



Term 2 Week 1

Thursday, 23 April 2015

Dates To Remember

Thurs 23 rd Apr	P&C Meeting
Tues 28 th April	Trent Barrett Shield Rainbow Casual Day K-2 Assembly KD Hosting 3-6 Assembly 3J Hosting
Wed 29 th April	P&C Pie Drive Orders to be collected
Sun 3 rd May	P&C Family Fun Day
Tues 5 th May	Rugby Union Gala Day K-2 Assembly K/1P Hosting 3-6 Assembly 4M Hosting
Wed 6 th May	Information Evening for New Families
Thurs 7 th May	P&C Meeting

ANZAC Assembly

Today our Captains and Prefects hosted our School ANZAC Day Assembly. They showed a great deal of respect and responsibility with this honour. Thank you to the choir who performed beautifully and to Mr Pendlebury for playing the Last Post and the Reveille. I would especially like to thank Mrs Woodward for all her hard work in organising this assembly for our school.



Welcome Back to Term 2

I would like to wish everyone a very warm welcome back for the start of Term 2. I hope that all of our families had a terrific holiday and are well rested and ready for a busy Term 2. I would like to thank all parents for their support over the past term, working in partnership is so very important in achieving successful outcomes, both cognitively and socially for your children. We appreciate your ongoing support as part of the learning process.

Staff News

I would like to welcome four new staff members to GNPS. Mrs Celia Adams will be teaching 6M on Tuesdays and will be teaching other classes on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

I would also like to welcome Michelle Russell who is our Aboriginal Education Officer, who will be supporting Aboriginal students at GNPS. I would also like to welcome Frank Cirillo and Fran Dunbar who are School Learning and Support Officers (SLSO), supporting students within our school.



ANZAC Day

GNPS students are marching in the ANZAC ceremony on Saturday 25th April. Students need to assemble at the Memorial Hall/Art Gallery in Banna Avenue at around **10.00am** to be ready to march at **10.30am**. All School Captains, Prefects and SRC members are encouraged to be a part of the march. It is a very special day in our history and GNPS always has a great representation at the march. All students marching are expected to wear full winter uniform.

National Assessment Plan Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)

This year the Year 3 and Year 5 students will participate in the 2015 NAPLAN.

NAPLAN will take place in Week 4 of this term.

The dates are as follows;

Tuesday 12th May Language Conventions and Writing

Wednesday 13th May Reading

Thursday 14th May Numeracy

If you have any questions or issues regarding NAPLAN please contact your child's classroom teacher. More information can be found at:

www.naplan.edu.au/parents/parents.html



Autism Awareness Month

Griffith North Public School acknowledges the month of April as "Autism Awareness Month". Autism, which includes Asperger's syndrome, is a complex lifelong condition that affects the ability to communicate, interact with others and cope in everyday situations. This month is a time to generate awareness and acceptance of those on the spectrum within our community. So, on Tuesday, 28th April, there will be a RAINBOW casual day. Students are encouraged to wear bright multi-coloured clothes. There is no donation required. I encourage you to discuss Autism with your child and explore the Griffith Autism Support



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Group web site-
griffithautism.org.au

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Canteen News Week 1

Wednesday	22.4.15	Helper Needed
Thursday	23.4.15	Helper Needed
Friday	24.4.15	Josie Tapner
Monday	27.4.15	Neva Barber
Tuesday	28.4.15	Anjanette Rowley

Welcome back and I hope everyone has had a wonderful holiday. Thank you to the families who have returned their Term 2 Canteen roster. If you haven't done so yet please do it ASAP. If you are able to donate a cake to the canteen that would be greatly appreciated as well.

This term Hot Milo will be available from the canteen in the mornings for \$1.50.

Thanking you

Adele and Paulina

Canteen Supervisors

Thank you to the Kidman Way Citrus

Thank you to *Kidman Way Citrus* who kindly donated beautifully fresh oranges for our Stage 3 excursion to Canberra. They were delicious!



P&C News

We will be holding a P&C Meeting this Thursday to get organised for our Family Fun Day on Sunday 3rd May. It would be wonderful to have as many people there to help out on the day.

The Pie Drive was extremely successful with over 1050 pie orders. The pies will be delivered to the school hall next Wednesday. They can be collected from the hall from 2.30pm to 5.30pm. If anyone is able to come along and help with the organising of orders please contact Tracy Ciampa.

Thank you to the families who have donated items for the Family Fun Day. We still need more PECSA bags. (See Family Fun Day separate article)

Thanking you

Jo Thorpe P&C President

GNPS FUN DAY

Sunday 3rd May
10am—2pm

A fun day out for the GNPS school community and a chance to invite new families – ALL WELCOME!

RIGHT NOW WE NEED YOUR HELP:

1. PESCA—please fill a zip-lock sandwich bag or glass jar (or a few) with treats or goodies; valued between \$3-5
2. RAFFLE— please consider what you and/or your business could offer as a raffle prize—BIG or SMALL!

- * GOODS / ITEMS
- * VOUCHERS
- * SERVICES

Please deliver the above items to the office.

3. STALLS- if you would like to run a stall at the Family Fun Day please contact the P&C
Contact Jo 0432 184 977 with all queries.



GNPS BOOK STALL

Need to clear out some of your pre-loved books?

The 2015 FUN DAY (May 3rd) will feature a Pre-Loved Book Stall and we need your help.

Sort through your bookshelves and donate books—

Fiction
Non-fiction
Kids book
any genre...

Deliver to the office by end of April. THANK YOU!

Remembering our Ex-servicemen & Women on ANZAC Day in a special way

On ANZAC Day this year, as happened the last five years, a small white cross and a poppy will be placed on every ex-serviceman and woman's grave in the Griffith Cemetery. 1007 graves in total.

After the ANZAC Day Service in the park, the community and students in particular are invited to visit the Griffith Cemetery and place the provided flowers on the graves marked with little white crosses. Donations of flowers will also be gratefully accepted.

This has been a beautiful thing to see over the past five years. Not one of the marked graves went without a flower placed there by the small but enthusiastic crowd.

I look forward to seeing you all at the cemetery on ANZAC Day.

Regards

Marg Tucker



HOW2Learn is at GNPS

Last term Mrs De Paoli and Mrs Delves undertook a 3 day training course to learn about a new way of thinking called "HOW2Learn". It's all about getting the most out of our learning experiences and developing habits that will help us for the rest of our lives. It is applicable to adults and children alike. They are very excited about continuing to implement it to the rest of the school over the next few terms. Watch this space for updates!



Sport News

Riverina Tennis

Next week Connor Potts will travel to Sydney to participate in the NSW PSSA Tennis Carnival. He will be representing the Riverina, Griffith Zone and Griffith North Public School. Good luck Connor!



Riverina Basketball

Congratulations to Ryan Minato who has now also been selected in the Riverina Basketball Team. Ryan and Sam Payne will travel to Wollongong next Monday to participate in the NSW PSSA Basketball Carnival. We wish them all the best!



Rugby Union Teams

This Thursday the boys in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 will have trials for the school rugby union teams. There will be a Year 3/4 team and a Year 5/6 team picked. The boys who are selected will then have a training run next Monday 27th April at lunch time with Mr McLeod and union development officer Seth Stoltenberg. The teams will be preparing for the union gala day on Tuesday 5th May at Jubilee oval.



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Trent Barrett Shield

Next Tuesday the Trent Barrett Shield will be held at Jubilee Oval. We have two teams representing GNPS. The boys will play Rugby League and the girls will play League Tag. Thank you to Ms Maloni for all her hard work in coaching both teams. Good luck to our Trent Barrett Shield Teams!

League Tag Team



Rugby League Team

