

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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From the Principal's desk.....

Dear Parents,
Welcome back to school everyone, and a special welcome to all our new students and their families. I am particularly impressed by how well the Kindergarten children have settled into big school. Welcome also to our 2011 Preschool children who join us this week.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the school community for making me feel so welcome. I am honoured to be the Principal at Granville Public School and I am looking forward to getting to know everyone and to working with you to achieve the best possible outcomes for our students.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their patience while 2011 classes were being organised. I felt it best to delay this to avoid having to disrupt students by having to change classes due to late enrolments. Our classes are now in place and ready for the year ahead.

What an exciting year we have planned for 2011. On Monday a small group of our students participated in the school swimming carnival at Granville pool. I was very impressed, not only with their swimming skills, but also with their good

sportsmanship, outstanding behaviour and excellent manners throughout the event. Congratulations to those students. Thank you Ms Luongo, Mr Milligan and Ms Hillsley for organising this event.

Our *Meet the Teachers* evening is next Wednesday, 16th February. This is an opportunity for you to get to know your child's teacher and to find out about class organisation, planned events and expectations for the year. Sessions should last approximately 30 minutes. A separate note has been sent home with details of this evening. The P & C has asked me to remind you that there will be a sausage sizzle from 5pm that afternoon. The cost is \$2.00 per sausage sandwich.



The first P & C meeting for the year is also on Wednesday 16th February. It will commence at 9.15am. Please come along and meet other parents and have a say in your child's school.

Please support our special *Maroon For a Day* initiative to raise funds for the Queensland Flood Relief. This will be held

next Thursday (17th February). Children can dress in mufti but they are asked to wear one item that is maroon as part of their mufti clothes. This can be a hair ribbon, sox, hat or shirt etc. They need to make a gold coin donation and all money collected will go towards assisting Queensland public schools affected by the floods.

Linda Barry
Principal

Parent Tips!

Supporting students during hot weather



You can help by:

- Sending children to school with a water bottle (it can be a good idea to freeze the water overnight so it's nice and cold the next day);
- Make sure your child wears their school hat; and
- Apply sunscreen before children head off to school.

2011 Voluntary Contribution

\$20 for 1 child

\$30 for 2 or more children

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2011 STUDENT LEADERS

Captains - Mohamad &
Hilary

Student Leaders - Mohammed,
Maseeh , Etafusi , Elena , Divashna
and Joanna .

P & C NEWS

Our first P & C Meeting will be next Wednesday 16 February. It will be held in the school staffroom, located in A Block, at 9:15am.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Hope to see you there.

Katrina Elder

Tips for Parents of Children Starting Kindergarten

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.

Label equipment and clothing

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

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. Inform the school immediately if numbers change.

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.

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.

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.

WELCOME, KINDERGARTEN 2011

Kindergarten students have settled into school life in record time. The children seem to be experts at lining up in the morning and saying good bye to parents and carers. They are very settled in the classrooms and are already having a go at reading and writing. There are lots of fun activities in all the classrooms and the children are enjoying their day at school. They even survived the extremely hot weather in their first week at school. Well done everyone!

We look forward to seeing you at our information evening.

Regards,

Mrs. McFarlane



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.



Attendance requirements

In NSW students must attend school regularly. This means all children between the ages of 6 and 17 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.

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 of 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 oversee implementation of the course of action that he or she has determined is necessary for the support of the student's health needs.

~CALENDAR~



Feb	14	P & C Craft Day
	16	P & C Meeting - 9:15am
	17	Maroon Day
	18	PSSA Starts
Mar	01	Zone Swimming Carnival
	23	Athletic Carnival
	28	Swimming Scheme Begins

UNIFORM SHOP

The start of 2011 has been very busy for the school's uniform shop. More uniforms have been ordered as we have run low in many items. Thank you for your patience.

Uniform Shop opening hours

Mon, Wed, Fri
2:30 - 3:00pm

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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.

2011 SCHOOL TERMS

TERM 1 31/01/11 - 08/04/11

TERM 2 28/04/11 - 01/07/11

TERM 3 19/07/11 - 23/09/11

TERM 4 10/10/11 - 16/12/11