Welcome Kindergarten 2015!

Last Friday we had 47 Kindergarten students begin at GNPS. It was wonderful to see them so keen and eager, ready to start school. We welcome these students and their families and we know they will have a wonderful time whilst they are part of our wonderful learning community.

I am sure that these students will be outstanding leaders for GNPS and will carry out their duties beautifully! They will be inducted in a special assembly on Tuesday 10th February at 12.35pm. (Next week)

The House Captains elections will be held this Wednesday morning. They will also be inducted at next week’s assembly.

Staff News

Mrs Michelle Woodward will be the Relieving Assistant Principal for Stage Three, replacing Mr Murphy. I would like to thank Mrs Woodward for taking on this position within the school. Mrs Katrina Ceccato will no longer be job sharing with Mrs Morel on 6M. Mrs Morel will be full time until the position is filled.
Classes for 2015
We will remain with 14 classes for 2015. The classes will now remain as they are.

Classes and Staffing for 2015
Classes and Teachers for 2015 are:
- KD – Mrs Kim De Paoli
- KC – Mrs Joanne Crawford
- K-1P – Miss Laura Petrulli
- 1M - Mrs Lesley Marshall
- 1-2T – Miss Elisha Taylor
- 2BA – Mrs Colleen Braithwaite; Assistant Principal, Mrs Lisa Allen
- 2-3Y – Mrs Anne-Maree Young; Assistant Principal
- 3J – Mrs Miriam Johnson
- 3/4A - Mr Brett Angel
- 4M – Ms Dianne Maloni
- 5W – Mrs Michelle Woodward Relieving Assistant Principal
- 5P – Mr Lachlan Pendlebury
- 6M – Mrs Helen Morel
- 6D – Mrs Robyn Delves
- Community Language – Mrs Jodie Pandolfo
- Early Learning Support Class – Miss Deanne Matheson
- Reading Recovery – Mrs Rani Aitken
- Librarian – Mrs Sue Fordham
- Learning and Support & ESL – Mrs Suzi Triggs
- Learning and Support and RFF - Ms Louise McGrail
- Learning and Support and RFF – Mrs Lisa Allen
- Mrs Kylie Burley AP Learning and Support
- Mrs Wendy Hughes AP Learning and Support
- Mrs Susan Limberger AP Learning and Support
- School Admin Manager – Mrs Janet Signor
- School Admin Officers – Mrs Cheryl Adcock, Mrs Tammy Gale, Mrs Sarah Signor
- School Learning Support Officers – Mrs Helen Cambrell, Ms Anita Kumaran, Mrs Jane Francis, Mrs Allison Forbes, Mrs Jodie Smith, Mrs Rachael Fattore, Mrs Melissa Zambon and Ms Vanessa Blumer
- Groundsman – Mr Keith Chapman
- Canteen Managers – Mrs Adele Rosa and Mrs Paulina Zalunardo

School Uniform
It is wonderful to see the majority of students return to school in their correct uniform. This year we will be continuing with the uniform draw. A reminder that rabens are not allowed to be worn to school. Black closed in shoes are to be worn. The only jewellery to be worn are plain sleepers/studs (other jewellery accepted for religious or medical reasons only)

No nail polish is to be worn.

Hats
During Terms 1 and 4 at Griffith North Public School students are required to wear school hats in the playground. Hats are available from the canteen for $16 each. The girls wear a red hat and the boys wear a grey hat.
Assembly Awards - Term 1 Week 2

K-1P: Pita, Vinnie
1M: Sienna,
1/2T: Daniel, Charlotte, Loujane
2BA: Gisela, Kieran, Jessie
2/3Y: Nicole,
3J: Ezra, Issa
3/4A: Hayley, Kane
4M: Nicola, Alexei
5W: Jacob, Ella
5P: Lachlan, Damian
6M: Patrick, Ella
6D: Lara, Poasa

Parents Volunteering at School
Griffith North Public School is very fortunate to have outstanding parent support in assisting us to implement our many and varied school programs. This support is very important to us and is a key part of our partnership with parents and the community.

In accordance with the Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012 NSW the NSW Department of Education and Communities’ requires schools to have volunteers, (which includes parent helpers) complete a Working with Children Check – Declaration. There is no cost to complete this declaration.

These forms will be handed out to parents wishing to help out at school and school events, at the parent information evenings. If you do not receive one then you may collect one from the office.

When your Working with Children Check – Declaration has been received it will be securely stored at the school and destroyed when your child leaves the school. This procedure only needs to be completed once and does not need to be completed annually.

Thank you for your understanding and assistance with this process. If you have any questions about this process please contact me. Your support and assistance with the programs at Griffith North Public School is greatly appreciated.

Canteen News

The 2015 Menu and prices have been sent home with today’s newsletter. Please ensure that you are using the new menu, as there have been some price increases from last year.

Any new Kindergarten parents or grandparents wishing to help out, and want to know what is involved please come and visit us and we can explain what is involved. It is also a great way to be involved in your child’s school life!

We are still waiting for rosters to be handed in, whether it is for helping out in the canteen or making a cake or slice, we still need them ASAP. If you didn’t receive a roster please come and see us! Hats have now arrived and are available from the canteen for $16.

Thanking you
Adele and Paulina
Canteen Supervisor

Facebook
Griffith North Public School now has a Facebook page. This will be used to inform people of coming events and showcasing our wonderful school.

School Band
Our school band will commence this Thursday afternoon at 2:00 - 3:15pm. We are very excited about receiving our musical instruments and learning from the Griffith City Band volunteers.
This year teachers will be holding Parent Information meetings. These will be held over the next few weeks. Teachers will send home individual class letters with their times, next week once classes have been finalised. These meetings are a great opportunity to meet your child’s teacher and to find out what will be happening in your child’s classroom this year.

**P&C Meeting**

Our first P&C Meeting for the year is being held this Thursday night at 7.15pm in the staffroom. All parents from Kindergarten to Year 6 are invited to attend.

**Library Bags**

It is a good idea for all students to use a library bag to help protect our books and keep track of them. Library bags are available from the school canteen @ $16.00. Other commercial or home-made library bags are also acceptable. Plastic grocery bags are not acceptable.

All Kindergarten, Year 1 & 2 students need a library bag to borrow from the school library.

**Tayla Made Relay for Life**

Tayla Made Relay for Life Team are having a disco to raise funds!

6 - 12 years Saturday 14th February 5 - 7 pm
Griffith East Public School Hall
Cost $3 per child
Food & drinks available to purchase
Pre-sale tickets phone Rene 0418 970 043 or at the door.

**Swimming Carnival**

On Friday 20th February 2015 GNPS will be conducting its annual swimming carnival which is being held at the Griffith Aquatic Centre. All students from Years 3-6 are expected to attend, along with the Year 2 students, who are turning 8, who have indicated they are able to swim in races. Buses will be leaving at 9.25am. Please return permission note and money by Monday 16th February 2015.