

North Weekly News

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Term 1 Week 2

Tuesday, 4 February 2014

Dates To Remember

Thurs 6 th Feb	P&C Meeting 7.15pm
Tues 11 th Feb	Captains and House Captains Induction
Wed 12 th Feb	AFL Clinics
	NRL Canberra Raiders Visits 10.30am
Thurs 13 th Feb	GNPS Swimming Carnival
Thurs 27 th Feb	Griffith Zone Swimming Carnival
Fri 28 th Feb	Clean Up Australia Day
Mon 10 th Mar	Riverina Swimming Carnival

Welcome to 2014

A warm welcome to the 2014 school year is extended to all of our families especially those joining us for the first time. We are looking forward to a great year at GNPS and hope we will be able to work together to provide a wonderful year whilst creating positive educational experiences for your child.

Last Thursday we had 50 Kindergarten students enrol at GNPS. It was wonderful to see them so keen and eager, ready to start school.

This term will be another busy term with swimming carnivals, cross country, parent information meetings, Easter activities and lots more. A term 1 calendar will be sent home with the dates we have already booked for term 1.



Welcome Kindergarten 2014!

Welcome to our wonderful new Kindergarten students and their families. We know you will have a wonderful time whilst you are part of our wonderful learning community.



Staff News

This year Mrs Braithwaite will be working 4 days a week, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Mrs Debreceeny will teach 2BD on Mondays. Mrs Higgins will be taking another 12 months leave. Mrs Webb and her family will be moving to Belmont. She will continue at GNPS until 28th Feb and will settle the class into their routines. I am currently in the process of finding another teacher for 5A. Mrs Webb will work closely with the new teacher to ensure a smooth transition for our students.

Class for 2014

We have started the year with 15 classes, however we are still finalising our numbers as not all students have returned to school yet. We are hoping to have this sorted by the end of the week. A full list of staff and their classes will be in next week's newsletter. Please try to come in and meet your child's teacher as soon as possible and become involved in what is happening at the school.



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2014 School Leaders

Captains and Prefects

Our 2014 Captains and Prefects are;

Captains: Alyce, Bryn

Vice-Captains: Alice, Elijah

Prefects: Muntaqim, Damon Cosson, Carla, Molly.



House Captains

At last week's House Meeting the following Year 6 students were elected as House captains for 2014.

Congratulations to House Captains for 2014:

Macarthur



Captains – BJ, Mele

Vice Captains – Jordan, Lilly

Yoolooma



Captains – Ioane, Brianna

Vice Captains – Keedan, Sophie

Kooba



Captains – Darcy, Natalie

Vice Captains – Olivah, Tayla

Boonah



Captains – Aisea, Jade

Vice Captains – Richard, Jorja

We are sure that these students will be outstanding leaders for GNPS and will carry out their duties beautifully! They will be inducted in a special assembly on Tuesday 11th February at 12.35pm. (Next week)

Hot Weather

During last week's and this week's hot weather, students have had the choice of the hall, library or to sit and play quietly in the shade during lunch times. APEX has been cancelled as it was too hot for students. This will continue with any other hot weather this term. The welfare of our students is of upmost importance to the staff at GNPS!

P&C Meeting

Our first P&C Meeting for the year is being held this Thursday night at 7.15pm in the staffroom. All parents from Kindergarten to Year 6 are invited to attend. We will be discussing the sports uniform

and the purchasing of playground equipment for our students. I look forward to seeing as many parents as possible there!

School Uniform

It is wonderful to see the majority of students return to school in their correct uniform. A reminder that rabbits are not allowed to be worn to school. Black closed in shoes are to be worn.

The only jewellery to be worn are plain sleepers/studs only (other jewellery accepted for religious or medical reasons only)

No nail polish is to be worn.



Parent Information Meetings

This year teachers will be holding Parent Information meetings. These will be held over the next few weeks. Teachers will send home individual class letters with their times on them in the next few days. These meetings are a great opportunity to meet your child's teacher and to find out what will be happening in your child's classroom this year.

Have a wonderful week

Susan Bourne

Principal

Assembly Awards - Term 1 Week 2

KC: Ryan, Azeage, Tyeishia

KD: Ida, Vinnie, Anthony

K-1V: Jay, Grace, William

1M: Lily, Harrison, Tasnia

1-2M: Dylan, Hailey, Caleb

2BD: Ava, Maison, Montana

2/3Y: Todd

3Y: Jasmine

3J: Noah, Heemani

4A: Lacey, Tristan

4M: Arshdeep, Ella

5W: Oscar, Jessica

5M: Connor, Rebekah

5-6P: Matt, Osman

6M: Ellie, Isaiah

6DM: Fatma, Liam

Italian Awards: Susanah, Isabel, Muntaqim, Robert

Canteen News Welcome Back

Firstly, I hope everyone had a great relaxing holiday and are ready to get back into the swing of things.

We have a lot of unclaimed containers, trays, tea towels etc. left in the canteen as of last year, could they please be picked up ASAP.

Just a reminder that all, lunch orders must be in by 11.00 am to avoid any disappointments.

The 2014 Canteen rosters have gone out last term. If anyone is interested in helping in the canteen or making a cake, slice etc. It would be greatly appreciated. ***Please hand in your Rosters ASAP.***

Due to price increases Fruit Boxes will be \$1.50 and Water Bottles will be \$1.50 as of Wednesday 29th January 2014.

Swimming Carnival

On Thursday 13th February 2014 GNPS will be conducting its annual swimming carnival which is being held at the Griffith Aquatic Centre. All students from Years 3-6 are expected to attend, along with the Year 2 students, who are turning 8, who have indicated they are able to swim in races. Buses will be leaving at 9.25am.

Please return permission note and money by Monday 10th February 2014.

2014 Excursion to Ballarat and Bendigo

A note was sent home with students from Year 5 and 6 about our excursion to Ballarat and Bendigo. Our excursion has been planned for the end of term 1, from **April 7-10**. This is the final week of term 1. The excursion will support outcomes from various key learning areas, and focuses on the effects of the discovery of gold on Australian history and democracy. The excursion will be a valuable learning experience for all students who attend.

The cost of the excursion will be approximately \$350. An accurate cost will be provided as soon as the details of the excursion and student numbers are confirmed. **We require a deposit of \$100 to confirm your child's participation in the excursion.** Please pay your deposit by **Friday 14th February 2014**.

The balance of payment can be made in instalments or as a lump sum once the cost of the excursion has been finalised. Complete payment will be expected by Friday 28th March 2014.

Any parent who foresees difficulty with finance, including payment of the deposit, is invited to ring Miss Bourne as soon as possible. No late deposits will be accepted, so if you foresee any difficulties with paying the deposit, please contact Miss Bourne immediately.

More detailed information regarding the excursion will be provided as soon as student numbers are finalised.

Developing the Borrowing Habit

For children to develop the habit of borrowing library books they need to borrow and return books on a regular basis. This can be achieved by reminding children the night before their library day to get their library books and library bag ready for school. Notes go home when books are overdue and parents can help by checking bags on a regular basis.



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Library Bags

It is a good idea for all students to use a library bag to help protect our books and keep track of them. Library bags are available from the school canteen @ \$12.00. Other commercial or home-made library bags are also acceptable. Plastic grocery bags are not acceptable.

All Kindergarten, Year 1 & 2 students need a library bag to borrow from the school library.



Soccer Registration

Yoogali 2014 Soccer Club

Register Now from U6 to open's Boys and Girls. Saturday 8th and 15th February 2014. At Griffith Leagues Club on the Alpen Terrace, from 10.00 pm to 2.30 pm. For more information please call Amelia Donadel 0411725535 or Paul Fisher 0401704717