

North Weekly News

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Term 1 Week 1

Wednesday, 28 January

Dates To Remember

Fri 30 th Jan	Kinder Students Start
Thurs 5 th Feb	P&C Meeting 7.15pm Canberra Raiders Visit
Fri 6 th Feb	AFL Clinics
Tues 10 th Feb	Captains, Prefects and House Captains Induction Assembly
Mon 16 th Feb	AFL Giants Visit
Fri 20 th Feb	GNPS Swimming Carnival
Thurs 26 th Feb	Zone Swimming Carnival

Welcome to 2015

A warm welcome to the 2015 school year is extended to all of our families especially those joining us for the first time. We are looking forward to a great year at GNPS and hope we will be able to work together to provide a wonderful year whilst creating positive educational experiences for your child.

Kindergarten students will begin on Friday, as they will be having their individual Best Start Assessment completed today and tomorrow.

This term will be another busy term with swimming carnivals, cross country, parent information meetings, Easter activities and lots more. A Term 1 calendar will be sent home with next week's newsletter.



Class for 2015

We have started the year with 14 classes, however we are still finalising our numbers as we wait for all students to return and for Kindergarten students to start. If we receive more enrolments we might be able to form a 15th class. A decision on this should be made by Friday.

A full list of staff and their classes will be in next week's newsletter. Please try to come in and meet your child's teacher as soon as possible and become involved in what is happening at the school.



Staff News

Congratulations to Mr Murphy who has been successful at gaining the position of Quality Teacher Advisor for Griffith. This is for a three year period and he has right of return to his Assistant Principal position at Griffith North Public School after that. I would like to wish Mr Murphy all the best for his new position and we look forward to working with him in his new role. Mrs Delves will be replacing Mr Murphy teaching Year 6 and Mrs Morel and Mrs Ceccato will be teaching the other Year 6 class.

Mrs Debreceeny will be taking maternity leave from the 10th February and after that she and her family will be moving back to Armidale permanently.



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School Uniform

It is wonderful to see the majority of students return to school in their correct uniform. This year we will be continuing with the uniform draw. A reminder that rabbits are not allowed to be worn to school. Black closed in shoes are to be worn.

The only jewellery to be worn are plain sleepers/studs (other jewellery accepted for religious or medical reasons only)

No nail polish is to be worn.



Hats

During Terms 1 and 4 at Griffith North Public School students are required to wear school hats in the playground. Hats are available from the canteen for \$16 each. The girls wear a red hat and the boys wear a grey hat.



P&C Meeting

Our first P&C Meeting for the year is being held next Thursday night at 7.15pm in the staffroom. All parents from Kindergarten to Year 6 are invited to attend. I look forward to seeing as many parents as possible there!

Parent Information Meetings

This year teachers will be holding Parent Information meetings. These will be held over the next few weeks. Teachers will send home individual class letters with their times, next week once classes have been finalised. These meetings are a great opportunity to meet your child's teacher and to find out what will be happening in your child's classroom this year.

Assembly

The first K-2 and 3-6 Assemblies for 2015 will be held on **Tuesday 10th February**, as next week the teachers will be going through the expectations and procedures at assemblies. The first 3-6 assembly will be the Captains, Prefect and House Captains Induction. Assemblies will be held on Tuesdays K-2 11.35 and 3-6 12.35.

Swimming Carnival

On Friday 20th February 2015 GNPS will be conducting its annual swimming carnival which is being held at the Griffith Aquatic Centre. All students from Years 3-6 are expected to attend, along with the Year 2 students, who are turning 8, who have indicated they are able to swim in races. Buses will be leaving at 9.25am.

Permission notes will be sent home during this week. Please return permission note and money by Monday 16th February 2015.

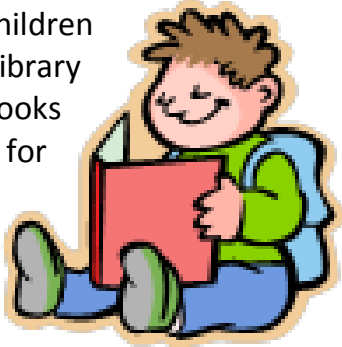
Library Bags

It is a good idea for all students to use a library bag to help protect our books and keep track of them. Library bags are available from the school canteen @ \$16.00. Other commercial or home-made library bags are also acceptable. Plastic grocery bags are not acceptable.

All Kindergarten, Year 1 & 2 students need a library bag to borrow from the school library.

Developing the Borrowing Habit

For children to develop the habit of borrowing library books they need to borrow and return books on a regular basis. This can be achieved by reminding children the night before their library day to get their library books and library bag ready for school. Notes go home when books are overdue and parents can help by checking bags on a regular basis.



Book Club

Book Club is due to be returned by Monday 2nd February.

Canteen News Welcome Back

Firstly, I hope everyone had a great relaxing holiday and are ready to get back into the swing of things.

The 2015 Canteen rosters were sent out last year. If anyone is interested in helping in the canteen or making a cake, slice etc, it would be greatly appreciated. ***Please hand in your Rosters ASAP.***

A 2015 menu will be sent home next week. There have been a few price increases as well. A reminder that all lunch orders need to be handed in by 9.15, so that you can be guarantee what you have ordered.

Thanking you

Adele and Paulina

Canteen Supervisor



**Yenda Tigers Soccer Club
Junior Registration Days
Saturday 14th & 21st**

First Day Back at School





HELP RAISE FUNDS for GNPS

28th January, 2015

Take a few minutes to register online at hostshots.tennis.com.au/claim for your child's free t-shirt and ANZ Hot Shots will donate \$2 to GNPS enabling the school to further purchase equipment for tennis lessons and activities.

Reply to ANZ Hot Shots email and GNPS will get a further \$5 towards purchases.

WHEN.... by Feb 8, end of next week.

Register online

Over the past 3 years GNPS has participated in the *National Schools Partnership Program*.

Encourage your child to be involved in sporting activities, support their skills & become involved with them during the activity.



Begin. Improve. Play

Suzi Triggs, GNPS Tennis Co-ordinator