GNPS Concert “A Night at the Movies”
This year’s GNPS’s bi-annual school concert is being held at the Regional Theatre. The concert will have all classes from K-6 and the Early Learning Support Class performing an item around the theme Movies - “A Night at the Movies.”
There are two shows, evening performances on Thursday 27th and Friday 28th August starting at 6.30pm. If you are unable to attend the evening performances you are welcome to come to the Full Dress Rehearsal on Thursday 27th August.

**Dates To Remember**

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**UNSW Competitions**

GNPS is very proud of the excellent results achieved by students participating in the UNSW Digital Technologies and Science Competitions.

**Digital Technologies Results**
In the Digital Technologies competition one high distinction, one distinction, four credits and two Merits were achieved. Congratulations to the following students:

**High Distinction**
Callum

**Distinction**
Muntasir

**Credits**
Aidan, Victoria, William, Kaeli

**Merit**
Oscar, Connor

**Science**
In the Science competition one High distinction, four credits and one merit were achieved. Congratulations to the following students:

**High Distinction**
Callum

**Credits**
Aidan, Yuri, Oscar, Muntasir

**Merit**
Zareef

**Science**
In the Science competition one High distinction, four credits and one merit were achieved. Congratulations to the following students:

**High Distinction**
Callum

**Credits**
Aidan, Yuri, Oscar, Muntasir

**Merit**
Zareef
Congratulations to all these students on these outstanding achievements.

KROP
Last Thursday and Friday our Dance group represented GNPS at KROP. All their performances were fantastic and they were a credit to our school. I would like to thank Melissa Brown, Ms McGrail and Mrs Woodward for all their hard work and dedication to make KROP such a wonderful experience for our students!

Chess
Griffith North Chess Teams will be competing in the one day NSW Junior Chess League Tournament on Tuesday 4 August at St Patricks Primary School, Griffith. We wish them luck.

K-6 Assembly Awards - Week 4

| KD     | Sara, Ruby, Abbey |
| KC     | Danika, Junior, Ella |
| K-1P   | Tyeshia, Ruby, Kaiden |
| 1M     | Eva-Rose, Sienna, Sebastian |
| 1-2T   | Tyler, Victoria, Penny |
| 2BA    | Tre, Caleb, Hayley |
| 2/3Y   | Lucy, Meli, Justin |
| 3J     | Corey, Joe |
| 3-4A   | Piper, Will |
| 4M     | Kyle, Hannah |
| 5W     | Jacob, Kiarnah |
| 5P     | Charlie, Lachlan |
| 6M     | Kayleb, Jaali |
| 6D     | Stephen, Poasa |

GNPS Lapathon “Celebrating Local Heroes”
Students run and run and run!!!
Thank you to the students who have returned their Lapathon money thus far. The children had a great time running around Apex and it was really wonderful to see so many parents looking on. It would be appreciated if sponsorship sheets and money could be sent to school as soon as possible so we can determine the final amount raised by the students.
$2769 has been raised so far.
**Life Education Van**
The Life Education Van will be here at GNPS from Monday 17th August to Tuesday 25th August. The Life Education Van will provide students with information to help them become aware of issues that will help them become happy healthy adults. This is a wonderful program and should be seen by all students. Notes for the Life Education Van have been sent home. If you have not returned your note and money please do so ASAP. Classes will be attending on the following days:
- **Monday 17th:** 1M & 2/3Y
- **Tuesday 18th:** 6D & 4M
- **Wednesday 19th:** K-1P & 5W
- **Thursday 20th:** 1-2T, 2BA and KC
- **Monday 24th:** 5P, 6M & 3J
- **Tuesday 25th:** 3/4A

**Thank you**
Thank you to the P&C who have organised and delivered the new sand for the sandpit. It looks great and the K-2 students are really enjoying the new location and new sand.

**Woolworths Vouchers**
GNPS is registered for the Woolworths Earn & Learn program at Woolworths. Stickers can be collected and sent into school or placed in the Griffith North collection boxes at both Woolworths stores. Please support our school to collect as many stickers as possible. These are then used to get new resources for our school.

**Canteen News Week 4**

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Thank you to the mums and grandparents who help out in the canteen. We really appreciate your support. If you would like to help out please come and see us.

Thanking you
Adele and Paulina
Canteen Supervisors

**2016 Kindergarten Meet and Play**
We will be giving our 2016 Kindergarten students the opportunity to meet each other and have a play at school. It is also a chance for new parents to meet. Some of our present parents will be conducting these sessions and it is hoped that it will make the transition to “big school” easier.

- **Time:** 2:30-3:15
- **Place:** Infants Sandpit
- **Dates:** Fri 7th August
  - Wed 12th August
  - Fri 21st August
  - Wed 26th August
  - Fri 4th September
  - Wed 9th September

If you know any new Kinder parents who would be interested, please let them know. For more information, contact Liz Johnstone 0437641288

**K/1P Concert Attire - Gumboots needed!**
Black gumboots are needed for our concert item. If your child has a spare pair of children’s size gumboots that are black in colour and you are happy to lend for the concert it would be much appreciated. Please send them into school with your child’s name and class written on the inside of the gumboots so they can be returned after the concert.

Many thanks,
Miss Petrulli.
Sport News

Zone Athletics Carnival
This Friday is the Griffith Zone Athletics Carnival at Westend Oval. We have 50 students representing Griffith North Public School. Mrs Johnson and Mr Angel are the supervising teachers. The students will be travelling to Westend Oval by bus. The bus will be leaving GNPS by 9.30am. We would like to wish all students the best for the day.

Rugby Union

Osam El-Sharouny and Mark Tiuru
Congratulations to both Osam and Mark who have been selected in the Riverina Rugby Union team. The boys will now travel to Sydney to participate in the NSW PSSA Rugby Union Carnival on Monday 17th August. Well done boys!

P&C News

We’ve had a great response to the Lamington fundraiser and would like to thank the school community for their support.
We’d love a few more helpers for the Lamington making day — Friday 14th August. Please let Tamara know: 0428 645 044.
All are welcome to the next P&C meeting — Thursday 6th August, 7.15pm in the Staffroom.
Thanking you
Jo Thorpe
GNPS P&C President

Book Week at GNPS

Book Week will be celebrated during Week 9 (September 7-11) at GNPS this year. We will celebrate with a Book Fair by Carnival Books and a Book Week Parade on Tuesday 8 September and a special Book Week Assembly item. The theme for the parade will be Famous People from the Past. A search on the internet will assist you with costume ideas. Famous pilots, scientists, mathematicians, social workers, entertainers, sports people, bushrangers, explorers, kings, queens, knights, artists, writers, and many more.

LITERACY PRO

The Literacy Pro reading program for years 3 to 6 assesses the students’ independent comprehension level. They then read books that interest them in their reading range and may take LitPro quizzes. Students may access Literacy Pro at home through the school portal and then the link in Oliver library.

OLIVER LIBRARY

Our school library has migrated to a new and exciting operating system called OLIVER. There is also a bright, colourful home page called ORBIT for younger students. OLIVER can be used at home through the school portal.

Learning Starts Early

Parents with pre-schoolers may be interested in this series on YouTube titled Learning Starts Early https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq4snerla7prTf21UVVI7g
The videos by Go Goldfields give simple and practical tips on enjoying this special time and helping your baby develop their language and literacy. There are also rhymes and songs you and your baby can share together.