

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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School (for students) resumes on Tuesday, 20 July.

From the Principal's desk.....

Dear Parents,

Term 2 is now at an end and our students are looking forward to a holiday break.

Thank you to the many parents who contributed in many ways to the school throughout Term 2. We are enjoying more parental support than we have for many years. Parents are assisting in the classrooms, on excursions, with fundraisers and attending P&C meetings. We encourage all parents to become involved in our wonderful school.

Term 3 promises to be extremely busy. Our Stage 3 students will be attending the 3 day excursion to Canberra to reinforce their studies about our national capital and politics. This will take place in the second week of the term.

Open Day takes place on Thursday, 5th August and I encourage all parents to attend this celebration of public education and in particular Granville Public School.

The school fete takes place near the end of term 3 and promises to be an exciting event for the whole school community.

Throughout the term we will also be preparing for the whole school performance. Last year we instigated the inaugural whole school performance and this was a tremendous success. The 2010 performance will take place early in term 4 and there will be a matinee and evening performance. More information about this at a later date.

I attended a matinee performance of the South Western Sydney Dance festival last week. Our school dance group performed and were, as in past years, fantastic. They were very well received by the audience. Thank you to Mrs Millman who completed the dance routine in Mrs Leibrandt's absence. I was also extremely impressed with the students from Granville Public School who were audience members. Their behaviour was superb. They responded appropriately to the various dance groups, listened to teacher instructions and looked fantastic in their school uniform. Well done Granville.

As I write this we have many parents on the school grounds attending parent and teacher interviews. Thank you for

making the time in your very busy schedules to attend these crucial meetings. It is a great opportunity to discuss your child's attitude and application to his/her schooling as well as his/her behaviour.



We have been extremely fortunate to have the services of Mr Jarrod Farlow as a School Learning Support Officer (Teachers Aide) over the past few weeks. Jarrod plays for Balmain-Ryde Eastwood Rugby League team in the NSW Cup competition. Having a sportsperson of Jarrod's calibre in the school is of great advantage. He is very popular with the students and has provided them with some great fitness and PE experiences. We will be having Jarrod at the school for 3 more weeks.

I wish everyone a very enjoyable and happy holiday break with their children.

Ian Millard
Principal

Netball Report

On Friday, 18th of June we played against Rosehill Public School. During the first half, the score was 7-2. We had the score of 2 while Rosehill had the score of 7. In the second half, we've received more goals by Hilary shooting. At the end of the game, our score was 7-14. We had lost but we still had fun and we had a lot of teamwork. Enass had really good defence and attack. On that day, we all had team work and Enass and Hilary were both known as the best and fairest from the senior team.

Encourage everyday physical activity

What you can say to your child to get them active:

- ✦ 'It's time to play outside now.'
- ✦ 'Rex needs some practice fetching. It'd be great if you could go outside and throw the ball to him.'
- ✦ 'Let's walk to the shop to get the things we need for dinner.'
- ✦ 'Wow, you've been jumping on the trampoline for ages.'
- ✦ 'Keep going. Your sandcastle is getting so big.'
- ✦ 'You did a fantastic job pulling the weeds out of the garden. It's great when you help.'

'You rode a really long way today on your bike – well done.'

More ideas at www.raisingchildren.net.au

TAFE Outreach - Computer Course

Learn basic beginners computer skills

WHEN: Commencing Monday 26 July and every Monday during Term 3 and Term 4 12:30pm - 2:30pm

WHERE: Granville South Public School

Corner of Woodville Road & Oxford St, GUILDFORD

* classes will be conducted in the school computer lab

Facilitated by Granville South schools as Community Centres Project.

This course is **FREE** (to permanent residents) and

FREE CHILD MINDING can be provided.

To reserve your place or for more details

please contact **Julie** on **9892 2328**

GROUP PHOTOS

Group photos of sports teams, Captains, SRC and the whole school photo are available to view in the front office. If you wish to purchase a photo, order forms are also available from the front office.

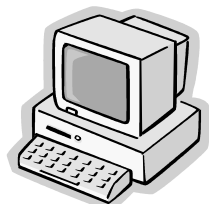


PARENT WORKSHOP

Thank you to all of the parents who attended come or all of our workshops. Parents were particularly interested in our Home-work Information and our Computer and Technology sessions. We also had sessions about what the children are learning in Literacy and Numeracy. It was also a great social time, with parents enjoying a "cuppa" and meeting new people.

Thanks again for your interest.

Mrs T. McFarlane



PRINCIPAL'S AWARD



Names have been removed for privacy reasons

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THESE STUDENTS

New safety restraint laws now apply to children under the age of 7.

Under the new regulations:

- children younger than 6 months must be secured in rearward facing restraints
- children between 6 months and 4 years must be secured in either a rearward facing or forward facing restraint with an inbuilt six point harness
- children between 4 and 7 years must be secured in a forward facing restraint with an inbuilt six point harness or a booster seat
- children younger than 4 cannot travel in the front seat of a vehicle with two or more rows
- children between 4 and 7 cannot travel in the front seat of a vehicle with two or more rows unless all other back seats are occupied by children younger than 7 years in a child restraint or booster seat.

More details at www.rta.nsw.gov.au

ORCHESTRA AND STUDENTS MAKE MUSIC TOGETHER

On Friday, 18/06/10, the support classes went to Mounties club to watch an orchestral concert and listen to the music. Then we went to Central Gardens to have a picnic with Merrylands Public School.

We went on a bus to the club. We sat at a table and played with instruments that were on each table. There were triangles, clackers that look like hands and bells AND lots of excited students and teachers shaking and playing with the instruments. The orchestra had a violin,



double bass and other instruments. A lot of students got on the stage to sing and they were happy.

After the concert we met Merrylands Public School students at Central Gardens. After we had lunch some year five and sixes played football and soccer while the others looked at the native animals and climbed on the equipment.

I was very lucky to be able to go. It was a fun day.

Geoff

DEBATING

On Thursday 17th June 2010, four of the shining stars of the Granville Debating Team went to Blaxcell Street Public School with Mr Neufeld to debate the topic "That our Nation is Unprepared for Disasters". Granville was the negative team. We had spent many weeks preparing our arguments for this debate, and luckily the preparation paid off! The Blaxcell Street students were great opponents, but Granville was victorious on the day.

On Thursday 24th June 2010, the Premiers Debating Team from Granville Public School debated against Blaxcell Street Public School. The topic was "That Computers Hinder our Education". Granville was the negative team. We had only one hour to prepare our arguments, and then the debate began. We tried our best, and so did the team from Blaxcell Street. Granville Public School won the debate.

Miss Hillsley

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

Notes have been given out within the last week to selected students for Term 3's Active After School sports activities. Please note that these activities always begin in Week 2 (not Week 1) and end in Week 8, not at the end of the school term.

Only students who have received a note have

been offered a place. Placement is considered based on applications received by the closing date.

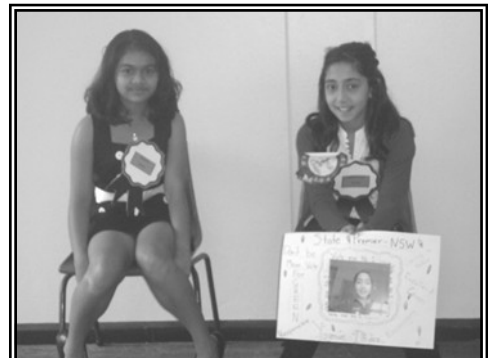
We know that you will enjoy learning new skills and making new friends.

S. Corbett, A. Houda
School Learning Support Officers



STAGE 3 VOTES!

This term, Stage 3 has been learning about State and federal Government. To support students to understand our electoral system, we held a mock election. State and Federal Representatives were elected from each class. These students then campaigned and invented slogans and party policies. The stage 3 electorate then voted using mock ballot papers and polling booths. The learning experience engaged students and was extremely beneficial in providing a deeper understanding of our complicated system of preferential voting.



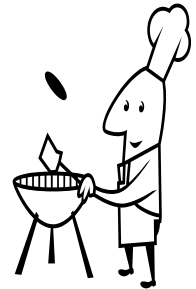
~ ~ CALENDAR ~ ~



July	02	Last Day of Term 2
	19	School Development Day
	20	Students return to school
	21	P & C Meeting
	28-30	Stage 3 Canberra Excursion
	29	Newsletter
Aug	2-6	Education Week
	3	Granville Galaxy Assembly
	5	Open Day

HELPERS NEEDED TO WORK ON P & C FUNDRAISING BBQ AT BUNNINGS

Helpers are needed on **Sunday 1 August 2010** from 9am to 4pm to assist in the manning of a P & C Fundraising BBQ stand at Bunnings.



If you are able to lend a hand for an hour or two, please see Karina the P & C

Internet safety tip - Stranger danger is online too

Ensure your child never organises to meet up with any strangers that they have met online. Remind your children to also be wary opening emails from strangers too. They could contain spam (online junk mail), a virus (which will harm your computer), or be from a stranger looking for trouble. More tips at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/click

P & C MEETING

The next P & C Meeting is on Wednesday 21 July. Special guest will be our local Member of Parliament Mr David Borger. Please join us in the staffroom at 9:15am. Hope to see you there. Karina Elder - P & C President

Piano Lessons

Would you like your primary school student to learn how to play the piano?

After school lessons in your own home.

Cost: \$30 per half hour

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