

# North Weekly News

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Term 1 Week 9

Tuesday, 25 March 2014

## Dates To Remember

Mon 31 <sup>st</sup> Mar	Young Leaders Conference
Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> April	K-2 Assembly- 2/3Y Yr 5&6 Bronze Awards
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	P&C meeting 7.15
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> April	GNPS Cross Country
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> - 10 <sup>th</sup>	5/6 Ballarat and Bendigo Excursion
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> April	School Council Meeting 5.30
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup> April	K-2 Bronze Awards 11.35 Year 3&4 Bronze Awards 12.35 Pies Handed out from Pie Drive from hall
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> April	Rugby Union Gala Day K-2 Easter Hat Parade 12.00 Last Day of Term 1
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> April	ANZAC Day March in Griffith 10.30am
Term 2	
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> April	School Development Day for Staff
Tues 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Term 2 Resumes for Students School ANZAC Day Assembly 4M
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	GNPS K-6 Athletics Carnival

## 2014 Debating Teams

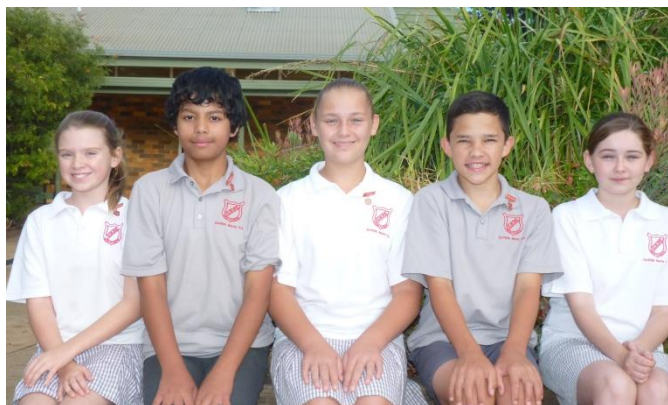
Congratulations to the following students who have been selected in the GNPS Debating Teams for 2014. These students will be working hard with Mrs Delves getting ready for the 2014 debating competitions that will begin next term.

### Year 5 Debating Team



Jemima, Ryan, Samuel, Georgie and Ella.

### Year 6 Debating Team



Laura, Elijah, Muntaqim, Alice and Alyce.

## Attendance

Did you know that if a student misses as little as eight days in every school term, by the end of primary school they will have missed over a year of education?

In New South Wales, all children from six years of age are legally required to attend school.

Children are expected to attend all school activities, on time. Regular attendance helps your child to:

- develop the skills needed to access the world of work and other opportunities
- learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- make and keep friendships.

If your child has to be absent from school, you must tell the school and provide a reason for your child's absence.

Have a great 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 27<sup>th</sup> March 2014**. Payment can be made using cash or cheque. **Cheques should be crossed and made payable to Griffith North Public School.**

## 2014 Excursion to Ballarat and Bendigo - Full Payment Due

All students have returned their medical and permission notes now, so thank you very much. Final payment for the excursion will need to be finalised by this **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March**.

## Holiday dates

Please note the last day of term one is Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April with school resuming on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April for students.

## 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/>

## Encyclopaedia Britannica

GNPS students and their families have **FREE** access to Encyclopaedia Britannica through the school portal at home. The students need to log into the NSW DEC portal Kidspace and on their home page click on MY LIBRARY and in the centre of the screen will be a hotlink to Encyclopaedia Britannica.

## Assembly Awards - Term 1 Week 9

**KD:** Brooke, Raja, Jezaiah  
**KC:** Denis, Dylan, Zoe  
**K-1V:** Porsha, Omair, Stephanie  
**1M:** Prabhdeep, Meli, Sophie  
**1/2M** Mariam, Kieran, Liliana  
**2BD:** Ezra, Cameron, Kaleb  
**2/3Y:** Issa, Hamza  
**3J:** Navjot, Henry  
**4A:** Tess Geddes, Jamie  
**4M:** Demi, Jacob  
**5M:** Marco, Rachel  
**5A:** Lara, Jasmeet  
**5-6P:** Carla, Zareef  
**6M:** Paige, Ethan  
**6DM:** Krisha, Isabel  
**Italian Awards:** Matt, Connor, Tess, Isabell

## 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





## P&C News

Our next P&C meeting will be next Thursday night 3<sup>rd</sup> April in the staffroom. Everyone is invited to attend.

Our next fundraiser will be a "Mother's Day Stall." The gifts will be sold to students at school during week 2 of term 2 (just before Mother's Day). There will be the choice of 4 gifts and all gifts are \$5.

Thanking you  
Tamara Minato  
P&C President

## 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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).



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## Canteen Roster – Term 1

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>26.3.14</b>	Kristy Hicks
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>27.3.14</b>	Help needed
<b>Friday</b>	<b>28.3.14</b>	Josie Tapner and Ann Scroop
<b>Monday</b>	<b>31.3.14</b>	Neva Barber
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>01.4.14</b>	Leah De Marco

## Canteen News

We will be running another "Spider Day" on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April. Large \$1.50 and small \$1.00. There are still a few containers, trays and tea towels left at the canteen from the Year 6 Farewell and from cake donations. If you own one of these please come and collect.

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

# 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 on sale now! \$1 a ticket or 3 for \$2**



## Sport News

### Trent Barrett Shield

On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March, 38 students represented GNPS at the Trent Barrett Shield at Jubilee Oval. We had four teams playing; they all played fairly and were great sports.

The boys number 1 team played Hanwood, Griffith East and Griffith Public. They lost 2 and won 1. The boys number 2 team played St Pats, Yenda and Griffith Public.

The girls number 1 team played Leeton, Griffith Public 1 and Griffith Public 2. The girls number 2 team played St Pats, Griffith East and Griffith Public 1.

Congratulations to all the students they represented our school well and had lots of fun! Thank you to Ms Maloni and Mr Angel who organised and supervised our students.



Team 1



Team 2



Team 1



Team 2

## Cross Country

Thank you very much if you have informed us that you are able to assist at the GNPS Cross Country. Adult helpers will be positioned around the course as 'spotters', ensuring that children are safe. At present there are more adult helpers required, even if you can only come for an hour that's most helpful. If you have not indicated on the bottom of the GNPS Cross Country information note that you can assist, please advise us as soon as possible.

The details for the carnival are as follows;

Date: Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2014

Venue: Lake Wyangan Picnic Area

Time: Starting at approximately 12:00pm

Cost: \$2.00