North Weekly News

Tuesday, 24 June 2014

Welcome

I would like to welcome back Mrs Lesley Crimmings to GNPS. She will be replacing Mrs Fordham in the Library while she is on Long Service leave. Mrs Crimmings will be here until 29th August.

6DM Harmony Day Poster State Winners

Congratulations to 6DM who were announced as the State winners of the 2014 Harmony Day Poster competition. There were over 5000 entries. This is an outstanding achievement. The school received $250 and 6DM $500 for their win!

I would like to thank the five students (Molly, Elijah, Isabel, Jayden and Harmeet) who represented 6DM and GNPS at the Prize Winning Ceremony along with Mrs Delves and Mrs Morel who organised this opportunity for their class.

I would especially like to thank Mr Peter Jones who drove everyone to Sydney and back last Tuesday and Wednesday.

Dates To Remember

| Term 2 |  
| Wed 25th June | Student Reports Going Home  
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| Thur 26th June | K-6 Performance “Pass the Poetry Please”  
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| Fri 27th June | Operation Art Years 5 and 6  
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| Term 3 |  
| Mon 14th July | School Development Day (Staff Only)  
| Tues 15th July | Students resume school  
| Wed 16th July | NAIDOC Week Assembly K-6  
| Thurs 17th July | NAIDOC Week School Rotations  
| Fri 18th July | NAIDOC Week Indigenous Games  

Reports

Reports for first semester will be sent home tomorrow. There has been a change with our reports due to the new English Syllabus. This year we have been directed by the Department of Education and Communities to only give an overall achievement for English, rather than individual achievements for Reading, Writing, Talking and Listening. Your child’s achievements have been addressed in their English comments.

It is also very important to remember that if your child receives a “Sound” they are working at the correct level for this point in time.

Teachers have been working very hard to complete a comprehensive report of your child’s achievements and areas for improvement. If you would like to discuss your child’s report please contact the office or your child’s classroom teacher to make an appointment.
NAIDOC Week Celebrations
NAIDOC week is from 6th July to the 13th July, which is during the school holidays. GNPS will be celebrating NAIDOC Week in the first week of Term 3. We have planned the following activities for the week;

**Tues:** K-6 NAIDOC Week Assembly

**Wed:** Rotation activities after recess

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

**Fri:** Mufti-day for all students to come dressed in red, yellow and black. Indigenous Games during the day.

I would like to thank Mrs Vearing for organising these activities for our students.

Choir Opening at Operation Art
Congratulations to the Choir who performed at the opening of Operation Art last Thursday night. They looked and sounded great. I received many compliments regarding their performance. They represented GNPS beautifully. I would like to thank Mr Pendlebury for all his efforts in organising this for the choir.

Debating
Well done to our Year 6 Debating Team, consisting of Alice, Laura, Elijah and Muntaqim, who debated Hillston Central School in the Premiers Debating Competition last Thursday. Unfortunately our team was defeated on the day.

They debated the topic “primary schools should have longer school holidays” and GNPS was the affirmative. Thank you to Mrs Delves who drove the team to Hillston and for organising this for our students.

Behaviour Awards
Congratulations to all the students who received their Bronze/Silver Awards at today’s assembly. It is wonderful to see so many students behaving well and displaying our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) values. Well done and keep up the great work!

End of Term 2
We have had another very productive term with students involved in a variety of activities from academic, cultural and sporting activities. It is wonderful for our students to have the opportunity to participate in all these activities. All these activities have been so successful due to the hard work and dedication of the parent body, students and the staff.

I would like to thank the students, parents and staff for all their efforts and enthusiasm over this term. We have a fantastic school where we can all work together to provide great opportunities for our students!

I hope you all have a relaxing holiday and I am looking forward to another successful Term 3!

Susan Bourne
Principal

SRC K-6 Disco - Thursday 26th June

K-2 -5pm - 6pm
3-6 - 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Our theme for the disco is “80’s”.

Entry fee is $2.00. Food and drinks will be on sale. Pythons $1.00, Juice Boxes $1.00, Water $2.00, Honey Soy Chips $2.00, Sea Salt chips $2.00, Chilli Chips $2.00. Glow Sticks will also be sold on the night – 5 for $1.00, large glow sticks - $2.00 and necklace - $1.00
KROP
On Thursday 17th July, week 1 of Term 3, KROP dancers will be going to the Regional Theatre for a full-dress rehearsal. If your child is participating in KROP, please ensure they have returned the following to Miss Mason before the end of Term 2 (Friday):

- permission note and $10 for transport expenses;
- plain black long-sleeve top;
- plain long black pants/tights; and
- plain black shoes.

All clothing should be in a labelled sealed bag.

A reminder that tickets for KROP are currently on sale at the Regional Theatre. They will be selling fast so please contact the Regional Theatre to purchase yours.

Thanking you
Miss Mason

Kindylane Preschool Commemorative Pavers
Have you ordered your 60th commemorative paver? Paver orders are open to past, present and future children, families and business. It is an opportunity for anyone that has been associated with our wonderful preschool to have their name/picture displayed in our paved area in our backyard redevelopment.

Don’t let you or your child miss out on having a permanent reminder of their attendance at our beautiful preschool.

If you require an order form or know of friends and family that would like one please contact Heather Gowing on 69644283 or email kindylane@bigpond.com

We will be closing orders on the 30th August 2014, so you still have time...

Don’t miss out!

Canteen Roster – Term 2 and 3

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Canteen News

Dear Parents and Grandparents

The school canteen operates with voluntary help each day. If you are able to volunteer sometime in the canteen, whether it is on a weekly, fortnightly or monthly basis, canteen rosters for Term 3 have been sent out, so please fill it in and send it back to school ASAP. Your child/children would love to see you there.

Thank you to our regular volunteers who always seem to find a bit more time to help when it is needed. A warm welcome to the new mums who have kindly offered their services this term.

Thanking you
Adele and Paulina – Canteen Supervisors

P&C News

Our next fundraiser will be our Lamington Drive. We will be making the Lamingtons on Friday 8th August, so please keep this date free if you are able to help out. The Lamington Drive Roster Form went home on Friday. Please fill it out and return it to school before Friday. We need a commitment from helpers before the Lamington Drive can go ahead.

Thanking you
Tamara Minato – P&C President

Holiday Clinics

NRL-
- Tuesday 8th July- EW Moore Oval Griffith;
- Ages 6-12 years 10am-12noon
- $30 includes footy pack
- For more information contact; www.southwestnswdevelopment.leaguenet.com.au

AFL
- Friday 4th July- Westend Stadium;
- 9.30am-3pm; $50, includes morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea and a Footy Pack;
- For more information contact Che Jemkins 0477303542 che.jenkins@aflnswact.com.au
Sport News

Riverina Athletics Carnival
The Riverina Athletics Carnival has been postponed to **Monday 4th August**, which is week 4 term 3.

Netball Gala Day
On Friday the 20th of June, the Griffith North Knock-out and Gala Team competed in the PSSA Netball Carnival.
The Knockout team went extremely well as they came third overall out of ten teams. They beat GPS by 7 goals and were knocked out by Yenda by 2 goals. They we played a friendly game against GEPS and won.

The Gala team played really well winning most of their games and improving each game.

They all showed great sportsmanship on the day. Both teams would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Vearing for all her hard work and effort put into both teams.

By Ella Frank

Tennis Clinic
There will be a tennis clinic held at the Griffith Tennis Club on Monday 30th June through to Wednesday 2nd July. Starts at 9.00am, finishes at 12.00. Cost is $30/morning or $25 /morning for three consecutive days.

Enquiries Cheryl 0429126586

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Union McTaggart Cup

The Griffith North Rugby Union teams travelled to Wagga for the finals of the McTaggart Cup last Thursday. The 3/4 team, coached by Mr McLeod, won their first two games convincingly and they were ranked second in the lead up to the finals. Unfortunately, they lost their quarter final match. The 3/4 team played extremely well and should be very proud of their efforts. The 3/4 results from Thursday are as follows: v St Joseph’s 1 won 15-0, v Lutheran 2 won 35-5, Quarterfinal St Joseph’s 2 lost 20-5.

The 5/6 team coached by Mr Francis had a sluggish start to the day and were beaten in their first two matches. It was their third game when they finally switched on and started playing great footy. The 5/6 team stormed home winning their final game in true North form. The 5/6 results from Thursday are as follows: v Mater Dei lost 25-10, v Lutheran lost 15-10, v South Wagga 2 Won 25-10. A huge thank you to the coaches and also to the parents who drove across to Wagga. We would also like to say a special thanks to Aled Francis because that was his last coaching day with the North boys. Aled has been coaching our boys for five years and with Bryn heading to high school, we will no longer have him as a coach. A big thank you Aled from all the students and staff!