

# North Weekly News

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Term 1 Week 6

Tuesday, 3 March 2015

## Dates To Remember

Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> Mar	P&C AGM
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Riverina Swimming Carnival at Albury
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Mar	K-2 Assembly KC 3-6 Assembly 3/4A
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Harmony Day K-6 Assembly 11.35am
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Yrs. 3-6 Performance "A Case of Emergency"
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Cross Country
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	Young Leaders Conference
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> Mar	K-2 Bronze Awards Assembly Yrs. 5 and 6 Bronze Awards Assembly

## Thank You

Thank you to Peter Star who donated artificial turf for the vegetable garden and then laid it with Mrs Young. It looks great and the students in the Green Mean Machine really appreciate it!



## Griffith Zone Swimming Carnival

On Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February the Griffith Zone swimming carnival was held at the Griffith Aquatic Centre. Schools from all over the district took part in a fantastic day of fun and competition.

Griffith North Public had 22 students represent our school and finished third overall in the swim meet. Victoria was the 11 years age champion and also broke the 11 years 50m breaststroke record. Congratulations Victoria, you were on fire!

Other successful students included: Nicole, Kieran, Samantha and the senior girls relay team consisting of Victoria, Samantha, Georgia and Lara.

These students have qualified to go to the Riverina Swimming Carnival which is being held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March in Albury. Good luck and swim your best!

A big thank you to all the students for being great sports and making the Griffith Zone swimming carnival such a fabulous day.

We also really appreciate the help of Allison Stewart, Linda Baulch, Debbie Taylor, Melissa Noffke and Jo Thorpe for their timekeeping skills.

Thank you to Ms Maloni who was the team manager for the day as well and supervised our students!



## Years 4, 5 and 6 "Tell Them From Me" Survey

This term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education and Communities initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. More information about the survey is available at:

<http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school. I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 9<sup>th</sup> March and 2<sup>nd</sup> April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. A consent form about the survey was sent home last week with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by this **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March**.

## P&C AGM Meeting

This Thursday is the P&C AGM. It will be held in the staffroom at 7.15. Everyone is welcomed to attend.

Thanking you  
Tamara Minato  
P&C President

## Assembly Awards - Term 1 Week 6

**KC:** Cliodna, Muhammad, Mert  
**KD:** Ben, Rayyan, Frances  
**K-1P:** Aurora, Jack, Julia  
**1M:** Grace, Harry, Jessie  
**1/2T:** Stephanie, Zee, Kaiden  
**2BA:** Bianca, Thomas, Logan  
**2/3Y:** Kylah, Meli, Maison  
**3J:** Elisabeth, Oscar  
**3/4A:** Piper, Michael  
**4M:** Josevata, Hannah  
**5W:** Hiraina, Naumankhan  
**5P:** Lacey, Kokiri  
**6M:** Lara, Zareef  
**6D:** Luke, Sarah  
**Italian:** Daniel, Kaeli,  
 Poasa, Madysen

## SRC Purple and Yellow Day- For Relay for Life

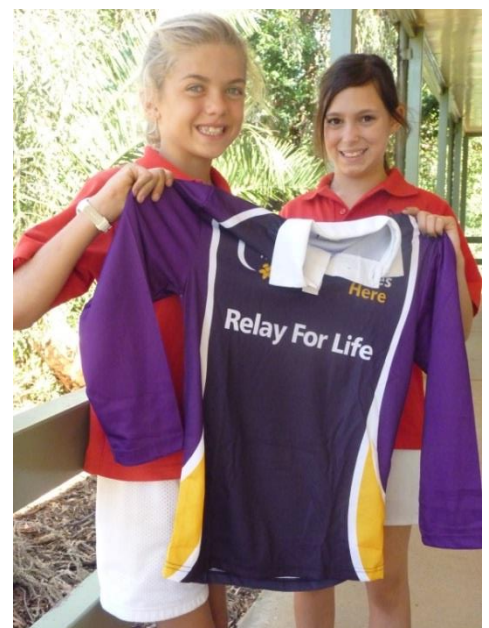
This Thursday the SRC are holding a Purple and Yellow Day to raise money for Relay for Life. All students can wear purple and/or yellow to school for a gold coin donation.

We will also be holding a lolly jar guessing competition. We will be selling the guesses at recess and lunch at the canteen area. It will cost:

- 50c for one guess
- \$1 for 3 guesses

We hope that everyone can support this fundraiser.

Thanking you  
SRC





## School Council

Mr Stuart Heffer has stepped down from the GNPS School Council after numerous years. I would like to thank Mr Heffer for all his dedication and his contributions to GNPS and the School Council.

I would like to welcome Mr Steve Mitchell who was nominated and has accepted the position of parent representative on the GNPS School Council.

The School Council's next meeting will be held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 5.30pm.

## Clean Up Australia Day

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February all students from GNPS participated in Schools Clean-up Day. All classes had a different part of the school and surrounding boundaries to clean up. Students were excited and proud to do their "little bit" to help keep our environment clean and safe. These types of activities in our school environment help to 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. Thank you to Mrs Marshall who coordinated this for our school.



## Canteen News Week 6

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>11.3.15</b>	<b>Helper Needed</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>12.3.15</b>	Amanda Bordignon
<b>Friday</b>	<b>13.3.15</b>	Josie Tapner
<b>Monday</b>	<b>16.3.15</b>	Neva Barber
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>17.3.15</b>	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

## Harmony Day

This year we will be celebrating Harmony Day on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March. Harmony Day is all about celebrating Australia's diversity. It is about inclusivity, respect and a sense of belonging. All children from Kindergarten to Year 6 are to wear orange on this day. We will also be holding a K-6 Harmony Day assembly at 11.35am. At this assembly the SRC will be presented with their badges, choir will perform, KD and 6D will present items.

## 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 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2015.

## Sport News

### Riverina Basketball Trials

Congratulations to Georgia, Ryan, Shane, Aidan, Sam and Samuel who were all selected in the Griffith Zone Basketball teams last week. They will now travel to Albury on Monday 16th March for the Riverina trials. GOOD LUCK!



### PSSA Leeton, Narrandera and Griffith AFL Trials

This Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March Ryan Minato, Oscar Nolan, Caleb, Samuel and Jacob will trial for the PSSA Leeton, Narrandera and Griffith AFL team. We would like to wish these boys all the best for their trials.



## Borambola Excursion

Last week an expression of interest to attend the Year 4 Borambola Excursion was sent home. Please return this form ASAP to Mr Angel and Ms Maloni, so we can start the organisation for this excursion.

## Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

This week we are starting our PBL lessons. This year we are once again having buddy classes. The buddy classes are:

- 6D- 2/3Y
- 6M- 2BA
- 5P-K/1P
- 5W- 1/2T
- 4M- KD
- 3/4A- KC
- 1M- 3J

This week the classes are revising the schools values of Care, Respect and Responsibility and our school expectations.

