



Term 1 Week 9

Friday, 1 April 2016

Dates To Remember

Wed 23 rd Mar	Easter Hat Parade
Thurs 24 th Mar	Rugby Union Gala Day
Fri 25 th Mar	Good Friday
Mon 28 th Mar	Easter Monday
Tues 29 th Mar	K-2 Assembly – 1/2M Hosting 11.35 3-6 Assembly Year 5 and 6 Behaviour Awards 12.35
Wed 30 th Mar	"A Case Of Discovery" performance Years 3-6
Thurs 31 st Mar	GNPS Cross Country
Sat 2 nd April	Trivia Night in School Hall
Mon 4 th -Thurs 7 th April	Stage Three excursion to Ballarat and Bendigo
Tues 5 th April	K-2 Assembly – Behaviour Awards 11.35 3-6 Assembly Year 3 and 4 Behaviour Awards 12.35
Fri 8 th April	Last day of Term 1

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 Annie 1A for consistently caring for her peers, respecting teachers and taking responsibility for her learning.



3-6 Matilda 2/3M for following all instructions, being responsible for her actions and considering others.



Harmony Day

Today GNPS celebrated Harmony Day. It's a day where all Australians celebrate our cultural diversity. The day is also the United Nation's International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. This is the 16th year of celebrating Harmony Day!

Harmony Day gives people the opportunity to celebrate what makes each Australian unique and share what we have in common.

The continuing message is that **Everyone Belongs**. It's a time to reflect on where Australians have come from, recognising the traditional owners of this land. It's also about community participation, inclusiveness and respect – celebrating the different cultures that make Australia a great place to live.

Today students participated in different activities during the morning session, which focused on different cultures, such as Pakistani, Indian, Fijian, Japanese, and many more. I would like to thank Mrs Pandolfo for all her organisation of this event for our students!



SRC Induction

Congratulations to the SRC who were presented with their badges at today's Harmony Day Assembly. It was lovely having their parents there to participate in this special event by pinning their badges on them. The SRC are:

2/3M:Jonah

3CY: Thomas , Eliza

3/4A: Liam , Rose

4P: Dylan, Ellie

4/5S: Kyle , Aoibhinn

5W: Abbey, Will

6M: Daniel, Amber

6D: Jessica, Samuel



2016 Voluntary School Contribution

Thank you to the families who have already paid their Voluntary School Contributions. It is greatly appreciated. A reminder for those who have not paid your voluntary school contribution that it is;

- \$30.00 for 1 student attending GNPS (75 cents per week if you have one child)
- \$55.00 for 2 students from the same family attending GNPS (69 cents per week per child)
- \$75.00 for 3 or more students from the same family attending GNPS (63 cents per week per child)

Please note that all contributions – no matter how large or small – are greatly appreciated.

Harmony Day Assembly Awards - Term 1 Week 9

KC: Monica, Lachlan

KD: Alisha, Cecilia

KL: Elyanna, Paxton

K-1P: Matissa, Rodi

1A: Isabella, Ella

1/2M: Vinnie, Kayla

2UV: Lauren, Chris

2/3M: Bree, Jorja

3CY: Eliza, Brandon

3/4A: Lucy, Harrison

4P: Ellie, Jone

4/5S: Michael, Emma

5W: Noah, Hamza

6M: Luca, Tess

6D: Fefiloi, Jacob

Italian: Daniel, Daniel, Mitavale, Gisela

Music News

Applications for State Junior Music Camp - Sunday 17 July – Friday 22 July 2016 (first week Term 3) are now open.

The camp will be held at Sydney Academy of Sport, Wakehurst Parkway, Narrabeen.

Follow the link below to apply - applications close on Friday 6 May 2016.

Student applications:

<https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/music/music-camp-student-applications>

Parents must organise transport to and from Sydney for their children.

Mr Pendlebury

P&C News

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 31st March, due to the Stage 3 students returning home from their excursion on the 7th April. It will be held in the staffroom at 7.15pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Last week you should have received your Pie Drive order forms. If you missed these please contact the school office for another form.

Thanking you

Tracy Ciampa

P&C President

2016 Bendigo and Ballarat Excursion

The cost of the excursion will be \$385. **All students attending should have paid their \$100 deposit.**

The balance of payment can be made in instalments or as a lump sum. Complete payment will be expected by Tuesday 29th March 2016, which is next Tuesday.

Any parent, who foresees difficulty with finance, is invited to ring Miss Bourne as soon as possible.

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

Canteen News Week 9

Wednesday	23.3.16	Help Needed
Thursday	24.3.16	Help Needed
Friday	25.3.16	Good Friday
Monday	28.3.16	Easter Monday
Tuesday	29.3.16	Help Needed

If anyone is available to help in the canteen please contact us as we really need your help. It is also a great way to help the school community and your children love seeing you here at school.

Thanking you

Adele and Paulina

Canteen Supervisors

Sport

PSSA Cricket Knockout against GEPS

On Monday, the GNPS Cricket team went to Jubilee Oval to play our first PSSA Knockout game against GEPS. We all played a great match and won by two runs. It was very close and exhausting but we made it there in the end. Our score was 88 runs and 7 wickets and we bowled all of GEPS out for 86 runs. A special thank you to Mr Gaske and Mr Nolan for helping us on the day. Also, thank you to Mrs Pandolfo for organising the match. We look forward to playing Hanwood Public School and wish all our players the best for this upcoming match.

By Leo and Jacob



Come one, Come all!

K-2 Easter Hat Parade

When: Wednesday 23rd
March 11.50

Where: GNPS school hall

Come along to the hall and join in the fun of the Easter Hat Parade. Students will parade their amazing Easter hats, entertain you with lots of singing and there may even be a surprise visit from the Easter Bunny!

Griffith PSSA Netball Knockout

Last Thursday 8 students represented Griffith North Public at the Griffith PSSA Netball knockout. The girls had a wonderful day and demonstrated enthusiasm, great sportsmanship and plenty of eagerness to tackle the situations they faced on the court. The girls were successful in the first round defeating Griffith Public School 16-11. They were unsuccessful in the second round and were knocked out of the competition when they came up against Yenda Public School 18-6. The girls played a brilliant last three quarters but it just wasn't enough to get them through. The girls displayed fantastic team spirit and sportsmanship and are to be commended on a brilliant day.

After the knockout concluded Adelaide, Victoria, Renee, Abbey and Victoria then trialled for the Griffith Zone PSSA Netball team. Congratulations to Renee and Victoria for making it in the top 14 and a special congratulations to Victoria for being successful and making it into the Zone Netball Team. Victoria will now trial for the Western Riverina Netball Squad early Term 2. All the best Victoria!



Asenaca, Ana, Abbey, Victoria, Victoria, Renee, Adelaide, Lacey

Rugby Union Gala Day

On Thursday we have two teams participating in the rugby union gala day at Jubilee Oval. I would like to thank Sam McLeod and Brad Johnstone for coaching the team and Mrs Pandolfo for organising this for the students. I would also like to wish both teams all the best for the day!



Stage 2 Team



Stage 3 Team

Stewart House Donation Drive

Stewart House has provided care to NSW public school children for 85 years. It is one of the oldest and most respected charities in Australia. They are currently having a donation drive and you have the opportunity to donate to this wonderful charity. Attached to this newsletter is a Stewart House envelope where you can donate \$2 or more. The envelopes need to be returned to school by the 13th May, so we can return them to Stewart House by 20th May, so you can be in the draw.

Thank you for supporting this great organisation that supports our students!