



Term 1 Week 5

Wednesday, 24 February

Dates To Remember

Thurs 25 th Feb	Zone Swimming Carnival
Mon 29 th Feb	Young Leaders' Conference
Tues 1 st March	K-2 Assembly – K/1P Hosting 11.35 3-6 Assembly 6D Hosting 12.35
Wed 2 nd March	School Disco K-2 5.30pm-6.30pm 3-6 6.30pm-8.00pm
Fri 4 th March	Clean Up Australia Day AECG Meeting 2.00pm
Mon 7 th March	Riverina Swimming Carnival
Tues 8 th March	K-2 Assembly – KC Hosting 11.35 3-6 Assembly 4P Hosting 12.35
Tues 15 th Mar	K-2 Assembly – KL Hosting 11.35 3-6 Assembly 5W Hosting 12.35

GNPS Swimming Carnival

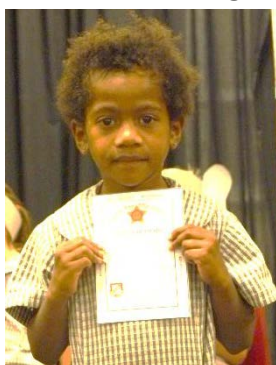
Congratulations to all our students who participated so enthusiastically in our school swimming carnival on Wednesday. It was great to see so many children entering lots of different events and cheering enthusiastically for their team. New records were set by Victoria in the all age 100m freestyle, 12yrs 50m freestyle, Senior 50m breaststroke, backstroke and butterfly and the Senior 200m Individual Medley.



PBL "Reach for the Stars" Badges and Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have received our Reach for the Stars Gold Star Award and badge:

K-2 Alivina (KC) for being a kind and caring class member who demonstrates an awareness of the needs of others and takes the initiative to help them.



3-6 Josevata (5W) for showing respect for teachers and other students and always being a responsible learner.



Nicole also set new records in the 10yrs 50m freestyle, Junior 50m breaststroke, backstroke and butterfly and the Junior 200m Individual Medley. Special mention must also be made of Samantha whose times in the all age 100m freestyle, 12yrs 50m freestyle, Senior 50m breaststroke, backstroke and butterfly and the Senior 200m Individual Medley were also faster than previous records. Congratulations girls on these outstanding achievements!



A very big thank you to all our wonderful parents, grandparents and other family members 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 Kooba team who was our winning house on the day. In second place was Boonah, followed by Macarthur then Yoolooma.

Special congratulations go to our individual age champions:



Junior boy champion: Kieran

Junior girl champion: Nicole

11 Years boy champion: Billy

11 Years girl champion: Piper

Senior boy champion: Tanner

Senior girl champion: Victoria

Congratulations also to the Higgins Encouragement Medallion award winners for 2016 Samantha and Charlie whose performances on the day were outstanding.

These students, along with many others, will now attend the Griffith Zone Swimming Carnival on Thursday 25th February. We wish them luck and know they will proudly represent our school.

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.

Assembly Awards - Term 1 Week 5

KC: Adah, Hayden, Lachlan

KD: Kyla, Danika, Sara

KL: Evie, Toby, Alex

K-1P: Noah, Valentina,
Frances

1A: Zoey, Millie, Bruce

1/2M: Rueben, Cliona, Taylor

2UV: Pita, Sania, Eva-Rose

2/3M: Brooke, Abdullah, Thomas

3CY: Tasnia, Meli

3/4A: Kylah, Nicholas

4P: Zainab, Alex

4/5S: Daniel, Mitavale

5W: Jayden, Abbey

6M: Ella, Inapa

6D: Enzo, Jessica

Italian: Jayde, Dylan, Kane,
Susannah

AECG Meeting

The first AECG meeting for 2016 will be held on Friday 4th March at 2pm in the board room at Griffith Aboriginal Medical Centre. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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.

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!



Canteen News Week 5

Wednesday	24.2.16	Jodie Neyland
Thursday	25.2.16	Help Needed
Friday	26.2.16	Josier Tapner
Monday	29.2.16	Tracy Ciampa
Tuesday	01.3.16	Help Needed

A reminder that there have been price increases with the new menu, so please check your menu for the correct prices.

A reminder that all lunch orders need to be handed in by 9.15am, so that students can be guaranteed that they will get what they have ordered.

Thanking you
Adele and Paulina
Canteen Supervisors

2016 Bendigo and Ballarat Excursion

The cost of the excursion will be \$385. **We require a deposit of \$100 to confirm your child's participation in the excursion.** Please pay your deposit by **Monday 29th February 2016.**

The balance of payment can be made in instalments or as a lump sum. Complete payment will be expected by Monday 29th March 2016.

Any parent, who foresees difficulty with finance, including payment of the deposit, is invited to ring Miss Bourne as soon as possible. No late deposits will be accepted, so if you foresee any difficulties with paying the deposit, please contact Miss Bourne immediately.



BANDS FUNDRAISING TRIVIA NIGHT

Why?: To raise funds for our school band program.

When?: Saturday 2nd April at 6:30pm in our school hall.

Who?: Any adults - parents, friends, staff.

Strictly no students! Have to be 18 years or older to attend.

How much?: \$20 per ticket. Tables will seat 8.

Where do I pay?: At the school office.

What to bring?: BYO drinks and food.

What's in it for me?: A great time and fun prizes.

Can I help?: Sure - see Mr Pendlebury if you would like to help in any way - Setting up on the day etc.

Senior and Junior Basketball Nomination Night

Thursday 25th February 5pm – 6.30pm

Senior Autumn Competition

Individual Senior Nominations are \$130.00 per player for 12 weeks of rounds + Finals

For nominations to be accepted, at least 5 players fully paid will need to be registered.

All players in 2016 will need to be fully paid before taking the court.

Competition will start 6th March, 2016

Juniors will start on the Thursday 3rd March, 2016

Aussie Hoops will start on Monday 7th / 14th March, 2016

Junior competition- individual Nominations only

Monday Night Aussie Hoops

- New member \$ 80.00

- Renewal \$ 50.00

Thursday Night Competition

11 years & under \$90.00

13 years & under \$115.00

15 years & under \$115.00

(\$48 Door Fee included in registration fee)

If your child is playing in a second game an extra \$48 is added to the Registration Fee.

Clean Up Australia

Friday 4th March 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 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.

Welcome DISCO

When: Wednesday 2nd March

Where: School Hall

Time: Kinder-Yr2: 5.30-6.30pm
Yr3-Yr6: 6.30-8pm

Entry Fee: \$2 per child

Killer Pythons- \$1.00

Sour Straps- 20c each

Fruit Box- \$1.50

Water-\$1.00

Chips- \$1.50



GLOW PRODUCTS: \$2.00-\$2.50

Griffith Netball Association Registration and 'Come and Try' Day

Saturday 5th March at 11am, Jubilee Oval, Griffith
Come and play netball this season with the Griffith Netball Association!

Registrations will be taken for Net Set Go, Junior and Senior Divisions from 11am – 2pm

Never played netball and want to give it a try?

'Come and Try' Netball on the same day from 12 noon – 1:30pm.

For more information please contact Association President, Carlene Stevenson on 0429 626813 or griffithnetball@gmail.com or our website:

www.griffithna.nsw.netball.com.au