

North Weekly News

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Term 1 Week 5

Tuesday, 25 February

Dates To Remember

Thurs 27th Feb	Griffith Zone Swimming Carnival
Fri 28th Feb	Clean Up Australia Day School Council Nominations Due
Tues 4th Mar	K-2 Assembly- 1/2M 3-6 Assembly- 6DM
Mon 10th Mar	Riverina Swimming Carnival
Tues 11th Mar	K-2 Assembly- KC 3-6 Assembly- 4A
Tues 18th Mar	Harmony Day K-6 Assembly K/1V and 6M
Wed 19th Mar	Yrs 5 & 6 Girls Enlighten Education Day Trent Barrett Shield Years 3&4
Tues 25th Mar	K-2 Assembly- 1M 3-6 Assembly- 5M
Mon 31st Mar	Young Leaders Conference

Mrs Webb

This is Mrs Webb's last week with us at GNPS, as she will be moving to Belmont.

I would like to thank Mrs Webb for her hard work and dedication to GNPS for the past eight years. She has displayed an outstanding commitment to our students and their education and welfare.

On behalf of the GNPS community I would like to wish Rev Webb and Mrs Webb all the best with their move to Belmont and wish them all the best for their future.

GOODBYE and GOODLUCK! We will miss you!

Zone Swimming Carnival

This Thursday 27th Feb will be the Griffith Zone Swimming Carnival. It will be held at the Griffith Aquatic Centre.

There are 28 students representing GNPS at this carnival. I would like to wish these students all the best at the Zone Carnival.



School Council

Parent Representative Required

School Council nominations are now being called for two parent representative position on the Griffith North Public School, School Council. Information about the School Council and nomination forms are available from the front office. Nominations must be returned to Janet at the GNPS front office by 4:00 pm on Friday 28th Feb. If you have any questions in regards to the school council, please contact the school on 6962 1043.



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Bus Zone Working Party Meeting

Yesterday Tamara Minato, Amanda Bordignon, Leanne Roser and I attended the Bus Zone Working Party meeting, to discuss the bus zone issues.

At the meeting it was agreed by all stakeholders that Griffith North Public School's bus zone would stay the same and that we would continue to be picked up after St Pats. I would like to thank Tamara, Amanda and Leanne for their support during the working party meetings.

2014 Voluntary School Contribution

- \$30.00 for 1 student attending GNPS (\$0.75 cents per week if you have one child :)
- \$55.00 for 2 students from the same family attending GNPS (\$1.38 – 69 cents per day per child)
- \$75.00 for 3 or more students from the same family attending GNPS (\$1.87 – 63 cents per day per child)

Please note that all contributions – no matter how large or small – are greatly appreciated.

Parking around the School

Please make sure you are parking in the correct areas. Only cars with a "disabled parking" sticker are allowed to park in the disabled car parks. Also please ensure that when using the "drop off" zones that you drive in and let your children out of the car on the curb side only.

School Uniform

It is wonderful to see so many students wearing their correct school uniform. A reminder that **rabens** 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)

Have a wonderful week

Susan Bourne

Principal



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Assembly Awards - Term 1 Week 5

KD:	Kairangi, Martha, Cody
KC:	Lauren, Marley, Joshua
K-1V:	Frank, Tyler, Kellee-Rose
1M:	Liam, Shaylo, Mitchell
1/2M:	Savannah, Aryan, Holley
2BD:	Cameron, Maddison, Brock
2/3Y:	Chelsea, Teagan
3J:	Lachlan, Ella
4A:	Dakota, Tyler
4M:	Enzo, Madysen
5W:	Jmella, Damien
5M:	Brendan, Stephen
5-6P:	Callum, Brianna
6M:	Mikayla, Paige
6DM:	Liam, Hayley
Italian Awards: Isabel, Jemimah, Yuri, Josevata	

PBL News

This week our PBL lessons will focus on the expectations at bus lines, the hall and at APEX.

- Bus lines - students need to sit in their lines and wait quietly;
- Hall - students need to listen to their teachers for instructions; and
- APEX - At second half students from Years 2-6 who want to go to APEX need to wait at the gate in two lines for the teacher, who will take them to APEX.

Please talk to your child at home about their PBL lessons with their buddy class.



University of NSW Computer, Science, Mathematics, English, Writing and Spelling Competitions 2014

Students in Years 3-6 are invited to participate in the University of NSW Competitions. The competitions are: Computer (Years 3 & 6), Science (Yrs 3-6), Maths (Yrs 3-6), English (Yrs 3-6), Spelling (Yrs 3-6) and Writing (Yrs 3-6). The entry fee for each competition is \$8.00 per student except for spelling which is \$11.00 and Writing \$17.00. Entries to all competitions must be to the school by **Thursday 27th March 2014**. Payment can be made using cash or cheque. **Cheques should be crossed and made payable to Griffith North Public School.**

Technology News

Our 2013 T4L rollout computers have arrived and are presently being installed in the class. This is a great opportunity to update many of our computers that are out of warranty and give the students the chance to use the latest hardware. We don't realise how slow the old ones are until we use the latest version!

Mathletics

The school has purchased a subscription to Mathletics an online program similar to Reading Eggs. This will support the students' learning in mathematics in the classroom in an engaging format. Students will be bringing home their user name and password for both Mathletics and Reading Eggs so they are encouraged to use the program at home. This is a trial for 12 months and we will review its benefits at the end of the year. It is a great way to reinforce the concepts learnt at school in an interesting way.



Canteen Roster – Term 1

Wednesday	26.2.14	Tracy Ciampa
Thursday	27.2.14	Help Needed
Friday	28.2.14	Josie Tapner, Denise Robinson
Monday	03.3.14	Neva Barber, Leah De Marco
Tuesday	04.3.14	Tamara Minato

Canteen News

Please make sure you are using the 2014 Menu with the correct prices. If you do not have an up to date menu please come and collect one. A reminder, that it costs 30 cents to have something toasted at the canteen. Please include this in the price when ordering your child's lunch.

We are now selling banana milk instead of ice coffee milks.

Thank you to all the parents and caregivers who have been helping out in the canteen. We really appreciate all your support and your children love seeing you there!

Thanking you
Adele and Paulina
Canteen Supervisors

P&C News

Our next fundraising activity for GNPS P&C is a Pie Drive. Order forms are enclosed in today's newsletter. Orders and money are due by Friday 14th March. Pies will be delivered on Tuesday 8th April after school. I hope everyone will support this fundraising activity for our school and students!

Thank you to the parents who have returned the Sport Uniform Survey. These survey forms need to be returned to school by Friday if you would like the opportunity to have your say about the Sport Uniform.

Our next meeting will be our Annual General Meeting, which will be held on Thursday 6th March at 7.15 in the staffroom.

Thanking you
Tamara Minato
P&C President

Griffith Central and the Area News \$5000 Shop for Your Local School and WIN Promotion

Griffith Central and the Area News are offering schools the opportunity to win a chance at cash in their new "Shop for Your School" promotion. This promotion will run from Monday 10th March and run through until Friday 9th May.

How does it work?

Customers collect a coupon from any issue of The Area News. Customers will receive a sticker when they make a purchase of \$10 or more at Griffith Central. They then place the sticker on their entry form and nominate the Griffith North Public School, as the school they would like to see get the cash. They can then place the completed entry into the orange barrel at Griffith Central.

On Friday May 9, the first two correct entries drawn will win.

- **First Prize:** \$3000 cash for the school and \$700 Griffith Central Gift Vouchers, for the customer who submitted the entry;
- **Second Prize:** \$2000 cash for the school and \$500 Griffith Central Gift Vouchers, for the customer who submitted the entry.

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.

Helpers Needed

Parent helpers are needed to cover books in the Library. If you would like to help please see Mrs Fordham in the Library.



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When lunch comes home again – uneaten

Almost nine out of 10 Australian parents say children's resistance is a major obstacle in their efforts to provide a healthy diet, and in many cases school lunches are one of the battlegrounds. But it's a battle families can do without and there are some simple steps to help avoid it.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/food/when-lunch-comes-homeagain>

Help with English

Does your child need help with spelling or writing? Here are some resources that may help.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english>

Maths

Struggling to remember everything you learnt in maths? If you need a refresher course, here are some tips and tools to help you to help your child.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/mathematics>


Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

to increase your veggies

Eat vegetables throughout the day
It's hard to get all your veggies at dinner. Try veggie sticks with low-fat dip like guacamole or salsa, or veggie pancakes - mix creamed corn, grated zucchini or carrot into pikelet batter before cooking.



Decrease the meat in your meals and add more vegetables
For a family of four all you need is 400g of lean meat, fish or poultry per meal. Top up with lots of extra veg.
Hint: chickpeas, lentils and beans are rich in protein and will help curb big appetites!

Add vegetables to all your meals
Meals that are easy to add extra veg to are casseroles, stir-fries, pizzas, even the humble omelette!

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