Friday, 5 August 2014

**KROP**

Last Thursday and Friday our Dance group represented GNPS at KROP. All their performances were fantastic and they were a credit to our school. I would like to thank Miss Mason, Mrs Woodward and Mrs Morel for all their hard work and dedication to make KROP such a wonderful experience for our students!

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**Nick Schneider**

It is with great sadness that we inform you that Mr Nick Schneider, our General Assistant, passed away on Sunday afternoon. Nick had been on sick leave since February this year. Nick was the General Assistant at Griffith North Public School since 2006. Our thoughts are with Bridgit and her family during this sad time. We would like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication that Nick has contributed to GNPS over the past nine years. He will be sadly missed.

**GNPS Lapathon “Lighting the Way to a Better World”**

Students run and run and run!!!

Thank you to the students who have returned their Lapathon money thus far. The children had a great time running around Apex and it was really wonderful to see so many parents looking on. It would be appreciated if sponsorship sheets and money could be sent to school by Monday 25th August so we can determine the final amount raised by the students.

$2459.20 has been raised so far.
Staff News
Welcome back to Mr Lockeridge who will be teaching 2/3Y while Mrs Young is on Long Service Leave. Mr Lockeridge will begin tomorrow. While Mrs Young is on Long Service Leave Mr Angel will be Relieving Assistant Principal.

Life Education Van
The Life Education Van will be here at GNPS tomorrow, Wednesday 6th August to Wednesday 13th August. The Life Education Van will provide students with information to help them become aware of issues that will help them become happy healthy adults. This is a wonderful program and should be seen by all students. Notes for the Life Education Van have been sent home. If you have not returned your note and money please do so ASAP. Classes will be attending on the following days:
Wednesday 6th: 5A, 5M and KC
Thursday 7th: 5/6P, 2BD, and 1M
Monday 11th: 6M, 1/2M and 4A
Tuesday 12th: 4M, 2/3Y and K/1V
Wednesday 13th: 6DM, 3J and KD

Choir
Next Tuesday our choir will be performing at the Leeton Eisteddfod. I would like to wish them all the best for their performance and thank Mr Pendlebury for all his efforts with the choir.

Year 6 Middle Childhood Survey
Parent information notes have been handed to Year 6 students providing information about our participation in The Middle Childhood Survey being developed by the University of NSW. This survey aims to identify factors affecting health, education and behaviour in adolescence and later life. If you do not wish your child to participate in the survey please send back the op-out form to your classroom teacher.

K-2 Assembly Awards Week 4
KD: Julia, Raja, Elisiva
KC: Azeage, Brandon, Sienna
K-1V: Jay, Zac, Blake, Callym
1M: Meli, Vincent, Gabriella
1/2M: Ezra, Mervyn, Kieran
2BD: Brock, Montanna, Iesha
2/3Y: Adam

Book Week
This year Book Week is being held in week 6 of Term 3 (18th to 22nd August) and the theme is “Connect to Reading.” GNPS will be celebrating “Book Week” with a variety of activities. These are:
- On Monday 18th August K-2 will visit the Griffith Library to enjoy a visit from Tony Flowers, a talented Children’s Illustrator;
- On Tuesday we are asking students to come to school dressed as their favourite book character for a Book Week parade (11.40am) and a special assembly;
- On Wednesday 3-6 will visit the Griffith Library to listen to Tony Flowers, the children’s illustrator; and
- All week there will be a Book Fair in our library.

We are really looking forward to this time to “Connect to Reading!”
Thanking you
Mrs Crimmings
Canteen Roster – Term 3

| Day       | Date         | Roster
|-----------|--------------|--------
| Wednesday | 06.08.14     | Help needed
| Thursday  | 07.08.14     | Josie Tapner
| Friday    | 08.08.14     | Josie Tapner
| Monday    | 11.08.14     | Neva Barber, Anne Scoop
| Tuesday   | 12.08.14     | Help Needed

Canteen News

Dear Parents and Grandparents

Thank you to all who have returned their rosters. There are still vacancies available.

We will be having a Hot Chip day on Wednesday 20th August and Wednesday 21st September. A reminder will be sent out closer to the day.

A reminder that Hot Milo is available in the mornings for $1.50.

Thanking you
Adele and Paulina – Canteen Supervisors

Lost Property

Parents are reminded to check all their children’s items of clothing and school equipment to make sure they are labelled. The lost property tub is full with items that have no names on them. To prevent property being lost, all items brought to school should be named (full name), for ease of return.

Canteen News

Members of the Green Mean Machine

Term 3

K-1V: Alexa, Tyler
1M: Charlotte, Jorja
1/2M: Eliza, Xavier
2BD: Mason, Taylah
2/3Y: Adam, Zainab
3J: Emma, Deepinder
4A: Nobeljit, Adelaide,
4M: Ella, Enzo

SRC Jeans for Genes 2014

Last Friday GNPS participated in Jeans for Genes Day. The school raised $324 for the Children’s Medical Research Institute. This is a wonderful achievement. I would like to thank the SRC and Ms Maloni for organising this for this great cause.

Information about the Public Dental Services available for children in the Griffith and surrounding areas. Murrumbidgee Local Health District employs dental therapists from the Griffith Base Hospital Dental Clinic which is on the grounds of the Griffith Base Hospital in Warrambool Street. All that is required is a current Medicare Card. The treatment is free. Please ring 1800 450 046 to register your child.

Tamara Minato
Sport News
Riverina Athletics Carnival

Yesterday was the Riverina Athletics Carnival in Albury. We had six students represent GNPS at this Carnival, Talina, Victoria, Paddy, Ryan, Alyce and Aisea. Congratulations to Talina, Aisea, Paddy and Ryan, who have all qualified for the PSSA State Athletics Carnival. The results are as follows:

- Talina 1st in 11 Yrs. girls shot put;
- Aisea 3rd in 12 Yrs. boys shot put;
- Paddy 3rd 9 Yrs. boys 100m;
- Ryan 3rd 11 Yrs. boys shot put, 4th discus;
- Alyce 6th in 12 Yrs. girls shot put; and
- Victoria 4th junior girls high jump.

Well done to our six students who represented GNPS beautifully in Albury yesterday!

Griffith Junior Basketball

Griffith Junior Basketball is looking for individual and or teams for their 13 and 15 years and under competitions. Nominations are still being taken on this coming Thursday afternoon at the stadium. We are very keen to keep these competitions going and getting the players involved in the game of basketball. The cost of the individual registration including door fees is only $115.00 per person. Games are played on a Thursday afternoon. Further enquiries please contact Lou Testoni Junior Basketball Director on 69681268