

North Weekly News

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Term 1 Week 8

Tuesday, 18 March 2014

Dates To Remember

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
Fri 4 th April	GNPS Cross Country
Mon 7 th - 10 th	5/6 Ballarat and Bendigo Excursion
Tues 8 th April	K-2 Bronze Awards 11.35 Year 3&4 Bronze Awards 12.35
Fri 11 th April	Rugby Union Gala Day K-2 Easter Hat Parade 12.00 Last Day of Term 1

Staff News

I would like to welcome Miss Laura Petrulli to Griffith North Public School. Miss Petrulli will be teaching 1-2M for the remainder of the year. Miss Mayberry and Miss Petrulli have been working together to ensure a smooth transition for our students.



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.

Harmony Day

Today GNPS celebrated Harmony Day. It's a day where all Australians celebrate our cultural diversity. The day is also the United Nation's International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

Harmony Day gives people the opportunity to celebrate what makes each Australian unique and share what we have in common.

The continuing message is that **Everyone Belongs**. It's a time to reflect on where Australia has come from, recognising the traditional owners of this land. It's also about community participation, inclusiveness and respect – celebrating the different cultures that make Australia a great place to live.

Today students had the opportunity to participate in different art activities from different cultures, such as Indian, Fijian and Italian. I would like to thank Miss Mason for all her organisation of this event for our students!



Writing school notes

If your child is absent, you need to write a note within seven 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.**

Acceptable Reasons for Your Child being Absent from School

A small number of absences may be accepted. For example, if your child:

- has to go to a special religious ceremony
- is required to attend a serious or urgent family situation (e.g. a funeral)
- is too sick to go to school or has an infectious illness.

Have a wonderful week

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.**



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Assembly Awards - Term 1 Week 8

KD: Penny, Cody, Victoria

KC: Lane, Tyeshia, Lauren

K-1V: Jesse, Tess, Zac

1M: Kylah, Shakiya, Debarun

1/2M: Caleb, Rose, Hayley

2BD: Himanashu, Tre, Kaleb

2/3Y: Elisabeth, Will

3J: Billy, Isabell

4A: Adelaide, Yuri

4M: Charlie, Victoria

5M: Noa, Jenna

5W: Corben, Seth

5-6P: Keedan, Jemimah

6M: Taylah, Connor

6DM: Sione, Laura

Italian Awards: Isaiah, Callum, Susannah, Feletoa

Library class timetable

Classes come to the library on a regular timetable to exchange books and to do research. The library is also open before school and at the second half of lunch time every day. Books may be returned or borrowed at these times as well as during their library lessons. Parents can help their children develop the borrowing habit by reminding the children the night before to get their books ready to take to school.

Monday

2/3Y, KD, KC, 6DM

Tuesday

3J, 1M, 6M

Wednesday

4A, K/1V, 2BD, 5W

Thursday

4M, ELSC, 5/6P

Friday

1/2M, 5M

Is your child a reader?

If not, here is a great blog that may help – The big book case - Everything you need to know about turning your child into a reader.

<http://bigbookcase.wordpress.com/category/the-reading-rules/>

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.

Knitting/Yarn Bombing



Writing from K/1V about Yarn Bombing

Today Jo bought knitting and there was a red back spider on the sun. She bought big balls of cotton wool.

By Matthew

Today Jo came to visit with some knitting and she has a blanket. We had a feel, the knitting was good to and my class and I liked it to and Alexia, Nevaeh and me.

By Porsha

Today Jo came to visit my class. She taught us how to knit and I touched it. My favourite was the ball.

By Callym

Canteen Roster – Term 1

Wednesday	19.3.14	Tara Payne
Thursday	20.3.14	Kellie Bordignon
Friday	21.3.14	Josie Tapner
Monday	24.3.14	Neva Barber
		Kirsty Hicks
Tuesday	25.3.14	Kylie Foord

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.

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

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

Thank you to everyone who returned their Pie Drive Order Forms last week. We had 650 orders so that is wonderful that so many people are supporting our school!

The pies will be ready for pick up on Tuesday 8th April at 3pm from the school hall.

Thanking you

Tamara Minato

P&C President

Sport News Soccer

Congratulations to Jorja, Darcy, Elijah, who were selected in the Griffith Zone Soccer teams last week. They now go on to try out for Riverina Soccer.



Rugby League Trials

Congratulations to the following boys who were selected in the Griffith/Leeton Zone Rugby League team last Friday;

Under 11's - Dylan. Opens - Keedan and Ioane. This is a wonderful achievement.



Trent Barrett Shield

Tomorrow we have four teams from Years 3 and 4 participating in Trent Barrett Shield. The two girls' teams will be participating in Tag League and the two boys' teams will be participating in Rugby League. Thank you to Ms Maloni and Mr Parisotto who have been coaching the teams.



Tennis Trials

Congratulations to Natalie, who was selected in the Riverina Tennis Team last week.



Come one, Come all!

K-2 Easter Hat Parade

When: Friday 11th April
12:00 noon

Where: GNPS school hall

Come along to the hall and join in the fun of the Easter Hat Parade. Students will parade their amazing Easter hats, entertain you with lots of singing and there may even be a surprise visit from the Easter Bunny! Be in the chance to win a fantastic Easter hamper!! Tickets will on sale soon.

Remembering our Ex-servicemen & Women on ANZAC Day in a special way

The Griffith cemetery is the final resting place for 1001 known ex-servicemen and women. The Griffith RSL since 2010 with the help of the community remembers each of these ex-servicemen and women on ANZAC Day by placing a small white cross and a flower on each grave.

Following the ANZAC Day service in the park, the community and students in particular are invited to visit the Griffith Cemetery and place the provided flowers on the graves marked with little white crosses.

Prior to ANZAC Day, Tuesday 22nd April High School students are asked to assist placing white crosses on the graves.

In 2013 not one of the marked graves went without a flower placed upon it.

The Griffith RSL looks forward to our community, particularly our school students, ensuring that those who have served their country are not forgotten. Donations of flowers will also be gratefully accepted. For more information please contact Ron Anson (6964 1715 or 0497 157 437).