

North Weekly News

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Term 3 Week 1

Tuesday, 14 July 2015

Dates To Remember

Term 2

Wed 15 th July	Soccer Gala Day
Thurs 16 th July	KROP Dress Rehearsal Mark Saddler Presentations for all K-6 students for NAIDOC Week
Fri 17 th July	NAIDOC Week Mufti Day Students wear Red, Black and/or Yellow
Tues 21 st July	K-6 Athletics Carnival
Wed 22 nd July	Newsletter Goes Home
Thurs 23 rd July	Boys' Basketball Team play Narrandera PS Back Up Athletics Carnival
Mon 27 th July	ICAS English Competition
Tues 28 th July	Education Week Activities at GNPS Choir performing at Central 10am Open Classrooms 11.45am-12.15pm K-6 Education Week Assembly 12.20pm Lapathon
Wed 29 th July	Kinder performing at Central at 10.30am

Welcome Back to Term 3

Welcome back to Term 3. I hope everyone had a great holiday and are ready for another busy term. This term we have many great events happening, including Athletics Carnival, Education Week, KROP, Book Week, Concert and lots more! Attached to this Newsletter is a calendar of the activities which are already planned for the term.



NAIDOC Public Speaking Challenge

Congratulations to Piper and Abbey who won the NAIDOC Public Speaking Challenge at Sturt Public School last term. This is an outstanding achievement! They presented their speech "We All Stand On Sacred Ground" at today's NAIDOC Week assembly and presented the School with their winning plaque.



Staff News

Mr Pendlebury is at the State Music Camp in Sydney this week. Mrs Joeleen Upcroft will be teaching 5P for this week.

I will be on leave for the week and will return to school on Tuesday 21st July. Mrs Young and Mrs Braithwaite will be acting Principals while I am on leave and Mr Brown will be teaching 2/3Y and 2BA.

NAIDOC Week Celebrations at GNPS

This week we will be celebrating NAIDOC Week which was on during the holidays. We started with our NAIDOC Week Assembly which was hosted by some of our Aboriginal students. Thank you to Mrs Morel for her organisation and to all our guest speakers and participants. We have planned the following activities to celebrate NAIDOC Week:

Thurs: Mark Saddler Presentations to the whole school throughout the day

Fri: Mufti-day for all students to come dressed in red, yellow and black and Indigenous games for sport.

NAIDOC Week Assembly at GNPS



Week 2 Newsletter

Due to the athletics carnival next Tuesday, the newsletter will go out next Wednesday. We will be able to bring you the results from the carnival.

Carpark

During the holidays, we had the carpark fence section completed. There are now gates for the entry and exit of the carpark. These gates will be closed at 8.45am, so that no cars can enter or leave the carpark and opened at 9.20am. In the afternoon they will be closed at 3.00pm and opened at 3.30pm.

Please do not open these gates to walk through. There will be walking access close to the entry gateway. This will allow all parents and students to safely leave the school grounds and then use the school crossing.



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.

Education Week 2015

This year Education Week is being held in week 3 of Term 3. The theme for Education Week is "Celebrating Local Heroes".

GNPS will be celebrating Education Week through a variety of activities throughout the week. We will have the choir singing at Griffith Central on Tuesday at 10.00am for the official opening and then at 10.30 and on Wednesday Kindergarten will be singing at 10.00am. We also have our dance group performing in KROP on Thursday and Friday.

Our main celebrations will be held on Tuesday 28th July when we will have our Open Day, assembly and Lapathon. Times as follows:

Open Day

Classroom visits – 11:35am - 12:15pm

Assembly - 12:15pm – 1:05pm

Picnic lunch (parents and students) 1:05pm
(Parents are invited to order from the canteen if they would like)

Lapathon: 2:00pm – 3:00pm.

We hope you are able to come and join us to celebrate in 2015.

Lapathon sponsor sheets have been sent home today for children to find sponsors. All money raised from the Lapathon will go towards literacy resources for students from Kindergarten to Year 6.



Canteen News Week 1

Wednesday	15.7.15	Helper Needed
Thursday	16.7.15	Helper Needed
Friday	17.7.15	Josie Tapner
Monday	20.7.15	Neva Barber
Tuesday	21.7.15	Athletics Carnival
		Helpers Needed

Thank you to the parents who have returned their Term 3 Canteen Roster. If you have not returned it yet please do so by Friday.

If anyone is able to donate cakes and slices for the Athletics Carnival please drop them either straight to the West End oval or to the school canteen.

Thanking you

Adele and Paulina Canteen Supervisors

P&C News

Our next fundraiser is our Lamington Drive which is being held on Friday 14th August at the school hall. Thank you to all the parents that have offered to help out at our Lamington Drive. It was wonderful to see so many names! If anyone else would like to help out with the lamingtons please contact me.

The Lamington Order forms were sent home last term. Please circulate your order forms at your workplace, and with your family and friends. Please make sure that they are returned by this Friday 17th July.

Our next meeting is Thursday 6th August at 7.15pm in the staffroom.

Thanking you

Jo Thorpe
GNPS P&C
President



2016 Kindergarten Meet and Play

We will be giving our 2016 Kindergarten students the opportunity to meet each other and have a play at school. It is also a chance for new parents to meet. Some of our present parents will be conducting these sessions and it is hoped that it will make the transition to "big school" easier.

Time: 2:30-3:15

Place: Infants Sandpit

Dates: Fri 7th August

Wed 12th August

Fri 21st August

Wed 26th August

Fri 4th September

Wed 9th September

If you know any new Kinder parents who would be interested, please let them know. For more information, contact Liz Johnstone 0437641288

School Band

There will be no school band this Thursday as Mr Pendlebury is at the State Music Camp in Sydney this week. Band will resume next week.

Sport News

Griffith Zone Runner-Up Netball Champions

On Wednesday, 24th June, Georgia, Ella, Charli, Adelaide, Brianna, Lara, Noa and Sarah travelled to West End Stadium to compete in the P.S.S.A. Netball Knockout Competition. The girls won 2 out of 3 matches and were proudly crowned runner-up champions!

The first match was against Griffith Public School, which they won 23-11. After a short break, they then played Yenda Public School. The match was closely contested with G.N.P.S. winning a low-scoring game 9-4. Our team progressed to the final against a strong Griffith East. Unfortunately, they were defeated 31-6. Congratulations to all the girls who displayed great sportsmanship and played extremely well.

Thank you very much to Karen Owers and Denise Robinson for providing

transport on the day. Also to Karen for organising a wonderful umpire for our team and being a great team supporter for the girls all day!

State Cross Country

This Friday Victoria will represent GNPS, Griffith Zone and the Riverina at the State Cross Country at Eastern Creek. We would like to wish Victoria all the best! Good luck Victoria!



GNPS Athletics Carnival

Next Tuesday will be our Athletics Carnival. All students from Kindergarten to Year 6 will be participating. Students in K-2 can wear their sports uniform and students from 3-6 can wear their house colours. Please ensure your child will have warm clothes for the day.

If you are able to help out on the day, either in the canteen or with the carnival please see Mr Angel.

PSSA Soccer Gala Day

Tomorrow we will have our boys and girls soccer teams participating in the PSSA Soccer Knockout Competition. I would like to thank Mrs Burley, Mr Burley and Miss Taylor who have been coaching the teams. Miss Taylor and Mr Angel will be the supervising teachers. I would also like to wish both teams good luck for the gala day!