North Weekly News

Term 1 Week 9

Tuesday, 24 March 2015

**Young Leaders Conference**

Yesterday the Captains and Prefects attended the Halogen Young Leaders Conference in Sydney at the Entertainment Centre. It was a wonderful day, where our school leaders had an opportunity to listen to inspiring speakers talk about leadership and what it takes to be a good leader. The speakers on the day were:

- Mike Martin - Executive Director of the Halogen Foundation.
- Mike Baird - Premier of NSW;
- Bindi Irwin - Wildlife and Conservation Advocate;
- Rachael Leahcar - Finalist on “The Voice”;
- Dylan Parker and James Norton - Paper Plane Pilots.

**Bronze Certificates**

Congratulations to the students in K-2 and Years 5 and 6 who received their Bronze Certificates at today’s assembly. It was wonderful to see so many students working hard and displaying the values of GNPS. Well done!

Year 3 and 4 students will be receiving their Bronze Certificates at next week’s assembly.

**Dates To Remember**

- Thurs 26th Mar: P&C Meeting 7.15pm
- Mon 30th Mar: Years 5 and 6 Canberra Excursion
- Wed 1st April: K-2 Easter Hat Parade 12 noon
- Thurs 2nd April: Last Day of Term 1
- Fri 3rd April: Good Friday
- Mon 20th April: School Development Day
- Tues 21st April: Students return to School for Term 2 School ANZAC Day Ceremony 11.35

**Riverina Basketball**

Congratulations to Samuel Payne who was selected in the Riverina Basketball team last Monday. He will travel to Wollongong in Week 2 Term 2 for the NSW State Basketball Carnival. Well done Sam!
Cross Country
Last Thursday was our School Cross Country. It was a fantastic day with all students showing outstanding behaviour, participation and sportsmanship on the day. Congratulations to Kooba the winning house and to the age champions:

- Montanna - 8/9 year girls
- Todd– 8/9 year boys
- Kiara– 10 year girls
- Billy– 10 year boys
- Victoria– 11year girls
- Shane– 11 year boys
- Lara– 12/13 year girls
- Aidan 12/13 year boys

I would like to thank Mrs Young for all her organisation of the Cross Country, Mr Angel, Ms Maloni and Mrs Pandolfo for setting up the course the day before and to the parents who helped out on the day.

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.

Assembly Awards - Term 1 Week 9
2/3Y: Montanna
3J: Mitavale, Corey
3/4A: Paddy, Isabell
4M: Monique, Kelab
Italian: Nic, Aiobhinn, Joe

Social Networking Sites
It is very important that parents and caregivers monitor their child’s activity on different social networking sites. It is also important to be aware of what sites they are on and if they are age appropriate. Children and parents also need to be aware that if cyber bullying occurs outside of school hours and off school premises and there is a clear and close connection between the school and the conduct of students, then the school will become involved. Below is an extract from the

“Department of Education and Communities Suspension and Expulsion of School Students – Procedures”

“These procedures apply to the behaviour of students at school, on the way to and from school and while away from the school site on school endorsed activities. They can also apply outside of school hours and off school premises where there is a clear and close connection between the school and the conduct of students. These include the use by a student of social networking sites, mobile phones and/or other technology to threaten, bully or harass another student or a departmental staff member for school related issues.”

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.
University of NSW Competitions
Students from 3-6 are invited to participate in the University of NSW Competitions. Payments for these competitions are due this Thursday. Payment can be made using cash or cheque. Cheques should be crossed and made payable to Griffith North Public School.

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!

K-2 Assembly Next Week

A reminder that there will not be a K-2 Assembly next Tuesday as the Easter Hat Parade will be on Wednesday.

P&C News

There is a P&C meeting this Thursday at 7.15pm in the staff room. We will be discussing the Family Fun Day and looking at the 2015-2017 School Plan. Everyone is welcome to come along.

Thanking you

Jo Thorpe P&C President

**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.
Sport News

Cross Country

On Thursday 19th March, students competed in the school Cross Country Carnival, at the Lake Wyangan Picnic Area. The juniors (8/9 Years and 10 Years) ran a 2km course while the seniors (11 Years and 12/13 Years) ran a 3km course. We were a little unlucky that the weather was rather warm, the track was definitely dry and the students showed great resilience in the testing conditions.

Kooba House were the winners of the carnival, closely contested by Yoolooma. It was wonderful that each competitor set a goal to do their best! They were striving to improve their own performance and all achieved their personal best!

Good luck to all the students who made it to the Griffith Zone carnival. This will be held in Week 5 of Term 2, May 21st 2015. Permission notes will be handed out shortly.

Well done to all runners you should be extremely proud of your wonderful attitude and the great sportsmanship you displayed.

A huge thank you to the parents who came to assist on the day, again without your help the day would not be possible.

Griffith Zone Netball

On Thursday, 19th March, Noa and Victoria McLeod attended the Zone Netball Trials. It was great that both girls made it into the possible/probable squad. Congratulations to Noa who was successfully chosen in the Zone team to participate in the Western Riverina Netball trials on Friday, 24th April. We wish her all the best.

AFL Trials

Ryan, Jacob and Sam participated in the Western Riverina trials in Leeton on Thursday. All 3 boys enjoyed playing in the Leeton, Narrandera and Griffith team. They played against Deniliquin, Finley and Moulamein. Although all boys had an awesome day with some injury, they were unsuccessful when being selected for the Western Riverina AFL side however, all 3 are looking forward to playing more great footy in the Griffith North AFL side.

Griffith Zone Soccer

Congratulations to Aidan and Connor who were selected in the boys Griffith Zone Soccer team. They will now go on and trial for the Riverina team next term.

Congratulations to Jemimah and Talina who were selected in the girls Griffith Zone Soccer team. Unfortunately the Girl’s Riverina trials are being conduct next Wednesday, during the 5/6 Canberra Excursion. Talina will travel to Albury from Canberra for this trial. Good luck to Talina!