Tuesday, 9 February 2016

**Dates To Remember**

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**Come and Meet the Teachers Evening**

Tonight is our “Come and Meet the Teachers” Evening. Teachers will be in their rooms between 5.30pm and 6.30pm. During this time parents and caregivers are welcome to come along and meet their child’s/children teacher/s. This will provide an opportunity for parents and caregivers to meet their child’s teacher in a relaxed setting and ask any questions that they need to ask. This will hopefully make it easier for parents and caregivers, as they will only need to come on one night rather than to each class’ Information Evening.

**Captains, Prefect and House Captains Induction**

**Captains, Prefects and House Captains for 2016 pledge to do their best**

Today we held our Induction Assembly for our 2016 School Leaders. I would like to congratulate all our School Leaders who were inducted into their positions. It was wonderful to see them all say their pledge and wear their badges with pride. I am sure they will all carry out their duties to the best of their ability and uphold the good name of GNPS.
Aboriginal Education Officer
Welcome back to Michelle Russell who will be working four days a week, Monday to Thursday, supporting our Aboriginal students within the school.

P&C Meeting
Our first P&C Meeting for the year will be held this Thursday at 7.15pm in the staffroom. All parents and caregivers are welcome to attend.

Band News
Our new school band had their first meeting last Wednesday. Students were introduced to the various instruments, and even had some tentative toots! Hire forms have been sent home; instruments can be taken home this week, providing all paperwork and hiring fees have been finalised.

Our second-year band students will meet for Senior Band rehearsals as well as assist our first-year students at ‘buddy band’ rehearsals. Riverina Regional Music Camp application forms have been distributed to eligible students. The online application form must be completed by Wednesday 10th February (tomorrow!).

It's going to be a big year!
Mr Pendlebury

Library Bags
It is a good idea for all students to use a library bag to help protect our books and keep track of them. Library bags are available from the school canteen @ $16.00. Other commercial or home-made library bags are also acceptable. Plastic grocery bags are not acceptable.

All Kindergarten, Year 1 & 2 students need a library bag to borrow from the school library.

Developing the Borrowing Habit
For children to develop the habit of borrowing library books they need to borrow and return books on a regular basis. This can be achieved by reminding children the night before their library day to get their library books and library bag ready for school. Notes go home when books are overdue and parents can help by checking bags on a regular basis.
School Uniform
It is wonderful to see the majority of students return to school in their correct uniform. This year we will be continuing with the uniform draw. A reminder that rabens are not allowed to be worn to school. Black closed in shoes are to be worn. The only jewellery to be worn is plain sleepy/studs (other jewellery accepted for religious or medical reasons only)
No nail polish is to be worn.

Canteen News Week 3

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The 2016 Canteen rosters were sent home. If anyone is interested in helping in the canteen or making a cake, slice etc, it would be greatly appreciated. Please fill out the roster and return ASAP.
A reminder that there have been price increases with the new menu, so please check your menu for the correct price.
A reminder that all lunch orders need to be handed in by 9.15am, so that students can be guaranteed that they will get what they have ordered.
Thanking you
Adele and Paulina
Canteen Supervisors

Sport News
Venue Sport
Venue sport starts this Friday. If your child is attending Live Fit, Ten Pin Bowling or Basketball please ensure that they have returned their permission note and money before Friday.

Swimming Carnival
On Wednesday 17th February 2016 GNPS will be conducting its annual swimming carnival which is being held at the Griffith Aquatic Centre. All students from Years 3-6 are expected to attend, along with the Year 2 students, who are turning 8, who have indicated they are able to confidently swim 50m. Buses will be leaving at 9.20am.
Permission notes will be sent home tomorrow. Please return permission note and money by Monday 15th February 2016.
We are still looking for time keepers for the carnival, so if you can spare an hour or two we would appreciate your assistance.

Hats
During Terms 1 and 4 at Griffith North Public School students are required to wear school hats in the playground. Hats are available from the canteen for $16 each. The girls wear a red hat and the boys wear a grey hat.
SIP & SIGN for 2016

New venue: Victoria Hotel (lounge area)
Time: **5pm-6pm** on the following **Wednesdays**
Term 1: 10th, 24th February; 9th, 23rd March; 6th April;
Great opportunity to practice AUSLAN and meet new people.

All Welcome.
Contact Christine for details -0434146150