

# 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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**The school's new website is in operation.**

**Go to <http://www.granville-p.schools.nsw.edu.au>**



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

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome back to the school term. This is a very important term for many students as not only are many of them sitting for the NAPLAN assessment program which provides the school with valuable information about your children, but many will be preparing for the Stage 3 excursion to Canberra, which takes place early in Term 3. Please note that in relation to this overnight 3 day excursion all students must show continued appropriate behaviour throughout term 2 in order to attend.

Our school WILL be administering the NAPLAN tests to Year 3 and Year 5 students. While the staff are strongly opposed to the league tables established by the Sydney Morning Herald which are inaccurate and do not tell the 'whole story', we also understand the value of NAPLAN tests to our students, parents and to ourselves as teachers.

I would like to acknowledge the work done by Mrs Cheryle Walker, who was the School Administrative Manager, who retired on Wednesday. Cheryle had been at Granville Public School for 7 years and in that time has been responsible for the administrative procedures of the school.

We wish her and her husband a fantastic time overseas and thank Cheryle for her many contributions to Granville Public School.

In an earlier newsletter I informed you that monies raised through Voluntary Contributions would be spent directly on your child's class. The staff have been asked to consider some 'extras' that they would like for their classrooms which would be of benefit to the students and an order will be placed shortly. The amounts raised per class are:

K-6D	\$120
K-2U	\$20
K/1M	\$115
K Blue	\$110
K Green	\$190
K Yellow	\$170
6L	\$270
5/6J	\$80
5L	\$100
5/6S	\$120
4K	\$160
5/6D	\$40
3/4D	\$70
3/4H	\$210
3/5F	\$130
3B	\$130

2L	\$275
2/3S	\$160
1/2Z	\$130
1C	\$160
1S	\$140



A new award, the Principal's Award, will be issued one per class on a fortnightly basis. Each classroom teacher will select one student per fortnight to receive this award. Please note, this award does not contribute to the Granville Galaxy awards.

The teachers have been looking at the concept of learning intentions and we are introducing the concept to all classes. This involves the teacher making the intention of each lesson very clear to students so that the students know what and why they are learning as well as knowing if they have achieved the intention. This strategy will help our student focus on their learning and continue to improve.

Until next time

Ian Millard

Principal

## Learning Intentions

The purpose of a learning intention (“*We are learning to...*”) is to make the intent, purpose or the aim of the lesson explicit to the students.

The learning intention for the lesson forms the basis for all planning, where the context and the activity of the lesson are planned after the learning intention is established.

The learning intention is shared with the students at the start of the lesson and is separate from the explanation of the activity. The learning intention is revisited when appropriate throughout the lesson. The learning intention provides the focus for the teacher to evaluate the extent to which the lesson met its aims.

Learning intentions of lessons need to be as clear as possible. Research referred to by Shirley Clarke (2001) has shown that students are more motivated and task-oriented if they know the learning intention of the task and are able to make better decisions about how to go about the task.

*“Without the learning intention, children are merely victims of the teacher’s whim. It is vital, therefore, that learning intentions should be shared with children for every lesson.”*

Success criteria (“*What we are looking for is...*”) are used to make it clear to students how the teacher is going to assess their performance.

Learning Intentions are Important! To assist student to take more responsibility for their own learning, students need to know:

**what** they are going to learn

**how** they will recognize when they have succeeded; and

**why** they should learn it in the first place

## **IN THE CLASSROOMS**

Over the last 2 weeks I have been visiting the classrooms. My intention is to visit 4 rooms each day to see how our students are learning. What I am seeing is very impressive. Congratulations to all of the teachers who are engaging their students with motivating, relevant and interesting lessons. I have seen Kindergarten students discussing the book ‘The Window’. I have seen grammar lessons in a stage 3 class with the students showing extensive knowledge. I have seen a handwriting lesson in a stage 1 class in which the students were smiling, laughing and forming the perfect letter ‘t’ under their teacher’s guidance. I have seen some amazing narrative writing lessons in which students are being encouraged to add incredible detail to the narratives they are writing. I have seen procedural writing in our support unit after a wonderful cooking lesson. I am witnessing extremely high levels of engagement from your children. Thank you for encouraging your children to understand that learning is important and thank you to the Granville teachers who are showing commitment to and understanding of all students.

Mr Ian Millard.

## PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Names have been left out for privacy reasons

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THESE STUDENTS

### PHOTO DAY

School photos will be taken on

**Tuesday 4 May, 2010.**

Each student will need their own envelope with the correct money. Please fill in the envelope and return it to the teachers as soon as possible. Family photo envelopes available from the office.



### MOTHERS' DAY STALL

The P & C will be holding a Mothers' Day Stall on

**Thursday 6 May, 2010.**

Gifts will range from \$2 to \$12

Some gifts for sale will be cushions, soap, keyrings bookmarks, body lotion and more.



## ~~ CALENDAR ~~



- April** 30 Winter PSSA starts  
**May** 04 School Photographs  
 06 Mothers' Day Stall  
 11 Pre school excursion -  
 'Brave Hearts'  
 12 P & C Meeting 9:15am - AGM  
 11- 13 NAPLAN Testing  
 13 Pre school excursion -  
 'Brave Hearts'  
 18 Auburn PSSA Cross Country

### From the Office

Recently, several students have been sent to the office after wetting their pants. As the school does not have spare uniforms or underwear, these students must wait in the office area until a parent/carer can come with a dry pair of pants. For this reason we ask that parents/carer please put a change of clothes in their child's school bags in case they have an accident. The weather is cooling down and these incidents could happen more frequently.



### VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION

Each year NSW Government Schools ask parents for a VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION. We do not have fees. The contributions are used to supplement government funds and to purchase school supplies for your children.

The 2010 voluntary contribution amount is

**\$20 for one child**

**\$30 for two or more children**

This year all voluntary contributions will be directed to **YOUR** child's classroom. Therefore if there are 25 students in your child's class, the classroom teacher will be given \$500 (25 x \$20) with which to purchase resources for your child and his/her classmates.

Therefore by paying a small voluntary contribution you are **directly aiding your child's education**.

On behalf of the families and the staff who make up the Granville School Community we sincerely thank you for your contribution.

### SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

**Winter stock available now.**

We have long pants, trackpants, jackets, jumpers and long sleeve polo shirts for sale, now that the weather will start to cool down.

The uniform shop is open

**Monday, Tuesday,  
Thursday and Friday  
2:30 - 3:00pm.**

### P & C MEETING

The next P & C Meeting will be on

**Wednesday 12 May 2010**

**At 9:15am in the Staffroom**

This will be the Annual General Meeting and everyone is welcome to attend.

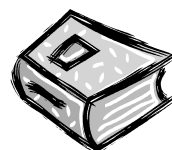
**Hope to see you there.**

### BOOK CLUB

Book club orders are due by

**Friday 5 May 2010**

Please place the order form and the correct money in a labelled envelope in the money box.



Thank you  
**Mrs Corbett & Mrs Sklavounos**