Presentation Day

Our Presentation Day was held last Wednesday. It was a wonderful day where we recognised a wide range of development and excellence in academic, sporting and cultural areas as well as personal growth and maturity. GNPS is a happy productive school where we celebrate, share and enjoy the excellence and achievements of our students. Children and families should be very proud of the awards they received which are the recognition of individual learning and development.

At Griffith North we work very hard to ensure all students receive a well-balanced and relevant curriculum. Our main focus is on literacy and numeracy however, quality teaching and learning covers many other areas making sure students receive a well-rounded education.

I would like to thank Mrs Woodward and Mrs Young for their organisation of the 3-6 Presentation Day Assembly and Mrs Braithwaite and Mrs De Paoli for the organisation of the K-2 Presentation Day Assembly. Both were wonderful!

Major Award Winners

Congratulations to the following students who received the major awards at our Presentation Day last Wednesday.

Dux

Callum Thorpe

Citizenship Award

Brendan Codemo

School Education Director Award

Samuel Payne

Year 6

Eliza Mitchell

Year 2

Sportsperson of the Year:

Ryan Minato

Premier’s Sporting Challenge Medal – Talina Driti

Maths Olympiads Top Achiever Award – Trophy –

Callum Thorpe

Top 10% - Callum Thorpe

Top 25% - Zareef Chowdhury

Debating Encouragement Award – Georgia Robinson
**2016 Leaders**

Congratulations to the following Year 5 students who have been elected as School leaders for 2016.

**Captains:** Matilda, Leo

**Vice-Captains:** Victoria, Charlie

**Prefects:** Victoria, Tess, Luca and Ethan

Congratulations to the following students who received awards on the day....

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**Early Learning Support** – Academic – Rocco, Improvement – Cooper, Danika, Waylan, William Application - Maxwell, Mckayla.


**1M** – Academic – Grace, Brooke, Improvement – Joshua, Sania, Application – Sebastian, Jesse Hicks, Citizenship – James, Italian – Sienna.


**2BA** – Academic – Caleb, Josephine, Improvement – Callym, Application – Gisela, Jorja, George, Citizenship – Thomas, Italian – Mariam.


**Italian** – Max.


**3J** – Academic – Oscar, Chelsea, Improvement – Brooke, Maddison, Application – Todd, Mason, Citizenship – Mitavale.


**5A** – Application – Victoria, Yuri Improvement – Mena, Demi, Application – Matilda, Luca, Citizenship – Renee.


**6D** – Academic – Aidan, Connor, Improvement – Charli, Application – Marco, Talina, Dannielle, Citizenship – Poasa.


**Italian Awards** – 3J - , 3/4A - Hayley, 4M - Deepinder, 5W - Nobeljit, 5P - Damian, 6M - Jemimah, 6D - Tepaeru.

**Staff News**

Next year Miss Taylor will be teaching at Park View Public School. I would like to thank Miss Taylor for all her efforts with 1/2T this year and wish her all the best for her teaching career.

Mrs Johnson will be taking leave for 2016 and will be returning to GNPS in 2017. I would like to wish Mrs Johnson all the best for her year and look forward to her return in 2017.
Thank you
I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support during 2015. We have had a very successful and productive year, which is due to the all the hard work which everyone puts in. I would especially like to thank the wonderful teachers for their dedication and commitment to Griffith North Public School.

We have a very special team with the teachers, parents and students all working together to make Griffith North Public School the success it is!

I am looking forward to 2016, being another successful year!

I hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a very relaxing holiday!

P&C Raffle Winners
- 1st – Ipad Mini 2 32GB donated by Leading Edge Computers- Rachel Keenan
- 2nd – 4WD Adventure Camping Pack – Louise McGrail
- 3rd – Give-Yourself-A-Break HAMPER- Frances
- 4th – Christmas Indulgence HAMPER- A Riordan
- Beauty product with voucher – Timothy Ho.

Term 4 finishes for students on Wednesday 16th December 2015

School resumes for Year 1-6 students on Thursday 28th January 2016 and Kindergarten students on Monday 1st February 2016

Canteen News Week 11

Wednesday 16.12.15 Help Needed

We would like to thank all the parents, carers and grandparents, who have given up their time to help out at the canteen during 2015. We really appreciate your support, time and commitment to the canteen.

Thanking you
Adele and Paulina Canteen Supervisors

Out of School Hours (OOSH) at GNPS for 2016

In 2016 Western Riverina Day Care will be providing the service of Out of School Hours care at Griffith North Public School. Family Enrolment Packs for the Griffith North OOSH Service will be available from the Western Riverina FDC Office from January 4th 2016.

If there is any families that would like it emailed please contact Tahnee Jamieson on 02 69643440 or email Tahnee@wrfdc.com.au

Borambola 2015

My favourite thing from Borambola:
- Ryan – We got to do lots of fun activities like kayaking and archery.
- Cooper– Archery and kayaking was the best and the food was good.
- Joel– The best thing we did was raft building.
- Michael– Archery was satisfying when you got the bullseye.
- Celina– Rock climbing was the best.
- Deepindeer– I had a lot of fun, it was really good. The best thing was kayaking.
- Hayley and Daniel– Rock climbing was our favourite.
- Jemma– Swimming was my favourite.
- Zach, Bailey and Billy– Archery was the best.
- Kyle, Paddy and Daniel– Breaking the Borambola record for orienteering.
- Noah– the food was good
- William– low ropes and archery
- Muntasir– Kayaking and the challenge of racing other people.
Isabel— I liked the archery, because I’ve never tried it before.

Aiobhinn— My favourite was archery ‘cause I always wanted to try it. But rock climbing was scary because I’m afraid of heights.

Monique— Archery, in the last game I could go to Sydney, on a scooter, with Mr Angel.

Chelsea— Archery, rock climbing and eating hamburgers.

Hannah— I liked the dance because the instructor was in really silly clothes and got Mr Angel and Ms Maloni up to do ‘the air guitar’ to ACDC’s Thunderstruck.

Emma— Everyone was really nice, we got jobs to do and free time learning how to walk on stilts, putt putt, tennis and swimming.

Ella— The disco and all the other activities.

Teagan— I liked kayaking. When we were serving dinner Piper flicked peas into the carrots.

Rhylie— Rock Climbing.

Will— The dance instructor’s funny clothes.

Abbey— Nicola and Chelsea talking in their sleep and Isabel falling out of bed.

Piper— Kayak racing and Mr Angel trying to knock everyone out of their boats.

Nicola— Learning how to kayak.

Mr Angel— Late at night watching a possum trying to take the lid off a metal rubbish bin outside our rooms. Amazing technique and perseverance.

Ms Maloni— watching students challenge themselves by pushing themselves when activities were a little difficult. Well done to you all, you should be very proud of yourselves!

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Thank you to Year 5 parents
We would like to extend a huge thank you to all the Year 5 parents who assisted with the Year 6 farewell last night. A special thanks to those parents involved in the organising committee. Also thanks to those who came and helped on the night with the setting up, cooking of the BBQ, serving and cleaning up. To those of you who donated food, thank you, it was gratefully received. The night was a terrific success because of the tremendous support of the Year 5 parents. Well done to all of you!

Year 6 Farewell
A fitting way to say goodbye and what a great night!!!!!
Last night provided a great setting for the Year 6 Farewell. The table settings and decorations looked beautiful and the parents and students partook in a delicious meal and some great entertainment. Mrs Woodward and Mr Pendlebury are to be congratulated for all they did towards the night. It was really a fitting farewell to our wonderful Year 6 students who looked ready for the next step of their educational journey into high school.