

North Weekly News

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Term 4 Week 3

Tuesday, 20 October 2015

Dates To Remember

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| Fri 23 rd Oct | Musica Viva Performance K-6 2pm |
| Tues 27 th Oct | K-2 Assembly 11.35- 1/2T Hosting 3-6 Assembly 12.35-3/4A Hosting Kindergarten Orientation |
| Thurs 29 th Oct | Count Us in 12.30 Band Information Evening for 2016 5.15pm in hall |
| Tues 3 rd Nov | K-2 Assembly 11.35- 1M Hosting 3-6 Assembly 12.35-2/3Y Italian Hosting Kindergarten Orientation |
| Wed 4 th Nov | Local Debating Competition |
| Thurs 5 th Nov | P&C Meeting 7.15pm |
| Mon 9 th Nov | School Council meeting 5.30pm |

UNSW English Competition

GNPS is very proud of the excellent results achieved by students participating in the UNSW English Competition.

In the English competition, three distinctions and two credits were achieved.

Congratulations to the following students:

Distinction



Connor, Ella and Victoria

Credit

Will, Callum and Muntasir.



PBL "Reach for the Stars" Badges and Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have received our Reach for the Stars Gold Star Award and badge:

K-2 Eliza for demonstrating the school values by considering others and including them in activities.

3-6-Teagan



for demonstrating the school values by caring about herself and others, and treating everyone with courtesy.



Kindergarten Orientation 2015

Today was our first Kindergarten Orientation Session. It was lovely seeing the 2016 Kinders settle in so well on their first day!



Orientation dates are:

Week 4: Tuesday 27th October 2015

Week 5: Tuesday 3rd November 2015

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



Education

Entry to Government Selective High Schools for Year 7 in 2017

Parents or carers of Year 5 students who wish their child to be considered for placement in Year 7 at a selective high school in 2017 need to apply now.

Important information:

- Parents must apply online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement
- Applications for entry in 2017 can be made online between 13 October 2015 and 16 November 2015. Applications will not be accepted after 16 November 2015.
- All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on Thursday 10 March 2016.

If you would like more information please contact me at school.

P&C News

2015 CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The P&C would like to announce the running a **MAJOR RAFFLE** this term -to be drawn at the Carols Evening. Stay tuned for a very exciting **FIRST PRIZE!**

P&C would like to invite the school community to contribute to the Christmas Raffle. Please consider whether you or your business are able to **donate**: gift certificates, hamper items, toys, services, goods of any kind. Deliver to the office ASAP. Thank you!!

Assembly Awards Term 4 Week 3

KD: Millie, Sara, Xzavier
KC: Isabella, Maika, Ujjesa
K-1P: Jack, Vinnie, Kayla
1M: Kellee-Rose, Jesse, Bree
1-2T: Raja, Lonoah, Frank
2BA: Gabriella, Holley, Zac
2/3Y: Sean, Liliana, Cameron
3J: Isabella, Thomas
3-4A: Ella, Zainab
4M: Ryan, Celina
5W: Yuri, Tess
5P: Kokiri, Inapa
6M: Maddison, Noa
6D: Abbey, Lara
Italian: Shauna, Bailey, Inapa, Abbey

Nature Playground

After school there is no teacher supervision on the nature playground. If parents allow their children to play on the nature playground, it comes under the parental duty of care, not the schools. Children who are waiting for their parents will not be able to play on the nature playground, as they will not have parental permission. We appreciate your support with this matter.



Year 4 Borambola Excursion

The Year 4 excursion will be Wednesday to Friday of Week 9, Term 4 (2nd December to 4th December).

The cost of the excursion is \$270. A deposit of \$50 has already been paid.

The remaining \$220 must be paid before Friday November 27th (end of Week 8).

2016 Classes

We are currently working on class structures for 2016. If you will be moving away from Griffith at the end of the year and your child will not be attending GNPS in 2016, could you please advise the school office as soon as possible. Also if you know of any families moving into the GNPS zone and will be attending GNPS next year, please let us know as grade numbers have a significant impact on the formation of classes.

Band and Choir Performing at Rosewood Park

Band

On Sunday the GNPS band played at Careri's garden along with the Griffith Junior Concert Band. I have to say our band has improved a lot since our first note! I would like to thank Mr P and the Junior Concert Band for coming along - it was a great day.

Leo, Year 5



Choir

On Friday the choir sang at the Visitors Centre. We sang 6 songs and entertained many people including Kosta, a man from a TV show called *Gardening Australia*. The choir had lots of fun singing and looking at the orange sculptures. Thank you Miss Maloni for teaching us. by Madysen & Tess, Year 5



Canteen News Week 3

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| Wednesday | 21.10.15 | Helper Needed |
| Thursday | 22.10.15 | Helper Needed |
| Friday | 23.10.15 | Josie Tapner |
| Monday | 26.10.15 | Neva Barber |
| Tuesday | 27.10.15 | Anjanette Rowley |

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 to families with dietary needs.

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

Thanking you

Adele and Paulina Canteen Supervisors

Outside School Hours Care Survey

If you have not returned the survey regarding establishing an Outside School Hours Care here at Griffith North Public School, please do so by the end of the week.



Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to pack a healthy lunch box.

Remember your daily target for fruit and vegies?

Everyone should aim for 2 serves of fruit and 5 serves of vegies, every day. Sounds hard, but it's easy if you include fruit and veg across the day...try these simple ideas:



- **Pack vegetable sticks** – try carrots, celery, capsicum and cucumber – with hummus and vegetable based dips (like pumpkin, beetroot, spinach or red bean)
- Add a **small 150g tin of baked beans** to your child's lunch box.
- **Leftovers** are an exciting lunch box addition: try packing fried rice, vegie stir-fries or some vegie frittatas- they all taste great cold!
- **Make a fruit salad** – use whatever fruit you have in the house, children prefer small pieces of food.

For more information visit
www.eatittobeatit.com.au
 or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit



Year 6 Farewell – Meeting for Year 5 Parents

Thank you for your wonderful support shown at the recent meeting held to organise the Year 6 Farewell on Monday 14th December. We sincerely thank those parents who attended and others who have offered their services.

Last week a note was sent home asking you to indicate the ways in which you are able to assist with this function, either by helping out or supplying food. If you have any queries, or you did not receive this note you are welcome to contact either the Year 5 teachers, or our parent representative, Kellie Bordignon on 0428632112. Please complete and return the reply slip on your note to your child's class teacher by Friday 23rd October.

Thanking you in anticipation of your support,
Year 5 teachers

Swimming Term 4

Swimming lessons are going very well. The students are enjoying them and making good progress.

Yrs. 4, 5 and 6– 1.20pm - Friday 23rd October

Yrs. 2 and 3 – 2.00pm - Friday 23rd 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



Term 4 Music News

Amanaska Concert

Don't forget - the professional 'World Music' group called 'Amanaska' will be performing for GNPS students this Friday 23rd October at 2pm in the school hall. Interested parents are welcome to attend the concert. A note has been sent home.

Years 4-6 swimmers have been given a different note - they will be able to watch the concert from 2:20pm at a discounted rate of \$3.

See your child's teacher or the front office if you require another permission note.

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.

