

# North Weekly News

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Term 1 Week 11

Tuesday, 8 April 2014

## Dates To Remember

Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> April	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
<b>Term 2</b>	
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
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> April	GNPS Cross Country
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	GNPS K-6 Athletics Carnival
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> May	K-2 Assembly 11.35 KC 3-6 Assembly 12.30 Cross Country Ribbons
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Touch Gala Day
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> May	NAPLAN-Language Conventions and Writing
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> May	NAPLAN-Reading
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup> May	NAPLAN- Mathematics

## Bronze Certificates

Congratulations to the students in Kindergarten to Year 4 who received their Bronze Certificates at today's assembly. It was wonderful to see so many students working hard and displaying the values of GNPS. Well done!



## Parent Interviews

Thank you to the many parents who attended these interviews, it is a great way for you to get to know your child's teacher as well as finding out how they are going in their new class. I know there were many very happy parents who were informed of how well their children were progressing.

## Paul Simpson Aboriginal Education Worker

This week is Paul Simpson's last week here at Griffith North Public School, as he has accepted a full time position with another employer. We would like to thank Paul for all his hard work and effort when working with our Aboriginal students and we wish him all the best with his future career.



## Cross Country

Due to the wet weather last week our Cross Country had to be postponed. The new date is Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April.

## Parent Contact Information

It is very important that when you change your home, work or mobile phone numbers that you let the school know as soon as possible, as we need to be able to contact all parents and caregivers in case of emergencies and when students are unwell. It is very difficult when we have the wrong number. It is also important to update your new address as well.

## ANZAC Day

GNPS students are marching in the ANZAC ceremony on Friday 25th April. Students need to assemble at the Memorial Hall/Art Gallery in Banna Avenue at around **10.00am** to be ready to march at **10.30am**. All School Captains, Prefects and SRC members are encouraged to be a part of the march. It is a very special day in our history and GNPS always has a great representation at the march. All students marching are expected to wear full winter uniform.

## ANZAC Assembly

The school ANZAC Assembly will be held on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April at 11:35 am. This is the first day of Term 2. All students will need to be dressed in full school uniform. The assembly is for all students (K-6) parents are welcome to attend.

## Annual School Report

The 2013 Annual School Report is available for viewing on our school website; [www.griffith-n-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.griffith-n-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)

The 2013 Annual School Report outlines our achievements during 2013. If you do not have access to a computer at home to read the Annual School Report please come and see me so I can organise a copy for you.

## End of Term 1

We have had an extremely busy and productive term and all classes have settled in well. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support towards the school and I would especially like to thank all the teachers and non-teaching staff for all their hard work and effort they have put into this term to make it such a success.

THANK-YOU!

Have a very safe and happy holiday and we look forward to seeing you in term 2.

Susan Bourne  
Principal

## Library News

We celebrated the 45<sup>th</sup> birthday of The Very Hungry Caterpillar story by reading on our new very hungry caterpillar in the library.



## Holiday Dates

Please note the last day of first term is this Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April with school resuming on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April. Both the Easter and ANZAC day fall during the school holidays this year.

## P&C News

Thank you to everyone who supported our Pie Drive. We have made over \$4000 from this fundraising event, which is a wonderful achievement. Some of these funds will go towards buying new seats for the library.

Congratulations to Linda Peruzzi, who sold 46 pies and was the winner of the movie tickets.

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)



## Managing screen-time

Helping kids find the right balance between activities, homework and screentime is a challenge that only gets harder as they grow older. Commonsense Media has lots of useful resources to help – from movie and game ratings to articles like this one on setting screentime limits that are realistic enough that your children will actually follow them. Read the article here: <http://bit.ly/1pBlfmk>

## Books to boost brains

Literacy skills often progress suddenly in leaps and bounds. The secret is to keep kids of all ages reading over the weekends and school holidays. Even 20 minutes a night can make a huge difference to their reading, comprehension and general knowledge. It's also a great way to settle their minds down before sleep (for adults too!). If your child hasn't found a book that grabs their imagination, why not try them on a series book from the Premier's Reading Challenge list? Here are top suggestions for all ages, including young adult : <http://bit.ly/1dLSGCO>

## Kik, Vine, Instagram – are they safe?

It's no contest – kids discover and understand new social media long before we adults do. If your child is thinking about creating a new social media account – or complains that “everyone else is doing it”, you can get the facts a glance from School A to Z's technology glossary. You'll also find information about age restrictions and things to watch out for: <http://bit.ly/188OerY>

## Holiday Chess Competition

There will be a Chess Competition during the holidays on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April, at St Pats Primary School. \$10 per child or \$15 per family. For more information contact Noel Maddern Ph 0428 887 626 or by email: [noel.maddern@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:noel.maddern@det.nsw.edu.au)

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## Canteen Roster – Term 1 and 2

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9.4.14</b>	Kristy Hicks
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10.4.14</b>	Help needed
<b>Friday</b>	<b>11.4.14</b>	Josie Tapner and Ann Scroop
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>29.4.14</b>	Help needed

## Canteen News

Thank you to the parents who have returned their Term 2 Canteen Roster. If you have not returned it yet please do so by Friday.

If anyone is able to donate cakes and slices for the Athletics Carnival please drop them either straight to the West End oval or to the school office on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

Thank you to all the parents and caregivers who have helped out this term. We really appreciate all your support.

Thanking you

Adele and Paulina Canteen Supervisors

## 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).

## Sport News Riverina Soccer

Congratulations to Darcy and Elijah who were selected in the Riverina Soccer Team. This is a wonderful achievement.



## Griffith Zone Touch Team

Congratulations Serenity, Ryan and Darcy who were selected in the Griffith Zone Touch Teams. They will now go on and try out for the Riverina Touch Team in Term 2.



## GNPS Athletics Carnival

The GNPS Athletics Carnival is being held on Friday 2 May (Week 1 Term 2). This carnival is for all students from Kindergarten to Year 6. Thank you to the parents who have returned their note indicating they are able to help out on day. We will need more helpers so if you are available to help please return your note ASAP.

## Indigenous Tennis Day with Evonne Goolagong



**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**