

# Granville Public School

*Our School Priorities are Literacy, Numeracy, Student Welfare and Social Responsibility*



## Granville Grapevine

*A Newsletter for the Community of Granville Public School*

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*We are now taking enrolments. Please advise us as soon as possible if you have a child, or know of a child, who will be newly attending the school in 2011.*



### From the Principal's desk.....

Dear Parents,

Last week's Open Day was very successful and well attended by the parent community. We had many parents contact the school either by email or phone to congratulate us. Most of all, parents were impressed with the manner in which their children escorted them on their journey through learning. This saw parents and students visiting various sites over the school. We intend to continue this idea on next year's open day. The items which we presented in the school hall were also very favourably received and displayed the diversity and excellence which are a feature of our school. Thank you to all staff for their contributions on the day and in particular, the organising committee, Ms Darwish and Mrs Whelan.

As I am writing this our pre school and Kindergarten students are attending an excursion to the Maritime Museum. We expect they will learn much on this first hand experience while behaving at all times. Our Stage 3 students returned from the 3 day Canberra excursion and their behaviour was excellent. We had many comments from personnel from the many places we visited.

The Building Education Revolution

has now come to an end at Granville Public School and this has resulted in many classrooms being refurbished. C Block is now complete and this week the students and staff moved back in. Over the past 9 months we have had:

- A toilet upgrade
- A new carpark for the staff
- A new HUGE COLA (Colourbond Outdoor Learning Area)
- 2 double storey blocks entirely internally refurbished.

As I said in earlier correspondence we are now about to embark on improving the general appearance around the school which includes increasing the amount of vegetation. As part of our 130 years celebration we are purchasing 12 corrugated steel garden beds which will be used to teach the students about growth, plants, the water cycle and so on. We will be calling upon parents to assist with this ambitious project.

We have several teachers who are new to the profession and I would like to take the time to acknowledge the work they are doing. This includes their professionalism, dedication and enthusiasm. These people are Mr Gomersall, Ms Darwish and Ms Semaan.

A reminder that no parents should be parking in the carparks nor across the driveways as this causes potentially dangerous situations.



We are still experiencing very large numbers of students arriving late to school, particularly on rainy days. When these students arrive to school not only have they missed out on important morning instruction, but they also take time away from other students due to the teacher having to orientate them to the day's activities. While we understand that some situations arise that cannot be avoided the majority of the late situations are avoidable.

Once again thank you for your many contributions to our great school. Through parents, staff and students working together we can only improve the outcomes for your children.

Ian Millard

Principal



# Granville Galaxy

BRONZE AWARD  
WINNERS

SILVER AWARD  
WINNERS

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We are  
SAFE

We are  
LEARNERS

We are  
RESPECTFUL

## KINDERGARTEN 2011 ENROLLING NOW

If your child is turning 5 years of age before or on the 31/07/11 then it is time to enroll for school.

You are invited to attend one of the information meetings to be held on Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> August, at 4.00 or 7.00pm

To help you and your child get ready for school, we are inviting you to come along to 'Kids for Kindy'.

The 'Kids for Kindy' program will run on Friday mornings from 9am until 10am,

November 5, 12, 19 and 26 and December 3. Children will go to the kindergarten classes to meet the teachers and learn

about "Big School" while parents go to the library to learn useful information about school and about our requirements.

Each child **must** be accompanied by an **adult**.

If you are unsure whether your child is ready for school, or have any other concerns about your child, please feel free to discuss these matters with Mrs. McFarlane or the other Kindergarten teachers during our program.

Mrs T McFarlane



## STAGE 3 CANBERRA EXCURSION

Last week 59 Stage 3 students attended an extremely worthwhile three day Canberra excursion. The students travelled to Canberra by a double-decker bus and enjoyed the many outstanding tourist attractions that Canberra has to offer.

Highlights of the trip included: Parliament House, Old Parliament House, The High Court of Australia, Questacon, The Australian Dinosaur Museum, The War Memorial, The Australian Institute of Sport and Telstra Tower.

Students stayed at the Green Hills Conference Centre, which is situated in a beautiful bushland setting. The cabin style accommodation was perfectly suited to our students and provided opportunities for them to experience activities such as making beds, packing their own lunch and being responsible for their own belongings.

All students on the excursion were extremely well behaved and had a wonderful time. The entire experience allowed students to develop skills in socialising with their peers, being responsible for themselves, using polite manners to members of the public and sharing equipment and space.

The excursion was supervised by Mr Millard, Ms Landon, Miss Denny and Mr Swainson, who had a very enjoyable experience with the students. The trip was also very affordable and was partly funded by the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate. The Canberra excursion was a valuable opportunity for Granville students to see our nation's capital.



# **Weird and Wacky Day** **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> August**



**BRING A GOLD COIN**  
**WEAR SOMETHING WEIRD**  
**WEAR SOMETHING FUNNY**  
**WEAR SOMETHING WACKY!!**



## **~ ~ CALENDAR ~ ~**



<b>Aug</b>	13	Last day to order showbags
	13	Weird and Wacky Day
	17	Zone Athletics Carnival
	17	Maths Competition
	19	Our Spectacular
	24	Granville Galaxy Assembly
	23-27	Book Week
	26	Newsletter
	31	<b>Musica viva</b>
<b>Sept</b>	24	Last day of Term 3

## **Musica Viva**

**Tuesday 31 August 2010**

**Cost \$6.00**

**Only 250 spaces - buy your ticket  
 NOW**

## **GRANVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL**

is turning a massive

**130 YEARS OLD**

So we have decided to start the celebrations a little early. We are giving you the chance to get your hands on some fantastic show bags brought to you by

**MR SHOWBAGS**

Here's how it works:

1. Your family will receive a catalogue displaying all the fantastic show bags you can purchase.
2. Browse through and make your selection, big or small.
3. Place your order form with your money in the envelope provided.
4. Place in money box no later than Friday, 13 August, 2010.



You will receive your fabulous show bags at

GPS'S 130<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY MINI FETE

**FRIDAY 13 AUGUST 2010 LAST DAY TO ORDER SHOWBAGS  
 DON'T MISS OUT**