Spelling Bee School Final
Well done to the following students who were the class finalists in the school’s Spelling Bee Final at today’s assembly.

- 2/3Y - Maison
- 3J - Thomas
- 3/4A - Will
- 4M - Aoibhinn
- 5W - Victoria
- 5P - Jamie
- 6M - Samuel
- 6D - Callum

Our four school winners will compete at the Regional final on Tuesday 8th September at GEPS.

The Flu Season
The Griffith area is suffering from a serious epidemic of the flu. If your child shows symptoms of the flu, it would be best to keep them home to avoid spreading the infection.

Riverina Athletics
Congratulations to the following students who were successful in qualifying for the Riverina Athletics Carnival in Albury on Monday 31st August:

- Talina - 11 Years Shot Put and 11 Years Discus
- Shane - 12 Years Boys 800m
- Victoria - 11 Years Girls High Jump and 11 Years Girls 800m
- Ryan - Senior Boys Shot Put
- Jyi - Junior Boys Discus
- Noa - Senior Girls Shot Put
- Ana - Junior Girls Shot Put and Junior Girls Discus

NAPLAN
The Year 3 and 5 students’ who completed their NAPLAN tests, will be receiving their reports for parents this week. If parents would like to discuss their child’s results please make an appointment with your child’s classroom teacher.
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 - “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.

Tickets are $14 for an adult and $8 for a child and can only be purchased from the Regional Theatre. There is no limit on the amount of tickets you can purchase. Tickets are now on sale both online and at the box office. Tickets for the Dress Rehearsal can only be purchased at the box office.

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 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

GNPS Lapathon
Thank you to the many people who have returned their Lapathon money. $4487.50 has been raised. A fantastic amount!! As soon as everyone has brought in their money, prizes will be allocated to those children who completed the number of laps required. Remember that the Lapathon Funds are going towards buying new Literacy Resources for all classes from Kindergarten to Year 6.

Library News
Help needed
Our school is holding a Carnival Book Fair from Monday 7th September to Friday 11th September and we need your help in the morning with sales and student queries. Carnival Book Fairs provide quality books for us to display in the school, all at discounted prices. Every book you purchase helps us build resources for the children in our school. Thank you for your support.

Books Light up our world
Students may bring in a torch to read in our reading cave.
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, 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.

**Ascent Shoe Lace Tying Visit**

On Monday the 10th August the students from KC, KD, K/1P and 1M were treated to a shoe lace tying lesson provided by Athlete’s Foot. The students were given a shoe to practise on and shown a video outlining the steps involved when tying laces. The video was repeated, this time allowing the students the opportunity to complete each step. This very “hands on” lesson was concluded with some games. Some children were even able to tie laces with the shoe behind their backs.

**Canteen News Week 6**

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Please remind your child to hand in their lunch order before the 9.15am bell. We are still having quite a few children not handing them in until lunch. They cannot be guaranteed they will get what they ordered. 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

**Chess Team**

On Monday 24th August GNPS will have 16 students in 4 teams competing in a Chess Regional Tournament at GEPS. We would like to wish them all the best for the day!

**Thank You**

On behalf of the students, teachers and parents of GNPS, we would like to extend our thanks to Mr Steve Mitchell who organised for the P&C to purchase four new tarps for our school. Thank you to the P&C for purchasing them and to Collier and Miller for donating half to the school. These tarps were used at the K-2 Athletics Carnival and will be very beneficial to our school in the future.

Mrs De Paoli
**Sport News**

**Sporting Schools**
This term, for Sporting Schools all students from Kindergarten to Year 6 will be participating in karate. Years 4-6 will be on Wednesdays and students may wear their sports uniform. K-2 will be on Fridays. Frank and Michael Cirillo will be leading the students with this activity.

Thank you to Mrs Pandolfo for organising this for our students.

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**Touch Football Gala Day**
Last Friday both touch teams went to Ted Scobie Oval to play touch football. For the start both teams versed Beelbangera Public School. The girls lost 7-0 and the boys also lost 8-1. Then we both went and played Small Schools. The girls won 7-0 and the boys won 6-2. We all had a great time and showed great sportsmanship. We would like to thank Mrs Pandolfo for training us.

By Lara and Brianna

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**Swimming Program**
Thank you to all the families who have returned the final Swimming Program note and money. This is just a reminder that the final payment of $75 is due by 28th August.

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**Junior Tennis**
Junior Tennis starts this Friday 21st August at 4.00 pm at the Griffith Tennis club. Enquiries to Cheryl 0429126586 or email your entry to cheryl.rawle@griffithtennis.com.au