Last Friday our Captains and Vice Captains went along to the Griffith Regional Art Gallery for a Civic Reception with the Mayor Councillor John Dal Broi and The Hon. Adrian Piccoli, MP Member for Murray and Minister for Education.

The Captains and Vice Captains each received a Griffith pin and learnt about leadership.

**Captains attend Civic Reception**

**Dates To Remember**

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**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 Daniel 1/2M** for consistently showing that he cares and respects both his peers and his school.
- **3-6 Tyler 6D**, for always showing care and respect towards others.

**Riverina Swimming Carnival**

Well done to the GNPS students who represented GNPS and the Griffith Zone at the Riverina Swimming Carnival yesterday in Albury. Congratulations to Victoria, Samantha and Nicole who have all qualified for individual events for the State Swimming Carnival and to Adelaide, Madysen, Victoria and Samantha who also qualified for the senior girls relay, as they came second.

Victoria’s individual results are:

- 1st 50m breaststroke
- 1st 200m IM
- 2nd 50m butterfly
- 2nd 50m backstroke
- 2nd 100m freestyle and

Victoria also broke the 50m senior girl breaststroke record, which was 38.94 and Victoria swam 37.48. This is an outstanding achievement!
Samantha’s individual results are:
- 3rd 100 freestyle
- 3rd 50m breaststroke
- 3rd 50 backstroke and
- 3rd 200m IM

Nicole’s individual results are:
- 2nd 50m butterfly
- 2nd 200m IM and
- 3rd 50m backstroke

P&C Executive 2016
Parents and school in partnership
The Griffith North P&C held their AGM on Thursday 3rd March. I would like to publicly thank the members of the 2015 committee for their work in the past 12 months and welcome the new committee to their roles. I am looking forward to working with the new committee.

The P & C executive positions for 2016 are:

President: Tracy Ciampa
Vice-President: Kiley Schaefer & Steve Mitchell
Treasurer: Tahnee Jamieson
Secretary: Kim Jones

School Canteen Treasurer: We are still currently looking to fill this position. If you are interested or know anyone interested please contact either Tracy Ciampa or myself.

Assembly Awards - Term 1 Week 7

KC: Nicole, Jarvarous, Kadija
KD: Remy, Lila, Charlie
KL: Isabella, Laura, Kye
K-1P: Milly, Will, Cael
1A: Madeleine, Ruby, Anywone
1/2M: Saskia, Marley, Ruby
2UV: Zee, Relisha, James
2/3M: Sebastian, Julia, Daniel
3CY: Amr, Shakiya
3/4A: Max, Hayley
4P: Elise, Emily
4/5S: Aoibhinn, Michael
5W: Deepinder, Asna
6M: Victoria, Jacob
6D: Renee, Kokiri Moeke
Italian: Stephanie, Maison, Emma, Damian

Sporting Schools Program-AFL
The K-2 students will participate in the Sporting School program. They began last Friday and will have two more sessions on the following Fridays. They will be learning about different AFL skills. Thank you to Mrs Pandolfo for coordinating this for our K-2 students.
Parent Representative Required
School Council nominations are now being called, for one parent representative position on the Griffith North Public School School Council. Information about the School Council and nomination forms are available from the front office. Nominations must be returned to Janet at the GNPS front office by 4:00 pm on Friday 18th March. If you have any questions in regards to the school council, please contact the school on 6962 1043.

Parking around the School
When parking around the school please ensure that you are parking correctly according to the signs and using the drop off zone correctly.
When using the drop off zone you are only allowed to stay in the drop off zone for 2 mins.
Please also ensure that you are not parked in or too close to the school crossing.
Disobey No parking zone, (school zone) - $177
Disobey No stopping zone, (school zone) - $319
Stop on/near marked foot crossing (school zone) - $425

SRC
Thank you to our 2015 SRC for purchasing a giant chess set for the primary playground and a giant mega four set, which will be used in both the K-2 and 3-6 playgrounds. The students started using these last week and are enjoying the new activities! Thank you to Ms Maloni for all her efforts in making the SRC so successful at our school.

Canteen News Week 7

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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

Harmony Day
This year we will be celebrating Harmony Day on Tuesday 22nd March. Students will rotate around two activities in the morning. After recess we will hold a K-6 assembly, where the SRC Badges will be handed out. Students are able to wear orange on this day! Thank you to Mrs Pandolfo for organising this for our school and students.

Leigh Hobbs - Create a character competition
What kind of character can you create? Mean or friendly? Wise or silly? Larger than life or teeny tiny?
We want to meet your character!
Draw it, take a photo of it and upload it on the SPLASH website – don’t forget to include a one-line description of your character with your entry.
http://splash.abc.net.au/home#!/competition/2201380/create-a-character-competition
Eight of the most inventive, creative characters with descriptions will win a Leigh Hobbs book signed by the author!
Comp closes 5pm, Friday 8 April.
P&C News
Thank you to the parents who came and gave feedback regarding the girl’s school uniform last Wednesday night at the school disco. The majority of people wanted to stay with the current dress and look at improving the belt, which we will look into.

The opinions were even between wearing a grey skort or the current skirt, so the P&C are investigating the option of a skort in the current fabric. This will give the girls the option of the dress, skirt or skort all in the same fabric. We will let you know of the final outcome.

Thanking you
Tracy Ciampa
P&C President

Clean Up Australia Day
On Friday 4th March all students from GNPS participated in Schools Clean-up Day. All classes had a different part of the school and surrounding boundaries to clean up. Students were excited and proud to do their “little bit” to help keep our environment clean and safe. 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. Thank you to Mrs Marshall who coordinated this for our school.

2016 Bendigo and Ballarat Excursion
The cost of the excursion will be $385. All students attending should have paid their $100 deposit. 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, is invited to ring Miss Bourne as soon as possible.

A reminder that medical notes including dietary requirements must be returned by Friday, otherwise special dietary requirements cannot be met.

PSSA Griffith Zone Soccer Trials
This Wednesday 9th March Kyle, Luca, Paddy, Sam, Ryan, Lachlan and Abbey will trial for the PSSA Griffith Zone Soccer trials. We would like to wish these students all the best for their trials.

PSSA Leeton, Narrandera and Griffith AFL
Congratulations to Samuel and Jacob who were selected in the Leeton, Narrandera and Griffith PSSA AFL team. They will now go on to play at the Western Riverina Championships to be hosted at the Leeton Showgrounds on Thursday, 17th March. This is a great achievement.