Zone Cross Country
Well done to our 66 students who represented GNPS at the Griffith Zone Cross Country last Thursday. Congratulations to;

- Victoria McLeod who came 1st in the 11 years girls 3000m race;
- Shane Gibbs who came 3rd in the 11 years boys’ 3000m race; and
- Todd Hammond who came 4th in the 8/9 years boys’ 2000m race.

They will now compete in the Riverina Cross Country on Thursday 11th June at Gundagai.

School Attendance
On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child’s school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Sorry Day and Reconciliation Week
National Sorry Day is an Australia-wide observance held on May 26 each year. This day gives people the chance to come together and share the steps towards healing for the Stolen Generations, their families and communities. Thank you to Tamia who spoke about Sorry Day at the K-2 and 3-6 assemblies.

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is celebrated across Australia each year between 27 May and 3 June. The week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements and to explore how each of us can join the national reconciliation effort.
“Hercules” Performance

Hercules was good. I liked the bull and the King. Hercules was fighting with the King and the King won. When Hercules grew up he was strong and he had no friends.

By Jesse

I liked the show about Hercules and the swords because they were cool and they fought like super heroes.

By Brooklyn

My favourite character was the weasel because he had a funny voice and was funny. Weasel was on the bad guys’ team. I liked the bit when Zeus turned into a person again.

By Sebastian

I liked it when they kissed and fell in love. I liked it when the half man and half monster pretended to be a teacher.

By Brooke

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Assembly Awards - Term 2 Week 6

KD: Jayde, Crystal, Frances
KC: Sienna, Danika, Bruce
K-1P: Rory, Ruby, Elisiva
1M: Sienna, Joshua, Lane
1/2T: Penny, Matthew, Frank
2BA: George, Logan, Holly
2/3Y: Lucy, Kylah, Dylan
3J: Nic, Iesha
3/4A: Paddy, Alex
4M: Nicola, William
5W: Kiarnah, Jyi
5P: Ana, Leo
6M: Jaali, Tamia
6D: Japleen, Parnjosh
Italian: Dylan, Paddy, Demi, Talina

Kindergarten Enrolments for 2016
Come and enrol now!

Enrolments for students who are eligible to attend school in 2016 are now being taken. Eligible students are those who live in zone and turn 5 before July 31st 2016. If you have a child or you know of anyone who has a child who is able to attend school in 2016 please ask them to come and enrol. Applications for enrolments are now being taken at the school office.

Please present your child’s Immunisation record, Birth Certificate and evidence of residential address at the time of application.
Library News

Book Fair
Clifford the Big Red Dog and our school are celebrating National Family Reading Month. Come and join in the fun at our Book Fair. A Book Fair is a great way to get your child reading but we need your help. Our school is entering a READ MORE IN MAY challenge, where we encourage children to read every day with their families during the month of May. Visit www.scholastic.com.au/readmoreinmay for competition details and handy tips for family reading. I look forward to seeing you at our Book Fair from Thursday 28 May to Wednesday 3 June.
Good luck and happy reading!

Book Fair Volunteers needed!
Book Fair volunteers needed to assist children with book selection and sales on Thursday 28 May, Friday 29 May, Monday 1 June, Tuesday 2 June & Wednesday 3 June from 8.50 am to 9.15 am each morning in our library. Please come and see Mrs Fordham if you can assist.

AECG Meeting
The next AECG meeting will be held on Friday 29th May at 2pm in the AMS Board Room. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Canteen News Week 6

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This term there is gluten free bread and wraps available and gluten free sausage rolls for students to order. Also Hot Milo will be available from the canteen in the mornings for $1.50.

Thanking you
Adele and Paulina Canteen Supervisors

Sport News
Rugby Union Gala Day - McTaggart Cup
Our Year 3/4 rugby union team won the Griffith Gala Day earlier in the term, so they were invited to play in the Wagga Wagga finals of the McTaggart Cup on Tuesday 19th May. The boys won their first match in convincing fashion against St Mary’s, 8 tries to 1. They also won their second match against Lutheran 2, 5 tries to 1. North qualified for the semi-final but came up against a very strong Lutheran 1 team. North lost the semi-final 1-5. We were very impressed with the efforts of the North boys. All the boys played really well, especially in the first two games. Thanks to the parents who drove across to Wagga Wagga. Thanks also to Sam McLeod for coaching the boys. His wise words and strategic plays were paramount in the success of the team.
Mortimer Shield
On Tuesday 19th May, 9 girls and 13 boys walked to Jubilee Oval to participate in the Griffith Mortimer Shield competition. The day was cut short due to the inclement weather, however, the students enjoyed the games they did play.
The girls played GEPS number 1 team and lost an evenly contested match 4 tries to 2 tries. In their second game they showed great teamwork and fabulous sportsmanship with a convincing win against St Mary’s, Hay (8 tries to nil.)

The boys played Hanwood Public School and only just lost 18 to 16. Both their defence and offence skills were outstanding. They showed strength and perseverance playing with no substitutes. In their second match they dominated St Joseph’s Hillston 22 to nil.

Thank you to all the students who represented our school so well. Also thank you to the parents who ensured our safe return to school, in very wet conditions. We really appreciated the help of Mr Leo Parisotto, Mr Jody Heath and Miss Lexie Heath who assisted with the coaching on the day. A big thank you to Ms Maloni for organising the students to be involved in this event!

Zone Cross Country
66 students attended the GRIFFITH ZONE PSSA CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL at Lake Wyangan last Thursday. Despite the drizzly weather, they performed to their best and need to be congratulated for their efforts and sportsmanship.
Congratulations to:
Victoria - 1st in the 11 years girls 3000m race,
Shane - 3rd in the 11 years boys’ 3000m race,
Todd Hammond - 4th in the 8/9 years boys’ 2000m race.
We are waiting for confirmation that these students will be in the team to go to the next level at Gundagai on the 11th June.

Riverina Touch Trials
Ryan will be attending the Riverina Touch trials this Thursday, 28th May, in Albury. We wish him the best of luck.