Term 1 Week 5

Wednesday, 24 February

**PBL “Reach for the Stars” Badges and Awards**

Congratulations to the following students who have received our Reach for the Stars Gold Star Award and badge:

**K-2 Alivina (KC)** for being a kind and caring class member who demonstrates an awareness of the needs of others and takes the initiative to help them.

**3-6 Josevata (5W)** for showing respect for teachers and other students and always being a responsible learner.

**GNPS Swimming Carnival**

Congratulations to all our students who participated so enthusiastically in our school swimming carnival on Wednesday. It was great to see so many children entering lots of different events and cheering enthusiastically for their team. New records were set by Victoria in the all age 100m freestyle, 12yrs 50m freestyle, Senior 50m breaststroke, backstroke and butterfly and the Senior 200m Individual Medley.

Nicole also set new records in the 10yrs 50m freestyle, Junior 50m breaststroke, backstroke and butterfly and the Junior 200m Individual Medley. Special mention must be also be made of Samantha whose times in the all age 100m freestyle, 12yrs 50m freestyle, Senior 50m breaststroke, backstroke and butterfly and the Senior 200m Individual Medley were also faster than previous records. Congratulations girls on these outstanding achievements!

**Dates To Remember**

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A very big thank you to all our wonderful parents, grandparents and other family members who came along to support the children and to help with timekeeping. We couldn’t run our carnivals without your assistance. Well done to the Kooba team who was our winning house on the day. In second place was Boonah, followed by Macarthur then Yoolooma.

Special congratulations go to our individual age champions:

Junior boy champion: Kieran
Junior girl champion: Nicole
11 Years boy champion: Billy
11 Years girl champion: Piper
Senior boy champion: Tanner
Senior girl champion: Victoria

Congratulations also to the Higgins Encouragement Medallion award winners for 2016 Samantha and Charlie whose performances on the day were outstanding.

These students, along with many others, will now attend the Griffith Zone Swimming Carnival on Thursday 25th February. We wish them luck and know they will proudly represent our school.

I would especially like to thank Mrs Woodward for all her hard work and effort in organising the carnival for GNPS, which ran very smoothly on the day.

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Assembly Awards - Term 1 Week 5

KC: Adah, Hayden, Lachlan
KD: Kyla, Danika, Sara
KL: Evie, Toby, Alex
K-1P: Noah, Valentina, Frances
1A: Zoey, Millie, Bruce
1/2M: Rueben, Clodna, Taylor
2UV: Pita, Sania, Eva-Rose
2/3M: Brooke, Abdullah, Thomas
3CY: Tasnia, Meli
3/4A: Kylah, Nicholas
4P: Zainab, Alex
4/5S: Daniel, Mitavale
5W: Jayden, Abbey
6M: Ella, Inapa
6D: Enzo, Jessica
Italian: Jayde, Dylan, Kane, Susannah

AECG Meeting

The first AECG meeting for 2016 will be held on Friday 4th March at 2pm in the board room at Griffith Aboriginal Medical Centre. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Attendance and the Home School Liaison Officers

It is compulsory for children enrolled in a school to attend every day.

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)

If your child is having too many absences from school, then the Home School Liaison Officer (HSLO) or the Aboriginal Student Liaison Officer (ASLO) may be contacting you to discuss this with you.
**Swimming Carnival Ribbons at today's Assembly**

Congratulations to all the students who received swimming ribbons at today’s assembly. It was great to see so many students participating and succeeding at GNPS!

![Swimming Carnival Ribbons](image)

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**Canteen News Week 5**

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A reminder that there have been price increases with the new menu, so please check your menu for the correct prices.

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

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**2016 Bendigo and Ballarat Excursion**

The cost of the excursion will be $385. **We require a deposit of $100 to confirm your child’s participation in the excursion.** Please pay your deposit by **Monday 29th February 2016**.

The balance of payment can be made in instalments or as a lump sum. Complete payment will be expected by Monday 29th March 2016.

Any parent, who foresees difficulty with finance, including payment of the deposit, is invited to ring Miss Bourne as soon as possible. No late deposits will be accepted, so if you foresee any difficulties with paying the deposit, please contact Miss Bourne immediately.
**BANDS FUNDRAISING TRIVIA NIGHT**

Why?: To raise funds for our school band program.
When?: Saturday 2nd April at 6:30pm in our school hall.
Who?: Any adults - parents, friends, staff. **Strictly no students! Have to be 18 years or older to attend.**
How much?: $20 per ticket. Tables will seat 8.
Where do I pay?: At the school office.
What to bring?: BYO drinks and food.
What's in it for me?: A great time and fun prizes.
Can I help?: Sure - see Mr Pendlebury if you would like to help in any way - Setting up on the day etc.

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**Senior and Junior Basketball Nomination Night**

**Thursday 25th February 5pm – 6.30pm**

**Senior Autumn Competition**

Individual Senior Nominations are $130.00 per player for 12 weeks of rounds + Finals
For nominations to be accepted, at least 5 players fully paid will need to be registered.
All players in 2016 will need to be fully paid before taking the court.
Competition will start 6th March, 2016
**Juniors will start on the Thursday 3rd March, 2016**

**Aussie Hoops will start on Monday 7th / 14th March, 2016**

**Junior competition- individual Nominations only**

- **Monday Night Aussie Hoops**
  - New member $ 80.00
  - Renewal $ 50.00

- **Thursday Night Competition**
  - 11 years & under $90.00
  - 13 years & under $115.00
  - 15 years & under $115.00

($48 Door Fee included in registration fee)

If your child is playing in a second game an extra $48 is added to the Registration Fee.

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**Clean Up Australia”**

Friday 4th March is the “Schools Clean-up Day” for Clean Up Australia.
All classes will participate in this clean up. **Students are asked to bring a hat, gloves and a plastic bag.**
These types of activities in our school environment help to develop a sense of pride, ownership and belief that we can all make a positive difference to the world in which we live. Thank you to all the students and teachers for your continued support of these events.

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**Welcome DISCO**

**When**: Wednesday 2nd March
**Where**: School Hall
**Time**: Kinder-Yr2: 5.30-6.30pm
Yr3-Yr6: 6.30-8pm

**Entry Fee**: $2 per child

- Killer Pythons- $1.00
- Sour Straps- 20c each
- Fruit Box- $1.50
- Water-$1.00
- Chips- $1.50

**GLOW PRODUCTS**: $2.00-$2.50

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**Griffith Netball Association Registration and ‘Come and Try’ Day**

Saturday 5th March at 11am, Jubilee Oval, Griffith
Come and play netball this season with the Griffith Netball Association!
Registrations will be taken for Net Set Go, Junior and Senior Divisions from 11am – 2pm
Never played netball and want to give it a try?
‘Come and Try’ Netball on the same day from 12 noon – 1:30pm.
For more information please contact Association President, Carlene Stevenson on 0429 626813 or griffithnetball@gmail.com or our website: www.griffithna.nsw.netball.com.au