

North Weekly News

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Term 1 Week 6

Thursday, 6 March 2014

Dates To Remember

Thurs 6 th Mar	P&C AGM 7.15pm
Mon 10 th Mar	Riverina Swimming Carnival School Council AGM 5.30pm
Tues 11 th Mar	K-2 Assembly- KC 3-6 Assembly- 4A
Tues 18 th Mar	Harmony Day K-6 Assembly K/1V and 6M
Wed 19 th Mar	Yrs. 5 & 6 Girls Enlighten Education Day Trent Barrett Shield Years 3&4
Tues 25 th Mar	K-2 Assembly- 1M 3-6 Assembly- 5M
Mon 31 st Mar	Young Leaders Conference
Tues 1 st April	K-2 Assembly- 2/3Y Yr 5&6 Bronze Awards

Staff News

I would like to welcome Miss Jessie Wythes to Griffith North Public School. Miss Wythes will be teaching 5A for the remainder of the year. She met the class last week and worked with Mrs Webb before she left.



Congratulations to Miss Mayberry who has been successful in gaining the Itinerant Support Teacher-Vision, based at Yoogali Public School. She will continue at GNPS until Friday 14th March. Miss Laura Petrulli will teach 1/2M for the remainder of the year. Miss Mayberry and Miss Petrulli will work closely to ensure a smooth transition for our students.



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GNPS Swimmers Excel at Zone Swimming Carnival

I would like to congratulate the GNPS Zone Swimming team for their performance and sportsmanship at last Thursday's Zone Carnival. They all participated and tried their very best!

Congratulations to Victoria McLeod who was the Junior Girl Champion at the Zone Carnival. This is a wonderful achievement.

We have 5 students going to Riverina Carnival on Monday 10th March to represent GNPS and the Griffith Zone; Victoria; 10 years 50m freestyle, Junior Girls Breaststroke, Junior Girls Backstroke, Junior Girls Butterfly, Junior Girls IM and the Junior Girls Relay team. Jade; Senior Girls Backstroke and Madyson, Matilda and Adelaide who are in the junior girls relay team! Good luck Girls!



Parent Teacher Interviews

This term teachers will be holding their parent teacher interviews. These will be held during weeks 8, 9 and 10 of this term. 5A and 1/2M will be held at the beginning of term 2, due to the change in teacher. Each class teacher will send home their dates and times.

School Council

In 2014 we have 4 members of the School Council stepping down from their positions. I would like to thank Mrs Jenny Tyrrell, Mrs Sandra Woolnough, Mrs Suzi Triggs and Ms Di Maloni for their contributions over the past few years as parent and staff representatives on the GNPS School Council.

I would like to welcome Mrs Liz Johnstone who was nominated and has accepted the position of parent representative on the GNPS School Council. I would also like to welcome Mrs Anne-Maree Young and Mrs Kim De Paoli as our new staff representatives. There is still one parent representative position unfilled. If you are interested please contact the school.

The School Council's next meeting will be held on Monday 10th March at 5.30pm.

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 kerb side only.

Susan Bourne

Principal

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.**

Assembly Awards - Term 1 Week 6

KD:	Julia, Jack, Elisiva
KC:	Relisha, Mitchell, Kaiden
K-1V:	Harry, James, Matthew
1M:	Riley, Thomas, George
1/2M	Tabitha, Jonah, Abraam
2BD:	Emily, Ava, Lincoln
2/3Y:	Alex, Feletoa
3J:	Nakita, Aoibhinn
4A:	Renee, Yuri
4M:	Cayden, Kiara
5M:	Ryan, Brianna
5A:	Luke, Abbey
5-6P:	Richard, Tahli
6M:	Bryn, Sophie
6DM:	Mercy, Hailey
Italian Awards:	Piper, Cooper, Jorja, Charlotte

"Clean Up Australia"

On Friday 28th February all students from GNPS participated in Schools Clean-up Day. All classes had a different part of the school and surrounding boundaries to clean up. Students were excited and proud to do their "little bit" to help keep our environment clean and safe.

These types of activities in our school environment help develop a sense of pride, ownership and belief that we can all make a positive difference to the world in which we live. Thank you to all the students and teachers for your continued support of these events



2014 Voluntary School Contribution

Thank you to the families who have already paid their voluntary School Contributions. It is greatly appreciated. A reminder for those who have not paid your voluntary school contribution that it is;

- \$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.

Sport News Tennis Trials

On Friday 28th February Natalie, Conner and Rebekah Welch went to the Griffith Tennis courts to try out for the Zone Tennis team. Congratulations to Natalie who was selected to try out for the Riverina Team.



Netball Trials

This Thursday Ellie, Jade, Georgia, Carla and Ella will be trialling for the Griffith Zone Netball Team. I would like to wish the girls all the best for the day.



Canteen Roster – Term 1

Wednesday	05.3.14	Judy Peruzzi,
Thursday	06.3.14	Amanda Bordignon
Friday	07.3.14	Josie Tapner
		Ann Scroop
Monday	10.3.14	Neva Barber
Tuesday	11.3.14	Olivia Gee

Canteen News

Next Wednesday 12th we will be having a “Spider Day” at recess. Large are \$1.50 and small \$1. 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.

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

PBL News

This week our PBL lessons will focus on the being in the correct area. Please talk to your child at home about their PBL lessons with their buddy class.

P&C News

This Thursday 6th March is our AGM. The meeting will be held at 7.15 in the staffroom. We will also be discussing the results of the sports uniform survey that were due back last Friday.

Last week we sent home the Pie Drive Order forms. These are due back with the correct money on Friday 14th March. The pies will be ready for pick up on Tuesday 8th April at 3pm from the school hall, just in time for the school holidays! The family who orders the most pies will receive four free movie tickets, so start ordering and getting your friends orders as well!

Thanking you
Tamara Minato

P&C President

2014 Excursion to Ballarat and Bendigo

The final cost of the Ballarat and Bendigo Excursion is \$400. Thank you to the parents and caregivers who paid their **deposit of \$100 to confirm their child's participation in the excursion.**

The balance of payment can be made in instalments or as a lump sum. Complete payment will be expected by Friday 28th March 2014.

Any parent, who foresees difficulty with finance, is invited to ring Miss Bourne as soon as possible.

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 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.



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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 @ \$16.00. 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.

Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

to get kids in the kitchen

Cooking in the kitchen is a great time to catch up with your kids, and get them involved in fruit and veg preparation. Try our top 10 tips for getting kids into the kitchen:

1. Washing vegies
2. Setting the table
3. Mixing the salad
4. Mashing potato
5. Putting toppings on pizzas
6. Choosing and adding fillings to sandwiches
7. Measuring frozen vegies before cooking
8. Picking fruit and veg from the garden
9. Unpacking shopping from the supermarket
10. Get older kids to help peel or chop fruit and vegetables

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