

North Weekly News

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Term 2 Week 4

Tuesday, 12 May 2015

Dates To Remember

Wed 13 th May	NAPLAN- Reading
Thurs 14 th May	NAPLAN-Numeracy P&C Meeting-Nature Garden
Tues 19 th May	K-2 Assembly 1/2T Hosting 3-6 Assembly 5W Hosting Mortimer Shield ICAS Digital Technology Competition
Thurs 21 st May	Zone Cross Country
Fri 22 nd May	Sydney Symphony Orchestra Performance at the Regional Theatre
Mon 25 th May	Alpha Show Hercules
Tues 26 th May	K-2 Assembly 2/3Y Hosting 3-6 Assembly 2/3Y Hosting

Mrs Marshall

Congratulations to Mrs Marshall who was presented with her 30 Years of Service Certificate from the Department of Education and Communities at this week's K-2 assembly. This is a wonderful achievement and I would like to thank Mrs Marshall for her dedication and commitment to GNPS.



Year 3 and Year 5 (NAPLAN)

This week the Year 3 and 5 students will be sitting the NAPLAN test. They completed the Language Convention and Writing today, and will complete the Reading on Wednesday and Numeracy on Thursday. It is very important that your child is here to sit these tests and that they arrive on time, as we will be starting first thing in the morning. If for some reason your child will be absent, please contact the school to let us know. On Friday there is an opportunity for students to complete their NAPLAN if they have been absent during the week. I would like to wish the Year 3 and 5 students all the best for their NAPLAN!



Information Evening

Last Wednesday night we held our Information Evening for new families to our school. I would like to thank Mrs De Paoli for her organisation of this event for the school and teachers who came along and presented and supported the evening. Also, a big thank you to our wonderful P&C for providing supper and to our Captains and Prefects for welcoming the new families to the library.

Kindergarten Enrolments for 2016

Come and enrol now!

Enrolments for students who are eligible to attend school in 2016 are now being taken. Eligible students are those who live in zone and turn 5 before July 31st 2016. If you have a child or you know of anyone who has a child who is able to attend school in 2016 please ask them to come and enrol. Applications for enrolments are now being taken at the school office.

Please present your child's Immunisation record, Birth Certificate and evidence of residential address at the time of application.



2015-2017 School Plan

The 2015-2017 School Plan is now available on our website

www.griffithnp.schools.nsw.edu.au, for community members to read and to look at our future directions. Our three strategic directions are:

- Teaching Excellence;
- Dynamic Learning; and
- Community
- Engagement.

Annual School Report

The 2014 Annual School Report is available for viewing on our school website: www.griffithnp.schools.nsw.edu.au

The 2014 Annual School Report outlines our achievements during 2014. If you do not have access to a computer at home to read the Annual School Report please come and see the office so we can organise a copy for you.

Assembly Awards - Term 2 Week 4

KD:	Reuben, Sienna, Jennie
KC:	Jayden, Efe, Sienna
K-1P:	Raeef, Annie, Skye
1M:	Scarlett, Jesse, Tyler
1/2T	Jezaiah, Alexa, Loujane
2BA:	Zara, Ben, Tre
2/3Y:	Riley, Eliza, Blake
3J:	Ava, Todd
3/4A:	Kane, Billy
4M:	Jemma, Navjot
5W:	Nobeljit, Yuri
5P:	Adelaide, Kevin
6M:	Osman, Ryan
6D:	Robert, Kyle
Italian:	Justin, Hayley, Yuri, Talina

Green Mean Machine

The Green Mean Machine are working on recycling. If you have any egg cartons that you would like to recycle please send them into Mrs Braithwaite.

Thanking you for your support!

Band Camp



Last week I was lucky enough to go to the Riverina Combined Schools Concert Band Camp at Borambola.

There were 81 talented musicians playing, including a few from the Griffith Area. We had tutorials, band rehearsal and the chance to do other Borambola activities such as archery and fencing. The band performed at a school in Wagga (Koorringal) on the last day. I made lots of new friends and learnt more in a week than I could in a month. I think next year more students from the GNPS band should attend the camp.

By Callum

Canteen News Week 4

Wednesday	13.5.15	Helper Needed
Thursday	14.5.15	Kellie Bordignon
Friday	15.5.15	Josie Tapner
Monday	18.5.15	Neva Barber
Tuesday	19.5.15	Anjanette Rowley

This term there is gluten free bread and wraps available and gluten free sausage rolls for students to order. Also Hot Milo will be available from the canteen in the mornings for \$1.50.

Thanking you
Adele and Paulina Canteen Supervisors

P&C News

Infants Nature-Based Playground

The P&C have been working on developing a concept for a Nature-Based Playground in the Infant Area. Current research suggests there are significant educational, behavioural and health benefits associated with using natural materials to form a creative play space.

A special meeting of the P&C is being held this week:

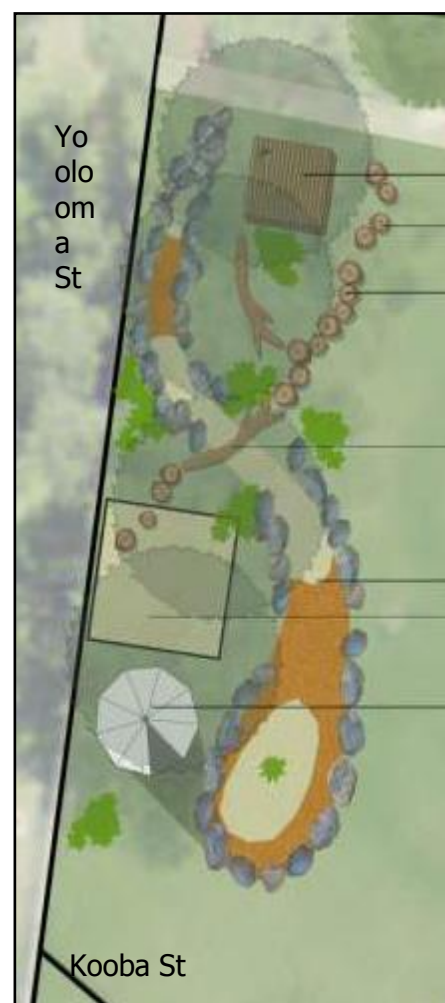
Thursday 14th May, 7.15pm

All are welcome. Please come if you have an interest in the playground development and if you are able to offer any services. Specific needs include:

- Carpenter
- Mini-excavator
- Source of Gum Tree Logs
- Plumber

Please contact the office if you would like to contribute but are unable to attend the meeting.

DRAFT CONCEPT DRAWING



May 29-30 (All day Friday/Saturday) – GNPS has been on a waiting list to run the BBQ and Cake Stall at the **Collier & Miller Sale Expo**. 2015 is our year! This is an amazing opportunity to raise significant funds for our school. WE NEED YOUR HELP! We require a roster of people to run the stall from 7am to close each day – anytime you can offer will be greatly appreciated. Also volunteers are needed to make cakes/slices/cupcakes to sell on the day. Please call with your offer to help: Jo 0432 184 977.

June 4 (7.15pm) – Normal **P&C** meetings resume on the 1st Thursday evening of each month. Everyone Welcome!
Thanking you
Jo Thorpe
P&C President

Sport News Riverina Soccer

Congratulations to Connor who was selected in the Riverina Soccer team last Friday. Connor will now travel to Bathurst in Week 10 of this term to participate in the NSW PSSA Boys Soccer Carnival. Well done Connor!



Rugby Union Gala Day

Griffith North fielded two teams in the Griffith Rugby Union Gala day on Tuesday 5th May. Our Year 5/6 team played well but were defeated by Griffith Public in their first game (6 tries to 1) and defeated again by Griffith East in their second game (8 tries to 0). North's 3/4 team had an exciting day at Jubilee Oval. They lost their first game against Griffith Public (4 tries to 2), won their second game against Parkview Public - Leeton (8 tries to 1).



The ever improving North 3/4 team then played in the grand final against Griffith Public, the team that beat them earlier in the day. The final was a thrilling game with Griffith North eventually winning with 4 tries to 3. Paddy Payne was awarded a new football for being the best player in the final.

North's Year 3/4 team have now qualified for the McTaggart Cup final in Wagga Wagga on Tuesday 19th May. A permission note has been sent home with those boys. Well done to both our Griffith North teams for a great day of rugby. A big thank you to our specialist coach Sam McLeod.



PSSA Tennis Knockout

On Wednesday 6th May, Connor, Aidan, Georgia and Maddison went to the Griffith tennis courts for a tennis tournament. We versed Griffith Small Schools. There were great shots, rallies and great sportsmanship shown by all the players. Overall we lost by one point, 31-30. Aidan won all his games and everyone else did their best. We won four games in total out of eight.

By Georgia, Aidan, Maddison and Connor

