



Term 4 Week 1

Friday, 9 October 2015

Dates To Remember

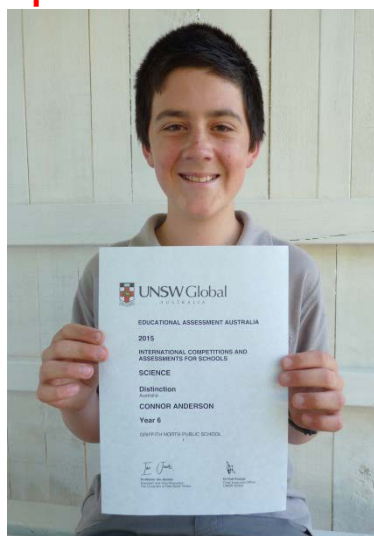
Thurs 8 th Oct	P&C Meeting 7.15pm
Fri 9 th Oct	Swimming Program begins
Mon 12 th Oct	School Council Meeting 5.30pm
Tues 13 th Oct	PBL Celebration K-6 Assembly 11.35 Year 1 and Year 6 presenting items Kindergarten Information Evening 6.30
Fri 16 th Oct	Venue Sport begins
Tues 20 th Oct	K-2 Assembly 11.35- 2/3Y Hosting 3-6 Assembly 12.35-5P Hosting Kindergarten Orientation
Fri 23 rd Oct	Musica Viva Performance K-6 2pm

Welcome Back to Term 4

Welcome back to Term 4. I hope everyone had a great holiday and are ready for another busy term. Fourth term is always extremely busy with all of our end of year activities, such as Presentation Day, Carols, Year 6 Farewell and Student Reports. Enclosed in this Newsletter is a calendar of the activities which are already planned for the term.

UNSW Science Competition

We received a late certificate for the UNSW Science Competition at the end of last term. Congratulations to Connor who received a distinction in the competition which is a fantastic achievement. Well done Connor!



Staff News

This term we welcome back Mrs Vearing who will be working three days a week. She will be releasing teachers to work on other projects and will be supporting students with their learning.

Also welcome back to Mrs Marshall who was on Long Service Leave. Thank you to Mrs Curry for her dedication to 1M while Mrs Marshall was on leave.

Nature Playground

Thank you to the P&C for their hard work during our two working bees to complete Stage 1 of our nature playground in the K-2 playground. It looks wonderful and the students will love playing on it. A huge thank you to Matt and Jo Thorpe for their organisation and dedication in order to complete this for our students so it was ready for Term 4.



Sad News

Over the holidays Carmel Randle our Boonah Street Crossing Supervisor passed away. Carmel has had a long association with GNPS, as a parent and a crossing supervisor. Our thoughts are with her family at this sad time.

PBL Celebration

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) has been implemented for nearly three years at GNPS. Over the holidays we had our expectation signs installed throughout the school and they look great. Thank you to Mrs Braithwaite and the PBL team for their hard work and dedication in organising the signs and ensuring they were perfect!

To celebrate the success of PBL at GNPS we will be holding a PBL Celebration next Tuesday 13th October. For the celebration we will be having a K-6 Assembly at 11.35 in the hall, with Year 1 and Year 6 presenting items, a guest speaker, explaining how we "Reach For The Stars". Also we will be presenting our "Reach for The Stars" badge to a student who demonstrates our three values of Care, Respect and Responsibility. As part of our celebration every child will receive a small gift from the PBL committee.



Kindergarten Orientation 2016

Information Evening for Parents

Tuesday 13th October 2015

If you have a child commencing Kindergarten in 2016 you are invited to an information meeting on **Tuesday 13th October, 2015**.

The meeting will commence at **6:30pm** in **KC's classroom (Room 13)**. At this meeting you will be given information regarding Orientation Session times.

We look forward to meeting you!

Orientation dates are:

Week 3: Tuesday 20th October 2015

Week 4: Tuesday 27th October 2015

Week 5: Tuesday 3rd November 2015

These sessions will be a **half day** of the school day not a full day. The morning session will run from 9.30 to 12pm and the afternoon will run from 12.30pm to 3.00pm.



P&C News

There will be a P&C meeting this Thursday at 7.15pm in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Partners in Learning parent survey

You can access the survey by following the link below on your computer or tablet:

1. **Login in:** <https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com>
2. Your School's Parent Username = **parent17959**
3. Your School's Parent Password = **Gri4027**

Newsletter Online

The newsletter is also available on our school website www.griffithn-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

This is a great way to complete the Partners in Learning parent survey.

Term 4 Music News

Amanaska Concert

A professional 'World Music' group called 'Amanaska' will be performing for GNPS students on Friday 23rd October at 2pm in the school hall. Interested parents are welcome to attend the concert. A note will be sent home shortly.

Music Count Us In

GNPS students will be singing the song 'Gold' at the same time as over 600,000 students all around Australia on Thursday 29th October at 12:30pm. Come along and have a listen - we'll be under the Primary COLA.

2016 School Bands Information Session

If any students are interested in joining the school band, an information session (for parents and students) will be held at 5:15pm on Thursday 29th October in the school hall. Open to any students in Years 2-5 in 2015.

Instrumental Starter Kit

GNPS was one of nine schools in NSW to be successful in applying for an Instrumental Starter Kit. We now have a full concert band (trumpets, tuba, saxophones, trombones - you name it!) ready for our students to learn.

Woodwind Workshop

Some of our hardworking band students attended a holiday workshop with professional woodwind player, Stuart Brownley from Melbourne. They learnt a lot!



Canteen News Week 1

Wednesday	07.10.15	Helper Needed
Thursday	08.10.15	Helper Needed
Friday	09.10.15	Josie Tapner
Monday	12.10.15	Neva Barber
Tuesday	13.10.15	Anjanette Rowley

Welcome to Term 4. Thank you to the parents and caregivers who have returned their Term 4 roster to help out in the canteen. If you have not done so yet please return yours ASAP.

Due to an increase in prices Icy Poles are now \$1.10, Fandangles are now \$1.60 and Crunchers are \$1.10 each.

Another change is that we will only be selling gluten free sausage rolls.

Hats and library bags are \$16 each which are available from the canteen.

Thanking you

Adele and Paulina

Canteen Supervisors

Term 4 Sun Smart

It is expected that all students will wear their school hat before school, at recess and at lunch time otherwise they will have to play in the shade. Years 1-6 will not be allowed to go to APEX at recess and lunch time without a hat.

Students are encouraged to wear sunscreen to school and they can put their own sunscreen on at school if they have some in their bags.



Sport News

Sports Uniform



Our sports uniform is white shorts and the red GNPS sport top. This is what should be worn on Fridays and at any sporting event. Black shorts are **NOT** part of our uniform.

Riverina PSSA clothing, such as shorts, tops and jackets are not to be worn, as they are not part of the GNPS uniform.

If the students are leaving the school grounds to represent the school, they need to be in the correct uniform, this includes going to venue sport.

Friday Sport

This term sport will be in the mornings from 10am to 11.15am, due to the warmer weather. Venue sport will begin next Friday, Week 2. Please ensure that permission notes and money have been returned to school, if your child is participating in Venue sport for this term.

Swimming Program

Thank you to all the families that have returned the consent form and money for the swimming program in Term 4. The swimming program for Term 4 starts this Friday!

Yrs. 4, 5 and 6— 1.20pm - Friday 9th October

Yrs. 2 and 3 – 2.00pm - Friday 9th October

Please ensure children have a towel, swimmers, goggles and a strong zip up bag. Please ensure all items are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Mrs Johnson

NSW PSSA Athletics Carnival

Next week is the NSW PSSA State Athletics Carnival. GNPS have three students representing GNPS and the Riverina at the Carnival. The students are Talina, Ana and Ryan. All are competing in shot put. We would like to wish them all the best for next week.



Citrus Sculpture -Your Help is needed this Sunday



GNPS have entered their "Grow to Know" citrus sculpture in this year's Garden Festival. We need parents and students to help us attach the oranges on **SUNDAY 11th OCTOBER**. It's a great way to contribute to our wonderful community. If you can help out, please meet us at 7.30am, at our sunflower, which will be opposite the State Office. **Closed in shoes are essential.**