

# 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*

**Issue 1 Term 2, 2011**

**Thursday 5 May 2011**

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

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school for Term 2.

Last Friday we celebrated the retirement of Bryan Graver, our General Assistant. After more than twenty years at Granville Public School, Bryan is taking leave until mid December. He will then commence his retirement. We thank Bryan for his commitment to the school and we wish him all the very best for a long, happy and healthy retirement.

This term is another exciting and busy one. We have already had our first P and C meeting for the term. The next meeting is an Annual General Meeting so if you are interested in taking an active part in the P and C please come along and let us know. The meeting will be held on Wednesday 18th May commencing at 9.15am. It will be held in the school's staffroom.

On Wednesday and Thursday the P & C organised Mothers' Day stalls for the students to purchase gifts. There were some great gifts available. This was a chance for children to show their appreciation for all the things that Mums (and Grandmas) do for them and to spoil Mum in the manner in

which I am sure she thoroughly deserves! I hope that all Mums and Grandmas have a wonderful Mothers' Day.

Thank you to everyone who attended the official BER recognition ceremony on Tuesday. I felt very proud when the outstanding behaviour and audience skills of our children were commented on by a number of our special visitors. Well done girls and boys.

The Sports in Schools program started last Thursday. Most students are already taking part in the program but if your child is not, and you would like them to, please send in the permission note and money by the end of this week.

NAPLAN testing starts on Tuesday 10th May and will continue for three days, concluding on Thursday 12th May. This is for students in Years 3 and 5 only. Testing will be undertaken in the morning session on each of these days. A special breakfast will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning for these children. A separate note will be sent home to Year 3 and Year 5 students about this.

A special parent meeting has been organised by Zena Zamerli, our Community Liaison Officer, for Tuesday 31st May

at 9am. This is an opportunity for parents to meet Zena and to talk about suitable topics for proposed parent information sessions and workshops or outings. Coffee and tea will be provided so come along and share your ideas and views as well as getting to know other members of our school community.

Another important event for your diaries is parent and teacher interviews. These will be held on Tuesday 28th June and Wednesday 29th June. Student reports will be given to parents during the interview process. More details about times etc will be sent home in a separate note.

Linda Barry

Principal

**2011**

### **Voluntary Contribution**

**Total contributions  
received by the school  
to date for 2011**

**is  
\$3155**



We are  
**SAFE**

We are  
**LEARNERS**

We are  
**RESPECTFUL**

### **Upcoming Granville Galaxy Lessons: Content for Term 2**

- **Being a good sport**
- **Dealing with anger**
- **Conflict resolution**

# **Granville Galaxy**

Term 2, Week 2

## **Upcoming Granville Galaxy Lessons**

Over the next few weeks, all students will participate in Granville Galaxy lessons that focus on anti-bullying. Skills and understandings developed during the lessons include identifying bullying behaviour and strategies for dealing with bullying. Please support your child's social skill development by discussing these concepts with them at home.

### **Granville Galaxy Peer Lessons**

At the end of Term 2, our Year 6 students will be trained as peer tutors to help deliver the Granville Galaxy lessons.

The peer lessons are an excellent opportunity to develop leadership skills in our senior students and to develop valuable student relationships.



### **Our next Granville Galaxy Assembly**

**2pm Tuesday  
10th May  
School hall**

**All welcome**

## **PRINCIPAL'S AWARD**

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Janet – KB  
Jad – KR  
Rabiy – KP  
Ainsley – KY  
Jade – K/1S  
Phoebe – 1C

Ana – 1D  
Mohamed – 1/2Z  
Zoe – 2L  
Jahin – 2N  
Angela – 3/4B  
Sina – 3/4C

Suney – 3/4K  
Ashleigh – 3/4S  
Riley – 5/6H  
Vasu – 5/6J  
Shaymaa – 5/6K  
Nour – 5/6S

James – K-4U  
Mohammad – 1-6F  
Chanelle – 3-4D  
Kayden – 5/6D

## Do you reward unwanted behaviour?

At Parent Line, our counselling team regularly take calls from parents who are perplexed about their child's behaviour. Why do they continue with behaviour that is disruptive, non compliant and challenging? Parents often reflect on one child behaving and responding very differently from another child in the family. There is no simple answer for this and our counsellors approach parents by exploring a range of areas to help the parent uncover what might be going on for their child.

Children are rarely able to tell parents why they are behaving in a certain way. Even when they have the vocabulary they don't have the insight to understand their behaviour. Often they have learnt how to manage challenging situations and strong feelings by behaving in a certain way. Many times families accidentally reward this behaviour without knowing it. How often have we all given in to a tantrum?

It is important for parents to honestly and openly reflect on what kind of a unique person their child is. Some children are highly strung, others are shy, others dislike change, others are socially motivated etc. There are so many variations on temperament and ability that it's impossible to compare children in this way. Our challenge as parents is to understand and accept them as they are and to help them develop skills to manage the wide range of tasks that are required of them as they grow up.

Secondly a good analysis of the home environment is useful. Our view at Parent Line is that parents try to manage things in the best way they can. We all have blind spots in our parenting strategies. Our goal at Parent Line is to assist the parents to understand what their blind spots are and to look at other ways to tackle the issue. This is done without judgement about those blind spots, because we all have them, but as a way to develop a deeper understanding of the way we parent. We look at what happens when the behaviour escalates for both the child and the parent. We review some of the strategies that the parent has already used and particularly look for clues about what works for their child. Our simple mantra is if it isn't working – let's do something different. We look at what can be put in place to avert the behaviour occurring, in particular exploring family routines, and using strategies to

prevent the behaviour from happening and take a good look at what happens when the behaviour does occur.

Some of the issues we reflect on are:

Do you make the instructions about the behaviour you want to change clear and simple for the child?

How do you regulate your own emotional response when the behaviour occurs?

Are your expectations about what you want the child to do realistic?

And what happens as a result of the behaviour?

Many times, once we have uncovered what is actually happening around the behaviour we will find that parents unintentionally reward the behaviour by giving the unwanted behaviour lots of their attention. Also, parents may give in and let their child have what they wanted in the first place. Whilst it's important to help children learn new skills so that they can function successfully in their world, it is important for us as parents to notice small attempts at change, success and effort. The most powerful parenting tool we have is to notice and appropriately praise positive behaviour. This does not mean doing a song and dance each time your child behaves well but to use small acknowledgements like shared signals or a few words of encouragement to help the child understand that you have noticed their attempts and efforts and are proud of them.

If you want to talk about your child's behaviour with one of our professional counsellors, call 1300 1300 52 or visit our website for tips sheets and parenting stories.

**Parent  
Line**

**1300 1300 52**



# CALENDAR



<b>May</b>	6	Winter PSSA Round 1
	10-12	NAPLAN - Year 3 & 5
	10	Granville Galaxy Assembly
	13	Stewart House Day
	17	Zone Cross Country
	18	P & C Meeting - AGM 9:15am
	31	Parent Meeting 9am
<b>June</b>	13	Queen's Birthday PH
	28-29	Parent & Teacher Interviews

## 2011 SCHOOL TERMS

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

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

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

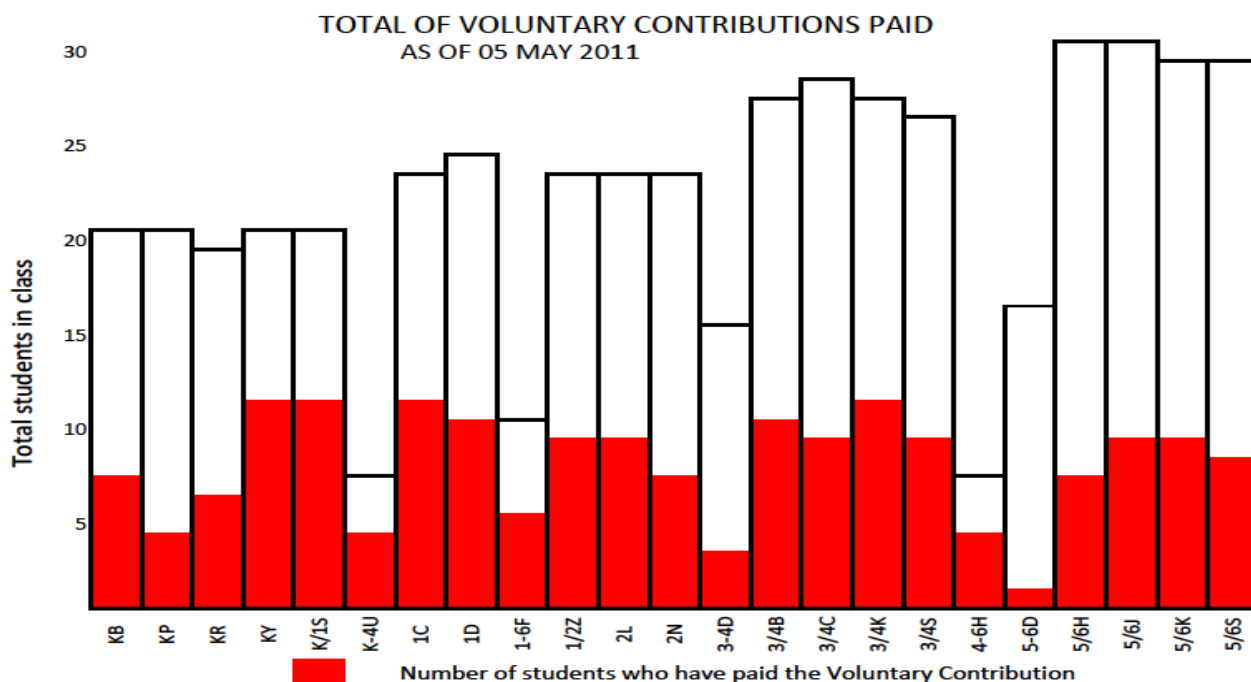
**CORRECT MONEY IS  
REQUIRED WHEN PAYING FOR  
EXCURSIONS.  
THE OFFICE DOES NOT KEEP  
CHANGE.**

*Year 5 & 6  
Student Diaries  
For Sale  
Only \$5.00*

*Purchase from the Front Office*

**UNIFORM SHOP  
NOW OPEN BEFORE  
SCHOOL ONE DAY A WEEK**

**Opening Hours  
Monday and Friday  
2:30 - 3:00pm  
Thursday  
8:30 - 9:00am**



How is your class going?