

North Weekly News

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Term 4 Week 5

Tuesday, 4 November

Dates To Remember

Wed 5 th Nov	Year 5 Parent meeting for Year 6 Farewell
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
Tues 18 th Nov	K-2 Assembly 11.35 2/3Y 3-6 Assembly 12.35 2/3Y Year 5 and 6 Boys "Goodfellas"

Spelling Bee Finalist

On Wednesday 5th November (tomorrow) Muntasir of 2/3Y will compete at the State Spelling Bee final in Sydney. He will be representing GNPS and the Griffith Zone. I would like to wish Muntasir all the best and we look forward to hearing about his achievements. GOOD LUCK!



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 the parent survey.

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

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

Griffith Debating Competition

On Monday 10th November GNPS will be hosting the Griffith Debating Final. Our Year 6 Team will be debating against Beelbanger PS in the school hall at 9.30. I would like to wish our Year 6 debaters all the best and thank Mrs Delves and Mrs Woodward for all their efforts in getting our debaters ready for this debate. Parents are welcome to come along and watch the debate.



Kindergarten Orientation 2015

Today was our last day for Kindergarten Orientation. It has been lovely seeing all the 2015 Kinders settling in and having a good time at their new school. I would like to thank Mrs Crawford, Mrs De Paoli and Mrs Aitken for all their efforts in organising Kindergarten Orientation and making our new Kinders feel so welcome. We look forward to the new Kinders returning next year to start their education with us at GNPS!



Music Count Us In

Last Thursday all our students from Kindergarten to Year 6 participating in Music Count Us In, where they sang "Paint You a Song" along with over 500 000 students and teachers across Australia. It was fantastic hearing all our students singing and participating in such a great event. I would like to thank Mr Pendlebury for all his efforts in coordinating this for our students.



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 needs to be returned to school by Tuesday 11th November, so your child can attend.

Year 6 Market Day

On Thursday 13th November Year 6 students will be holding a Market Day. This will be a 'crazy hat' and casual day. Students are asked to bring a gold coin donation. After lunch on this day, students from K-5 will be able to buy goodies from market stalls organised and run by Year 6 students. There will be a cake stall, face painting, popcorn, soft drink spiders, chocolate spiders, lolly bags and a fruit bar. All money raised by this event will go towards the purchase of a gift to the school from our Year 6 students.



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Assembly Awards - Week 5 Term 4

KD: Harry, Pita, Elsiva
KC: Sienna, Junior, Denis
K-1V: Sania, William, Zac
1M: Debarun, Charlotte, Tasnia
1-2M: Kieran, Mitavale, Aryan
2BD: Kaeli, Ava, Taylah
2/3Y: Oscar, Jayden
3J: Asenaca, Zach
4A: Amber, Nobeljit
4M: Leo, Ella
5A: Lara, Tamia
5M: Caleb, Brianna
5-6P: Brianna, Eliza
6M: Tala, Aisea
6DM: Jenai, Sione

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 Miss Bourne 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 Miss Bourne at school.

School Plan for 2015-2017

Thank you to the parents who we have already rung for your contributions to our forward planning. We will continue to ring over the next couple of weeks. 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.

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.

New Resources

We would like to thank the parent volunteers who have been covering our new reading resources for K-2. It is greatly appreciated. We still have quite a few more readers, so if you would like to volunteer to cover our books with contact please see Mrs Braithwaite.

Thanking you Mrs Braithwaite



Canteen Roster – Term 4

Wednesday	05.11.14	Help Needed
Thursday	06.11.14	Help Needed
Friday	07.11.14	Help Needed
Monday	10.11.14	Neva Barber
Tuesday	11.11.14	Leah DeMarco

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. Our next Hot Chip Day will be Wednesday 19th November.

Thanking you
Adele and Paulina
Canteen Supervisors

P&C News

Our next P&C Meeting will be held on Thursday 6th November at 7.15pm in the staff room. We will be discussing the organisation of carols, which is on Thursday 11th December. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Thanking you
Tamara Minato
P&C President

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 this 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

Monster Trucks by 1M

On Wednesday afternoon the whole of GNPS came to Apex Park in the afternoon to see the Monster Trucks. Rusty and Troy came to talk to us about listening very hard to our teachers and to our parents and then you can do whatever you want to do when you are a grownup. When Rusty did not get to do what he wanted to do, he did something else.

By Charlotte

On Wednesday we went to Apex Park. We went to look at the Monster Truck. Everyone was listening. We had to cross the road to go to Apex. They had to work hard and they were also talking about the Monster Trucks. Some people are going to the show on Saturday. They are going to bring five trucks and they are also going to bring the Monster Truck.

By Tasnia

On Wednesday Griffith North Public School students went to Apex with Troy and Rusty. They were talking about Monster Trucks. Troy was the Australian Champion. Rusty was talking about when they were kids and they said to each other that they wanted to be Monster Truck drivers. But Rusty didn't get to be a monster truck driver because he had a test drive but he didn't pass it.

They were going to bring five trucks to the show. There are twenty monster trucks in Australia. The monster truck that came was called "Convict." Then at the end we got a photo.

By Mitchell



Monster Trucks by KD



Yesterday afternoon we went to see the monster trucks and Rusty is still following his dreams.

By Vinnie

Yesterday afternoon we went to see the Monster Truck. The Monster Truck had to stay on the big blue truck because it could not drive on the road. I think it was too big.

By Brooke

Yesterday afternoon we went to see the monster trucks. Its wheels were bigger than car wheels!

By Eva – Rose

Yesterday afternoon we went to see the monster truck. I would like to get up in the monster truck.

By Saritia

Amazing Goal by Jade!

Jaide Suine kicked a spectacular goal in an indoor soccer match on Friday. This is how it happened; Jade was the goalie and she stopped a goal. She then kicked the ball, from her goal line, the full length



of the indoor soccer field, through nineteen players and into the net at the other end! The players (and Mr Angel) went wild with excitement! Congratulations Jade on a memorable sporting moment.