

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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Getting ready for school special edition

From the Principal's desk.....

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to the new school year. A special welcome to all of our new parents and children. We look forward to working with you.

Last year was a fantastic year for the school as summarised in the last newsletter of the year, and this year we are aiming for continual improvement and more community participation.

Our school is a 'Uniform School' and as such we require all students in full school uniform, including black shoes and correct uniform school hat. When we award Granville Galaxy awards for school uniform they will only be to students who are wearing the full school uniform. Please support us in this endeavour.

Homework will commence for all students in the next week or so. One of the purposes of primary school homework is to ensure children get into the habit of completing homework as when they attend high school they are often swamped with many hours of homework each week. Please ensure your child has a dedicated space for doing his/her homework as well as a very set routine.

Parent teacher evening will take place soon. This is a time for each classroom teacher to explain their class procedures and program to you. A letter will be issued shortly.

Our school, like all government schools, is a safe school. This means we do not tolerate bullying. Bullying is the constant harassment of a person by another person or group of persons. When this is noticed by a teacher or brought to our attention we act immediately. One of our roles is to teach the 'victim' how to react as well as teach the 'aggressor' more social ways.

This newsletter provides you with some valuable information regarding the beginning of the school year. Please read it. We hope it will be of use.

Our P&C meets on the second Tuesday of each month. This is a great way to get to know other parents and to learn more about the school. We welcome all new parents and their ideas.

Parents and carers are welcome to bring birthday cakes in to celebrate their child's birthday. We do request that you bring cupcakes for each child in the class rather than a large cake. You will understand that taking a knife into a classroom to cut

the cake raises some safety issues, as well as being time consuming and a bit messy. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



As notified last week there will need to be changes to classes. This year we have enrolled 70 Kindergarten students which is far more than in previous years. As such our original intentions of having the Kinders in 2 classrooms will not be feasible. Therefore on Monday we will be notifying parents and students of class changes. The whole school will be slightly impacted upon by these changes.

In closing, I want to remind you that the most important factors in your child's success (as shown by research) is your child's relationship with his/her teacher. Another important factor is the home environment—the encouragement and support from home.

We look forward to working with you. Granville Public School is a great school. I love my job and I love coming to work everyday. Help us to make it an even better school.

Ian Millard

Principal



Ten Tips for Parents of Children Starting Kindergarten

Provide information about your child's immunisation status

Your child will be coming into contact with lots of other children and infections can spread very easily. Immunisation records need to be presented for Kindergarten enrolment.

Under the Public Health (Amendment) Act 1992, children who have not been immunised may be sent home during an outbreak of a vaccine-preventable disease.

Learn the names of the important people at the school

This will help you communicate with your child about what they do each day at school. It is also important that you have a relationship with your child's teacher and principal to ensure you are up to date with your child's progress.

Give all information about your child to the school especially medical and special needs

You know your child best. Your child's kindergarten teacher will have many students to get to know. Help the teacher understand your child better and faster by sharing information and insights. This will also ensure that your child gets any essential attention.

Provide emergency contact numbers

The school might need to contact you urgently. Provide alternative numbers and contacts in case the school is unable to contact you.

Make the school aware of any special family circumstances

Any changes to your child's family situation can impact on their emotional and academic well-being. Inform your child's teacher and principal about any changed circumstances so that the child can be supported if necessary. Examples of special circumstances include the birth of a sibling, divorce or the death of a loved one.

Establish routines with your child and stick to them

Prepare your child for a more structured day. Make a daily routine that includes mealtime, talking time, and reading time.

Make sure your child is road/travel safe

Children should know to cross the road only at marked crossings. Please set a good example. Take particular care when you drop off and collect your child from school.

Become familiar with school activities - develop a relationship with the school

Parents/caregivers set an example. If you are positive and encouraging towards school, your child will be too. Both the students and teachers will appreciate your involvement and assistance in activities ranging from sports and excursions to music and drama presentations.

Educate your child about 'stranger danger'

Teach your child not to talk to strangers. They should not accept gifts or lifts from someone that they do not know.

Label equipment and clothing

Replacing lost clothing and equipment is expensive and inconvenient. You should clearly mark every item with your child's name.

Attendance requirements

In NSW students must attend school regularly. This means all children between the ages of six and fifteen are legally required to attend school. Attendance is recorded daily and a 'roll call' is usually conducted before the first lesson of the day begins.

For the benefit of all children, parents or carers should ensure their child attends school regularly. Any absence from school should be explained within seven days of the absence. Similarly, schools are required to inform parents promptly of any unexplained absences or suspected truancy.



BECOME INVOLVED

Have you thought about helping in the classroom or school? Have you a couple of hours to spare to assist? If you would like to help in the classrooms please approach your child's teacher. In order to be in the classrooms parents must first complete a Prohibited Employment form which remains at the school. We hope to see lots of community involvement throughout the year

Medication at school

When a medical practitioner has prescribed medication that must be administered during the school day, parents are responsible for:

1. bringing this need to the attention of the school
2. ensuring that the information is updated if it changes
3. supplying the medication and any 'consumables' necessary for its administration in a timely way
4. collaborating with the school in working out arrangements for the supply and administration of the prescribed medication.

The administration of such medication forms part the Department's common law duty of care to take reasonable steps to keep students safe while they attend school. This duty of care is fulfilled through its staff members.

Key points to remember:

1. Parents of children who require prescribed medication to be administered at school must complete a written request. The principal will provide the form to the parent. If parents have difficulty in completing the form they should ask the principal for assistance.
2. Students must not carry medications unless there is a written agreement between the school and the student's parents that this is a planned part of the student's health care support. Please note: Students' immediate access to prescribed medication is very important for the effective management of conditions such as asthma. Students and parents need to be advised of this requirement so that students are not left without access to critical medication.
3. It is the principal's responsibility to fully inform relevant staff of the management implications of students requiring the administration of prescribed medication.
4. Except in an emergency, only individual staff members who have volunteered and been trained, will administer prescribed medication to students.
5. The principal will oversight implementation of the course of action that he or she has determined is necessary for the support of the student's health needs.

Reading With Your Child at Home

Reading with children is fun and one of the best ways to help prepare them for school.

Children learn about the value and importance of reading as they watch their family reading and writing in everyday life.



Whether reading a novel, sharing a story, using a recipe, making a shopping list, writing a birthday card or reading a street sign, children observe the value of reading and writing.

What you can do at home

1. Be yourself and involve your child in everyday conversations from an early age.
2. Read aloud to your child. It will help your child to learn the language of books and encourages the enjoyment of books and reading.
3. Talk about books together - make reading a shared, enjoyable activity.
4. See that there is a range of reading material for your child at home.
5. Read to your child in your first language - research shows that using your first language will help your child when he or she learns to read English.
6. Try not to let television intrude on reading time - set aside some uninterrupted time to read with your child.
7. Listen to your child read every day, even if only for a short time.
8. Give books as treats and presents.
9. Discuss the meanings of stories and words.
10. Join your local library. Borrow books for yourself as well as your child.

Swine Flu

A vaccine, Panvax, is available for immunisation against Swine Flu. NSW Health is encouraging everyone to obtain a free vaccination. For more information go to:

<http://www.emergency.health.nsw.gov.au/swineflu/vaccination/index.asp>

~~ CALENDAR ~~



Feb	8	School Swimming Carnival
	8	PSSA Tryouts
	9	Granville Galaxy Assembly K-6 2:30pm
	18	Newsletter
	18	Selective High School test
Mar	2	Auburn Zone Swimming Carnival
	16	Regional Swimming Carnival Gardens

School Uniform Shop

Welcome back to a new year, I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays. Please come into the uniform shop to purchase the school uniform – we have summer dresses in stock now (the price for these has gone up a little). We also have school bags, library bags and polo shirts. At school we have a NO HAT, NO PLAY policy, so make sure you purchase a Granville Public School cap for the uniform shop. I hope to see all the children in full school uniform.

Kelly Adamson

P&C

Welcome back to everyone and welcome to all the new parents. I hope this is a fantastic 2010 for everyone at Granville Public school. Our next monthly meeting will be on Wednesday 10 March 2010. If you are interested in helping our school please come to this meeting. You can also pop into the uniform shop if you would like to know anything about the P&C.

After the March meeting we will be having a book party, where you are able to purchase books (these books must be paid for on the day).

This year's fundraising will include Family Photos and again the sale of cookie dough. If you have any fundraising suggestions please could along to the monthly meetings.

Kelly Adamson

NSW GOVERNMENT SCHOOL TERM DATES

Term 1	Wed 27/01/2010	-	Thurs 01/04/2010
Term 2	Mon 19/04/2010	-	Fri 02/07/2010
Term 3	Mon 19/07/2010	-	Fri 24/09/2010
Term 4	Mon 11/10/2010	-	Fri 17/12/2010

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