

North Weekly News

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Term 1 Week 5

Tuesday, 24 February

Dates To Remember

Thurs 26 th Feb	Zone Swimming Carnival
Fri 27 th Feb	Clean Up Australia
Tues 3 rd March	K-2 Assembly K/1P 3-6 Assembly 6M
Thurs 5 th Mar	P&C AGM
Mon 9 th March	Riverina Swimming Carnival at Albury
Tues 10 th Mar	K-2 Assembly KC 3-6 Assembly 3/4A

GNPS Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all our students who participated so enthusiastically in our school swimming carnival on Friday. It was great to see so many children entering lots of different events and cheering enthusiastically for their team. New records were set by Victoria in the all age 100m freestyle, 11yrs 50m freestyle, 11 yrs 50m backstroke, 11 yrs 50m butterfly and by Nicole in the 9 yrs 50m freestyle. Congratulations girls on these outstanding achievements! A very big thank you to all our wonderful parents and grandparents who came along to support the children and to help with timekeeping. We couldn't run our carnivals without your assistance. Well done to the **Macarthur** team who were our winning house on the day. In second place was Kooba, followed by Boonah then Yoolooma.

Special congratulations must also go to our individual champions:

Junior boy champion: Paddy

Junior girl champion: Nicole

11Years boy champion: Charlie

11Years girl champion: Victoria

Senior boy champion: Patrick

Senior girl champion: Georgia



These students, along with many others, will now attend the Griffith Zone Swimming Carnival on Thursday 26th February. We wish them luck and know they will proudly represent our school.

Congratulations to Caleb and Piper who were awarded the Higgins Encouragement Medallions at today's assembly for all their efforts at our swimming carnival.



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I would especially like to thank Mrs Woodward for all her hard work and effort in organising the carnival for GNPS, which ran very smoothly on the day.

Swimming Carnival Ribbons at today's Assembly

Congratulations to all the students who received swimming ribbons at today's assembly. It was great to see so many students participating and succeeding at GNPS!



2015 Canberra Excursion

Thank you to everyone who returned their deposit for the Canberra Excursion.

The final cost for this excursion will be \$300.

The balance of payment can be made in instalments or as a lump sum. Complete payment will be expected by Monday 23rd March 2015.

Assembly Awards - Term 1 Week 5

KC: Sienna, Junior, Saskia
KD: Jayli, Jennie, Rodi
K-1P: Raeef, Skye, Martha
1M: Brandon, Sebastian, Eva-Rose
1/2T: Tayah, Jayde, Frank
2BA: George, Mariam, Hayley
2/3Y: Ella, Harrison, Cameron
3J: Maddison, Lincoln
3/4A: Emma, Alex
4M: Teagan, Zach
5W: Kiara, Jacob
5P: Cayden, Victoria
6M: Eutalia, Jasmeet
6D: Stephen, Talina
Italian: Corey, Michael, Jemimah, Samantha

Griffith High School

Prospective Parent and Student Evening

When: Thursday 26th February,

Time: 6.30pm

Where: Griffith High School Hall

This evening will provide parents and students with a short overview of the school and its programs, a school tour and an opportunity to meet the staff and ask questions. Year 5 and 6 parents and students are welcome to attend.

Enquires: Phone 6962 1711

Wade High School

Prospective Parent and Student Evening

When: Wednesday 25th February,

Time: 6 – 7pm

Where: Wade High School Hall – Poole St Entrance

This evening will provide you and your child with the opportunity to learn about some of the important aspects of secondary education at Wade High School. The Principal, Mrs Kim Dixon, and other key staff members will answer all of your questions and any concerns you may have.

Members of the Student Representative Council will be available to lead you on a tour of the school.

Enquires: Phone 6962 4022

Attendance and the Home School Liaison Officers

It is compulsory for children enrolled in a school to attend every day.

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

If your child is having too many absences from school, then the Home School Liaison Officer (HSLO) or the Aboriginal Student Liaison Officer (ASLO) may be contacting you to discuss this with you.

Learning and Support at GNPS

At GNPS our Learning Support Team assists those students who require additional support to meet their full potential. The team work across the whole school to improve learning of all students requiring additional learning and support. The members of the LST incorporate Support Teachers, Mrs Triggs, Mrs Allen, Ms Mc Grail, Mrs Aitken, the school counsellor and the Home School Liaison Officers. Regular evaluation of students and consultations with the classroom teacher ensure that every student's progress is monitored at regular intervals throughout the year. This enables us to identify students who may need support at different times during their primary schooling to enable independent learning in the classroom. Our team of staff supports students within the classroom or may withdraw students individually or in small groups.

Parents are encouraged to speak with their child's classroom teacher if they have any queries or concerns about their child's progress, after which an appropriate path of support will be established.

Canteen News Week 5

Wednesday	25.2.15	Helper Needed
Thursday	26.2.15	Amanda Bordignon
Friday	27.2.15	Josie Tapner
Monday	02.3.15	Neva Barber
Tuesday	03.3.15	Anjanette Rowley

Thank you to the parents and grandparents who have been helping out. If you are free and can help please contact the canteen. Please check that you have a new price list, which was sent home early this term. If you do not have one, please come and collect one from the canteen.

Please note there are a few prices that need to be changed on the menu:

- **Hot dogs \$3.00**
- **Sausage rolls \$3.20**
- **Chicken Salad bowls \$6.00**
- **Foccacia \$1.80**
- **Half Foccacia 90cents**

Thanking you

Adele and Paulina Canteen Supervisor

School Council

School Council nominations are now being called, for one parent representative position on the Griffith North Public School, School Council. Information about the School Council and nomination forms are available from the front office. Nominations must be returned to Janet at the GNPS front office by 4:00 pm on Friday 27th Feb. If you have any questions in regards to the school council, please contact the school on 6962 1043.

Sport News Venue Sport

This Friday is the start of venue and school sport. If your child is doing venue sport, please ensure that full payment has been made to the office before Friday.

Cricket V's Hanwood Public School



Yesterday, the Griffith North school cricket team played a game against Hanwood Public School at the Hanwood Oval. We bowled first, with Ryan and Noble taking two wickets each. Everyone bowled well but Hanwood also batted well and posted a score of 102 runs. Patrick and Jacob were our team's best batters. The boys unfortunately lost by 40 runs but played really well. We would all like to thank Mr Angel for coaching us, parents for taking us there and Mrs Payne for scoring.

By Ryan and Sam.

"Clean Up Australia"

Friday 27th February is the "Schools Clean-up Day" for Clean Up Australia. All classes will participate in this clean up. **Students are asked to bring a hat, gloves and a plastic bag.**



These types of activities in our school environment help develop a sense of pride, ownership and belief that we can all make a positive difference to the world in which we live. Thank you to all the students and teachers for your continued support of these events.

UNLEASH YOUR INNER SCIENTIST

Griffith City Library is encouraging children across the region to get curious with the introduction of their new science based boxes, Kurious Kids with thanks to a REAPing Rewards grant from the Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal (FRRR).

The Kurious Kids science boxes is an initiative by Library staff to get local children involved in the sciences, with each box providing everything needed to conduct their own in home experiments.

There are 18 boxes available to borrow covering 9 topics such as Water, Sounds, Magnets, Light & Colour, Microscope, Mini World, Astronomy, Human Body and Weather.

Joint Library Manager, Christine DelGigante said she is hoping these boxes will provide free play based learning for children and their carers.

"Here at the Library we are constantly looking for ways to engage children and feed their thirst for knowledge," said Mrs DelGigante.

"The creation of these Kurious Kids boxes does just that while allowing children to conduct safe science experiments in a fun way. Each kit comes complete with easy to follow instructions."

Experiments include creating a rainbow by splitting light, make a tornado in a bottle and make a temporary magnet.

"We think Kurious Kids will be a hit with kids and kids alike and provides a great free way to entertain the whole family," said Mrs DelGigante.

"So why not pop down to the library and get scientific!"

For more information, please contact the Library on 6962 8300 or drop in at 233-237 Banna Avenue.

Friday Junior Tennis Competition

Junior Tennis Competition starts Friday 27 February
2015 4:00pm

All ages, standards catered for, from Hot Shots courts through to full size.
New players to tennis receive a FREE LESSON.

Enquiries – Cheryl 0429 126 586

