionalism that they display at Griffith North Public School! I appreciate all the extra activities and effort that they do, both in and outside of the classroom. The school is very lucky to have such wonderful teachers!

THANK YOU!

Student Welfare and Discipline

We are currently evaluating the Student Welfare and Discipline procedures and Positive Behaviour for learning (PBL) at GNPS. In order to find out what parents think about the student welfare, discipline and PBL we would like you to go to our website

www.griffithn-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au and go to the newsletter and click on the below link to complete a parent survey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/K6KQN3D>

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey, as we value your feedback.

Kindergarten Orientation

Orientation dates are:

Week 5: Tuesday 4th November 2014

We have one Kindergarten Orientation session left next week. The sessions have been going very well and the new kinders are settling in well. The morning session will run from 9.30am to 12pm and the afternoon will run from 12.30pm-3.00pm.



Writing School Notes

If your child is absent, you need to write a note within two days.

1. It must explain why your child missed school.
2. Include how many days your child was away.
3. Remember to include the date or dates.
4. Place this in your child's school bag.
5. Remind your child to give the note to the teacher.

If your child is going to be away for more than three days, please call the school to let the teacher know. **You will still need to write a note when your child returns to**

school.



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Assembly Awards - Week 4 Term 4

KD: Brooke, Penny, Victoria
KC: Lonoah, Brandon, Joshua
K-1V: James, Basti, Nevaeh
1M: Liam, Gisela, Kyahn
1-2M: Robbie, Savannah, Dylan
2BD: Justin, Brooke, Ava
2/3Y: Elisabeth, Paddy
3J: Jemma, Malina
4A: Abbie, Inapa
4M: Manav, Hiraina
5A: Sarah, Mark
5M: Ryan, Marco
5-6P: Osman, Matt
6M: Paige, Isaiah
6DM: Fatma, Elijah
Italian: Sa'ane, Jayden, Damian, Abbey

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.

Griffith High Year 7 Orientation

Griffith High School and Wade High School Orientation Day Year 7 2015 will be on Thursday 27th November, which is in Week 8. These are full days at both High Schools.

The last day for GHS morning transition will be Thursday 6th November Week 5.

Year 4 Borambola Excursion

A reminder that the remaining \$220 needs to be paid as soon as possible. Also a reminder that students must complete a 'Medical and Consent Form' on the Borambola website. This form needs to be completed by Wednesday 12th November. A note has gone home explaining this. A final information note will be sent home closer to the excursion in Week 9. If you have any questions or problems, please contact Mr Angel.

Stewart House

I went to Stewart House at the start of term on Tuesday 7th October. We had to meet at the information centre at 7.30am. We left on a bus at 7.55am. It took 9 hours to get to Sydney. We had to stop to pick up more people in Leeton, Whitton, Temora and Harden. Then we kept going till we got to Sydney.

When we got to Stewart House we had to get all of our bags then we went inside. The boys went with the boys and the girls went with the girls.

The boys and girls had to go to bed at 8pm or 8.30pm. We had to get up at 7am. We had breakfast, then assembly, and then we had to go to class. You could be in A-F. When you are in a class they can take you to the beach, museums, the zoos, the aquarium and the pool. We got to travel by ferry as well.

By Isaiah



Canteen Roster – Term 4

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| Wednesday | 29.10.14 | Help Needed |
| Thursday | 30.10.14 | Traci Ciampa |
| Friday | 31.10.14 | Josie Tapner |
| Monday | 03.11.14 | Neva Barber |
| Tuesday | 04.11.14 | Amanda Bordignon |

Canteen News

Thank you to the parents and grandparents who have been helping out at the canteen. We really appreciate your support, even if you only come for a short time to help with preparation or if you come to help serve.

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

Performance Force and Movement

On Wednesday 12th November all students from Kindergarten to Year 6 can attend the Science Show "Force and Movement" put on by the CSIRO. Permission notes and \$5 per student need to be returned to school by Tuesday 11th November, so your child can attend.

Year 6 Farewell

Thank you for the great response and support for the planning of the Year 6 Farewell dinner. Our second meeting to finalise plans for the Year 6 Farewell will take place on Wednesday 5th November at 3.15pm in Mrs Woodward's classroom.

We would greatly appreciate your attendance at this meeting as we finalise arrangements for catering and setting up and preparing invitations. Could those people organising quotes please bring them along to this meeting so final orders can be placed.

Thanking you for your support,
Year 5 teachers

Digital citizenship

We're the first generation of parents responsible for equipping our children with digital citizenship skills – how to use technology safely and responsibly, and how to evaluate, manage and use the information and tools they find online.

Here are some tips to get you started:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/using-technology/raising-good-digital-citizens>

New Resources

Thank you to the P&C who purchased new reading resources for the K-2 classrooms. We would like to know if there are any volunteers who would be able to cover our books with contact. Please see Mrs Braithwaite if you are able to assist.

Thanking you Mrs Braithwaite



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



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information about this fun day will be published in upcoming newsletters.

KC, K-1V and KD Classes Hard at Work

