Signing in at School

When parents come to school to see their child or to drop something off for their child they must come to the office first and sign in. If parents are helping out in the classrooms they must sign in at the classroom with the teacher. This is so that the school is aware of who is in the school. No parent is allowed to go straight to the playground or the classroom to see students unless they have signed in first.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding with this matter.

Riverina Tennis

Congratulations to Connor Potts who was selected in the Riverina Tennis team. He will now travel to Sydney on April 28th to play against other regions. Well done!

Harmony Day

Today GNPS celebrated Harmony Day. It's a day where all Australians celebrate our cultural diversity. The day is also the United Nation's International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. This is the 15th year of celebrating Harmony Day!

Harmony Day gives people the opportunity to celebrate what makes each Australian unique and share what we have in common.

The continuing message is that Everyone Belongs. It's a time to reflect on where Australia has come from, recognising the traditional owners of this land. It's also about community participation, inclusiveness and respect – celebrating the different cultures that make Australia a great place to live.

Today students participate in “Stories from around the World”. They heard stories from different cultures, such as Russia, China, Nigeria, New Zealand and Bangladesh and many more. I would like to thank Mrs Pandolfo for all her organisation of this event for our students!

Dates To Remember

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SRC Induction
Congratulations to the SRC who were presented with their badges at today’s Harmony Day Assembly. It was lovely having their parents there to participate in this special event by pinning their badges on them.

The School Grounds
The schools grounds are not to be used by anyone after school hours. If you see anyone within the school grounds after hours please call School Security on 1300 880 021. Thank you for your support with this matter.

2015 Voluntary School Contribution
Thank you to the families who have already paid their Voluntary School Contributions. It is greatly appreciated. A reminder for those who have not paid your voluntary school contribution that it is:

- $30.00 for 1 student attending GNPS ($0.75 cents per week if you have one child :)
- $55.00 for 2 students from the same family attending GNPS ($1.38 – 69 cents per day per child)
- $75.00 for 3 or more students from the same family attending GNPS ($1.87 – 63 cents per day per child)

Please note that all contributions – no matter how large or small – are greatly appreciated.

University of NSW Digital Technologies, Science, Mathematics, English, Writing and Spelling Competitions for 2015
Students in Years 3-6 are invited to participate in the University of NSW Competitions. The competitions are: Digital Technologies (Yrs 3 - 6), Science (Yrs 3-6), Maths (Yrs. 3-6), English (Yrs. 3-6), Spelling (Yrs. 3-6) and Writing (Yrs. 3-6). The entry fee for each competition is $8.00 per student except for spelling which is $11.00 and Writing $17.00. Entries to all competitions must be to the school by Thursday 26th March 2015. Payment can be made using cash or cheque. Cheques should be crossed and made payable to Griffith North Public School.

Library News We Need Your Help!
Our beautiful new library books need covering. Thank you to the parents who have covered some of books already. We really appreciate it! We still have more to be covered. We welcome parents and grandparents. Please come and see our Teacher Librarian Mrs Sue Fordham in the school library.
THANK YOU

Canberra Excursion
The final payment for the Canberra Excursion is due on Monday 23rd March. The total amount is $300.
A Taste of Harmony at Griffith Central

‘A Taste of Harmony’ is being held this year on Saturday 21st March 2015 at Griffith Central from 10.30am to 1 pm. There will be a fashion parade, dancing, face painting and food from different countries available on the day. Everyone is welcome to join in Griffith’s Harmony Day celebrations.

Sunday 3rd May
10am—2pm
A fun day out for the GNPS school community and a chance to invite new families – ALL WELCOME!

RIGHT NOW WE NEED YOUR HELP:
1. PESCA—please fill a zip-lock sandwich bag or glass jar (or a few) with treats or goodies; valued between $3-5
2. RAFFLE— please consider what you and/or your business could offer as a raffle prize—BIG or SMALL!
   * GOODS / ITEMS
   * VOUCHERS
   * SERVICES

Please deliver the above items to the office.

3. STALLS- if you would like to run a stall at the Family Fun Day please contact the P&C
   Contact Jo 0432 184 977 with all queries.

Come one, Come all!
K-2 Easter Hat Parade

When: Wednesday 1st April 12:00 noon
Where: GNPS school hall

Come along to the hall and join in the fun of the Easter Hat Parade. Students will parade their amazing Easter hats, entertain you with lots of singing and there may even be a surprise visit from the Easter Bunny!

Canteen News Week 7

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On Wednesday 25th March the canteen will be having a “SPIDER DAY.” The spiders will be sold at recess only. Small spiders will be $1.50 and large spiders will be $2.
Thank you to the parents and grandparents who have been helping out in the canteen. We really appreciate your support!

Thanking you
Adele and Paulina Canteen Supervisor

Toys at School

K-2 are allowed to bring one toy to play with at recess and lunch, however the students must accept full responsibility for their toy if it is broken or lost.
3-6 are encouraged NOT to bring toys from home to school and NOT to trade with the toys or cards.

P&C Family Fun Day

GNPS BOOK STALL
Need to clear out some of your pre-loved books?

The 2015 FUN DAY (May 3rd) will feature a Pre-Loved Book Stall and we need your help.

Sort through your bookshelves and donate books—
   Fiction
   Non-fiction
   Kids book
   any genre...

Deliver to the office by end of April. THANK YOU!
Sport News
Cross Country Carnival
Our Cross Country is being held this Thursday 19th March. Please ensure permission notes and money are returned to school by tomorrow! Adult helpers will be needed to help run the carnival. Please indicate on the bottom of the GNPS Cross Country information note that you can assist. Please note the change in time to 10:20am due to the hot weather forecast for that day.

The details for the carnival are as follows;
Date: Thursday 19th March 2015
Venue: Lake Wyangan Picnic Area
Time: Starting at approximately 10:20am
Cost: $2.50

Soccer Trials
Good luck to Connor, Jaysah, Aiden, Samuel, Sam, Lara, Talina, Maddison, Jemimah, Abbey and Brianna who will be trialling for the Griffith Zones Soccer teams this Wednesday.

Netball Trials
This Thursday Noa and Victoria will be trialling for the Griffith Zone Netball team. Good luck girls!

“A Case of Emergency” Performance
Years 3-6
This performance will be held tomorrow. Please make sure your child’s permission note and $5 has been returned to the school, so that your child can enjoy this exciting “hands on” and scientific performance.