

# North Weekly News



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Term 3 Week 10

Wednesday, 15 September

## Dates to Remember

### Term 3

Fri 17 Sept Last day of Term 3

### Term 4

Mon 4 Oct Labour Day Public Holiday

Tues 5 Oct Term 4 resumes for all staff and students

Wed 6 Oct AECG Meeting via zoom 2pm

Tues 12 Oct 2022 Kindergarten Information Evening via zoom 5.30pm

## Welcome back!

We are very excited to have students and staff back on site at GNPS. It was lovely seeing them all arriving yesterday, happily catching up with their friends and teachers in person.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff for their efforts over the past four weeks. Teachers who have been teaching via Google Classrooms, teachers who have been on site providing supervision, SASS staff who have been continuing to support teachers and students, have all done an incredible job.

I would also like to acknowledge our wonderful parent body and school community for supporting us over the past four weeks to ensure students were able to continue learning from home.

THANK YOU!

## SASS Staff Recognition Week

Last week was SASS Staff Recognition Week! I would like to take the opportunity to acknowledge the hard work and efforts of all our SASS staff at GNPS. Our SASS staff include, Janet Signor (School Administration Manager), Cheryl Adcock, Tammy Gale, Sarah Signor, Meagan Wood (School Administration Officers), Helen Cambrell, Jodie Smith, Vanessa Blumer, Rachael McMahon, Jane Francis, Melissa Zambon, Jenny Johns, Nicole Smith, Elizabeth Mason, Pamela Cox, Deb Everson, Tamsin Hughes and Rebecca Hogno (School Learning Support Officers) and Keith Chapman (General Assistant).

Their commitment and high level of skill acquisition is outstanding. Without all their efforts, we would not be as efficient and effective as we are. On behalf of the teaching staff of GNPS, I would like to thank the SASS staff for all they do to support public education at GNPS!



## Level 3

Here's what our families and student can expect when returning to school sites under COVID-safe Level 3 conditions:

- Staff will be required to wear masks indoors and outdoors while on school grounds.
- We will reduce overall mingling of our different student years which means, no school assemblies or sport (outside of existing PDHPE classes) or excursions.
- We are also reducing the mingling at recess and lunch, with Stage 1 in the K-2 playground, and Stage 2 and Stage 3 rotating between APEX or the 3-6 playground. Kinder and K/1M will be having their lunch at 11.30-12.20 and recess at 2.05- 2.30 and will be in the K-2 playground.
- Only essential visitors will be allowed on site and will be required to check-in and wear masks at all times.
- Canteens are open with appropriate hygiene measures in place.
- Parents and carers will need to remain outside of school grounds and follow physical distancing and avoid gathering during drop-offs and pick-ups.
- There will be enhanced daily cleaning of the school and wherever possible we will ensure classrooms will be well-ventilated with open windows.
- Before and After School Care will be available on site following COVID-safe plans.

## School Activities Affected by Level 3

As we are now in Level 3 there are new restrictions that apply and some planned activities will not be proceeding while on Level 3:

- No assemblies or morning lines
- No choir or band
- No singing or chanting
- No Scripture
- School Photos postponed
- ALPHA Show "Beauty and the Beast" cancelled
- Year 6 Transition on hold
- Swimming Lessons on hold
- Kindergarten Orientation on hold
- Sport will only be class sport
- Book Week on hold

**Our PJ Day and Footy Colours Day will now take place early in Term 4.**



## Attendance-SMS Messaging

As part of increasing attendance, we will be trialling sending SMS messages to families when students are absent. Please ensure that you reply to the text as to why your child is absent, as it will record the reason why your child is away. If you have more than one child away, you need to send a separate reply for each absent child.



## PBL Expectation Focus

This week's focus for PBL is:

### "Play Safely"

Our PBL focus for this fortnight is "Play Safely." Everyone should feel safe at school. It is exciting to see our friends again this week, so let's look after each other in the playground and while lining up for class. This means no rough play or hurting others while playing at school.

## PBL Reward Tickets

Congratulations to the following students who were drawn out of the PBL Reward Ticket box for following school expectations:

- Aaliya
- Jack
- Elliot
- Zavier
- Clayton



## Up to Date Email Addresses

During the lockdown, one of our main forms of communication was using emails. If you did not receive an email from myself (Susan Bourne), then we do not have your correct email address on file. Please contact the school so this can be corrected, so that any future correspondence is received.

## NAPLAN

Yesterday Year 3 and Year 5 received their NAPLAN results from the assessments they sat in early Term 2.

The GNPS results are very pleasing with Year 3 receiving above the state average for reading, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and Year 5 achieving above the state average for reading and writing. Both Year 3 and Year 5 achieved above similar/ like schools for all aspects of NAPLAN.

Congratulations and well done to Year 3 and 5 on such pleasing results!

If parents would like to discuss their child's individual results please phone the school to make an appointment with your child's teacher.



## Sport News

### PSSA Basketball Competitions

On Thursday 12 August, our boys and girls basketball teams travelled to Narrandera for the third round of the NSW PSSA Knockout. After convincing wins against Griffith East and Griffith Public in Term 2, the two North teams were up against two stronger sides in this round.

Our boys played first against Leeton Public and were defeated 60-34. The boys' game was dominated by Leeton's Solomon Liu, who was selected in the 2021 NSW State basketball side.



## PSSA Basketball Competitions



The girls' game was a closer match but Narrandera Public were eventual winners with a 55-44 score line. The score was fairly even at half time but the Narrandera girls' basketball experience pushed them to the front in the final twenty minutes of play.



We are very proud of both Griffith North basketball teams. They demonstrated excellent sportsmanship and determination. Through training at school and playing in the Knockout, the North students have learnt new basketball skills and strategies. Thanks to all the parents and grandparents who travelled to Narrandera, to provide lifts for our players and to support our teams. It was great to look up into the stands and see that supportive Griffith crowd!

## Cancelled PSSA Sports Due to COVID

The majority of PSSA sports that were due to take place in Term 3 and Term 4 have now been cancelled. These include:

- State Cross Country
- State Carnivals, such as cricket, touch football, soccer, rugby union
- PSSA Knockout competitions that we were still participating in such as Netball and Touch football.

While it is disappointing for these students who were still involved in these sports, the decision was made due to the health, safety and wellbeing of all members of the community.

## Kindergarten Enrolments for 2022 Come and enrol now!

Enrolments for students who are eligible to attend school in 2022 are now being taken. Eligible students are those who live in zone and turn 5 before July 31 2022. If you have a child or you know of anyone who has a child who is able to attend school in 2022, please ask them to enrol. There are two ways to now enrol, one by going to our website and enrolling on line or by coming into the school to collect an enrolment form.

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

