

North Weekly News

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Term 2 Week 1

Wednesday, 30 April 2014

Dates To Remember

Wed 30 th April	GNPS Cross Country
Thurs 1 st April	P&C Meeting 7.15pm
Fri 2 nd May	GNPS K-6 Athletics Carnival
Tues 6 th May	K-2 Assembly 11.35 KC 3-6 Assembly 12.30 Cross Country Ribbons
Wed 7 th May	Touch Gala Day
Fri 9 th May	SRC Crazy Hair Day
Tues 13 th May	NAPLAN-Language Conventions and Writing
Wed 14 th May	NAPLAN-Reading
Thurs 15 th May	NAPLAN- Numeracy
Fri 16 th May	Tony Lockett Shield

Welcome Back to Term 2

Welcome back to term 2! I hope everyone had a restful holiday and are ready for another busy term at Griffith North Public School. This term we have lots to look forward to with Cross Country, Athletics Carnival, NAPLAN, reports and lots more. A calendar is attached to this newsletter with all the dates that we have currently booked.

ANZAC Day

GNPS Students Proudly March

Thank you to the students and teachers of GNPS who participated in the ANZAC Day march on Friday 25th April. They looked wonderful in their full school uniform. Thank you to the parents who brought their children and encouraged them to march, I am sure you were very proud of them, as we were.



ANZAC Assembly

Thank you to 4M for hosting the School ANZAC Day Assembly today.

They showed a great deal of respect and responsibility with this honour. Thank you to the choir who performed their ANZAC song beautifully. I would especially like to thank Ms Maloni for all her hard work in organising this for our school.



National Assessment Plan Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)

This year the Year 3 and Year 5 students will participate in the 2014 NAPLAN.

NAPLAN will take place in week 3 of this term. The dates are as follows;

Tuesday 13 th May	Language Conventions and Writing
Wednesday 14 th May	Reading
Thursday 15 th May	Numeracy

If you have any questions or issues regarding NAPLAN please contact your child's classroom teacher. More information can be found at:

www.naplan.edu.au/parents/parents.html

5/6 Excursion to Ballarat and Bendigo

The 5/6 Excursion was held in the last week of Term 1. The students had a wonderful time and learned a great deal about the Gold Rush and Ballarat and Bendigo. I would like to congratulate the students for their wonderful behaviour and thank Miss Wythes, Mrs Fordham, Mrs Woodward, Mr Pendlebury, Mr Murphy and Miss Mason for all their hard work on the excursion. Excursions are not possible without the hard work and dedication of our wonderful teachers.



Annual School Report

The 2013 Annual School Report is available for viewing on our school website; www.griffithn-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.

Have a wonderful week

Susan Bourne

Principal

Sport News State Swimming

Congratulations to Victoria, who competed in the PSSA State Swimming Carnival in the Junior Girls Breaststroke last term.

Victoria came 36th, in the state which is a wonderful achievement.



Athletics Carnival

This Friday will be our Athletics Carnival. All students from Kindergarten to Year 6 will be participating. Students in K-2 can wear their sports uniform and students from 3-6 can wear their house colours. The weather forecast is for it to be cold and wet, so if we have to postpone we will put an announcement over 2RG in the morning. If it goes ahead please ensure your child has warm clothes.

If you are able to help out on the day, either in the canteen or with the carnival please see Mr Angel.

Cross Country

This Wednesday will be our Cross Country Carnival as it was postponed due to the rain last term. The weather forecast is for it to be cool, so please ensure that your child wears warm clothing for when they are not running. Students can wear their house colours. Please ensure that your child has 2 water bottles, as there is undrinkable water at the Lake.

Adult helpers will be positioned around the course as 'spotters', ensuring that children are safe. If you are able to help out please see either Ms Maloni or Mrs Young either at school or at the Lake Wyangan Picnic Area.

If the Cross Country is postponed again, we will announce it over 2RG radio.

The details for the carnival are as follows;

Date: Wednesday 30th April 2014

Venue: Lake Wyangan Picnic Area

Time: Starting at approximately 12:00pm

Cost: \$2.00

P&C News

This Thursday night will be our next P&C Meeting at 7.15 in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Thank you to the parents who did return the Uniform Survey regarding the white shorts last term. We didn't have enough surveys returned to make a final decision. The findings we did have based on the number of families at GNPS were:

- White Shorts- 10%
- Black Shorts- 25%
- Parents who didn't return their survey 65%

The P&C will run this survey again however we decided that we needed at least 65% of families to have returned their survey, so we can make an informed decision.

Thanking you

Tamara Minato
(P&C President)

Canteen Roster – Term 2

Wednesday	30.4.14	Sheena
Thursday	1.5.14	Help needed
Friday	2.5.14	Josie Tapner
Monday	5.5.14	Neva Barber
Tuesday	6.5.14	Sheena

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 canteen on Friday 2nd May.

Thanking you

Adele and Paulina Canteen Supervisors

Library News

Our new library ottomans have arrived and look fantastic! Thank you to the P&C and everyone who supported the Pie Drive.



National Family Reading Month

Our school is entering a READ MORE IN MAY challenge, where we encourage children to read every day with their families during the month of May.

To participate, your child will record the number of minutes spent reading on each day in May. Then in the first week of June, enter the total reading minutes online for a chance to win great prizes for your family, your child's classroom and our school!

Visit www.scholastic.com.au/readmoreinmay for competition details, plus find handy resources

including tips for family reading and fun Geronimo Stilton activities. We will be having a book fair in the last week of May with a visit from Geronimo Stilton

Easter Hat Parade



Friday the last day of school it was wonderful to see the K-2 students with their fantastic Easter Hats. They all looked amazing. A big thank you, to Mrs. Vearing for all her hard work in coordinating this event and to Mrs Crawford for organising the Easter Raffle. A special thank you to the Easter Bunny who made a guest appearance.



Congratulations to Porsha from K/1V who won the Easter Hamper.



Book Club

Book Club orders are due back by Monday 5th May. Please ensure correct money is enclosed in the envelope and your name is on order. Thank you for your support

P&C Mother's Day Stall



Students can buy a gift for their Mums next week on Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th May. They can choose from 4 great gifts. Cost - \$5/ gift (1 per student limit until each class has had a chance to purchase)

Bring your money in on Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th to be sure to get your favourite choice. If available, gifts will continue to be available throughout the week.