

# 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,

Congratulations to all those who took part so enthusiastically in the 'Walk Safely to School Day' on Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> May. It was great to see so many members of our community supporting this valuable and enjoyable program.

Congratulations also to our energetic dance group who were selected to be part of 'Our Spectacular' which will be held at Sydney Opera House early in Term 3. I had the pleasure of watching the children during their audition and I was extremely impressed with their enthusiasm and skills. Thank you to Mrs Kardiasmenos and Mrs Leibrandt for their hard work in preparing the dancers for the audition. Granville Public School Choir will also perform in 'Our Spectacular' at the Opera House. They too have been working hard practising the new songs that they have had to learn in a very short period of time. Thank you to Mrs McFarlane and Mr Hewitt for their work with the choir. We certainly are very fortunate to have such talented, hard working and committed teachers, parents and students at Granville Public School.

Our new parent coffee club had it's first meeting on Wednesday. Twenty five parents attended and discussed a range of issues for inclusion in a program of information sessions. These

included parenting skills and helping children with literacy and numeracy. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June. Please come along and be part of this friendly group.

The teachers at Granville Public School have just finished a professional learning program where they worked with other teachers from schools in the Granville District to hone their teaching skills. Different teachers attended different workshops to cover a broad range of topics which all relate to targeted areas of learning for our students.

NAIDOC Week falls in the first week of the school holidays so we will celebrate this during the last week of this term. A variety of activities have been organised including a performance of 'Murri Kulture in Education' to enhance students' understanding of Aboriginal history and culture. A separate note has been sent home about this event.

Please note in your diaries that parent and teacher interviews are scheduled for Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June and Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June. Reports will be given to parents as part of the parent interview process. More details about this will be sent home in a separate note.

It is very pleasing to see students wearing full school uniform each day. There many advantages to students wearing school uniform.

Most importantly, that it can contribute to students having a sense of belonging to the school community. Please ensure that all items of school clothing are labelled with children's names to avoid confusion over ownership. There are currently quite a few items of school uniform in our lost property box. These are mostly jumpers, jackets and hats. If your child has lost an item of school clothing please have a look in the lost property box. It is located in the main administration building just near the P and C's clothing store.

Please note that Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June is a public holiday so there will no school that day. I hope that all of our community has the opportunity to spend some additional quality time with their families over this long weekend.

Linda Barry

Principal

**2011**  
**Voluntary Contribution**  
**Total contributions**  
**received by the school**  
**to date for 2011**  
**is**  
**\$3430**



**We are  
SAFE**

**We are  
LEARNERS**

**We are  
RESPECTFUL**

### **Upcoming Granville Galaxy Lessons Content:**

- **Keeping our school clean**
- **Walking safely in the hallways**
- **Behaving appropriately in the hall**

***Our next Granville  
Galaxy Assembly will  
be in Week 7***

***7th June 2011***

***in the School Hall.***

***We hope that you can  
join us.***

***Starts at 2pm.***

# **Granville Galaxy**

Term 2, Week 6

## **New Granville Galaxy Lessons: Anti-Bullying**

At Granville Public School we promote an inclusive environment, where diversity is affirmed and differences are respected. Quality education is provided for students to meet their learning needs in a secure, ordered and effective environment. The focus of quality education is for students to learn and grow with confidence.

Granville Public School's Anti-Bullying Plan, is a key component of our 2009 Discipline and Welfare Policy and Program. Embedded in the plan is the expectation that all students have the right to assume that they will spend their school day free from the fear of bullying, harassment and intimidation. Teachers, students, parents, caregivers and members of the community have a responsibility to work together to address bullying. The lesson below is the first lesson in the series of three lessons.

### **What is Bullying?**

In the first lesson of the series, students were encouraged to construct a definition of the term 'bullying'. Students were supported to view bullying as:

- ✧ Intentional and repeated behaviour by an individual or group
- ✧ Behaviour that can cause distress, hurt or undue pressure.

Through class discussion, brainstorming and teacher support, students were helped to understand that for an incident to be identified as bullying, it must adhere to this criteria. This means that not every incident of student aggression or intimidation should be viewed as bullying.



Teachers also explained to students that bullying can occur in a variety of forms. Bullying can be:

- ✧ Verbal (name calling, teasing, threatening)
- ✧ Physical (hitting, spitting, tripping)
- ✧ Social or psychological (ignoring, alienation, spreading rumours, dirty looks, malicious SMS or email messages).

Upcoming lessons will help students to understand how they can stop bullying.



The 2011 Premier's Reading Challenge is underway and continues until September 1.

Granville Public School has 52 students who have registered and started logging their reading.

Already we have 7 students who have completed the challenge. Congratulations to Zoe, Hugo and Kardelen in Year 2, Stanley in Year 3, Olivia, Kusum and Felicity in Year 5.

All students entering and successfully completing the Premier's Reading Challenge will receive an official PRC certificate and their names will appear on the PRC Honour Roll.

If you have not registered yet and are interested in participating please see Mr Neufeld in the Library for information



on how to register and where to find the books in the Library.

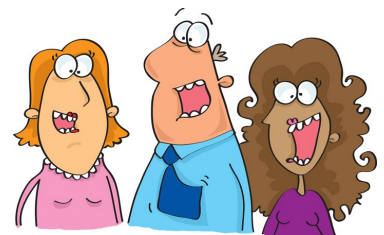
## P&C NEWS

I would just like to remind you that our next P&C meeting is on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> of June at 9:15 in the teacher's staffroom. We have invited the NSW P&C President Helen Walton to this meeting. Helen will talk to us about how we can make our P&C more effective. It is only \$2 to join the P&C and this fee allows you to vote on P&C decisions.

In the last few years the P&C has raised money to purchase smart boards & library books for our children. We have also provided morning tea for the kindergarten orientation, donated the cake at the Year 6 Farewell and provided the Year 6 students with a farewell present. Our aim now is to raise money for a major project such as air conditioning for our school.

Remember our P&C is a great way for you to meet new people, exchange ideas and become involved in your child/children's schooling. I look forward to seeing you at our meeting on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> of June.

April Butterfield  
P&C President



## PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Hekmat- KB  
Yasmin - KR  
Tayyabah - KP  
Sydrah- KY  
Shayden- K/1S  
Nour - 1C

Ta'Leah- 1D  
Ramiru - 1/2Z  
Amena - 2L  
Princess - 2NW  
Kaynat - 3/4B  
Jamal - 3/4C

Arth - 3/4K  
Joshua - 3/4S  
Anushka - 5/6H  
Adiyah - 5/6J  
Lucas- 5/6K  
Clayton - 5/6S

Dean-K-4U  
Andrew-1-6F  
Brandon-5-6D

## IMPORTANT DATES!



- June**
- 7 Granville Galaxy Assembly 2:00pm
  - 13 Queen's Birthday PH
  - 14 Parent Meeting
  - 15 P & C Meeting 9:15am
  - 28 Parent & Teacher Interviews
  - 29 "Murri Kulcha" Aboriginal Performance
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- July**
- 1 Last day of Term 2
  - 19 Students return to school

### CELEBRATE NAIDOC WEEK

AT THE

### "MURRI-KULCHA"

PERFORMANCE ON

**WEDNESDAY 29/06/11**

The programme includes both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander songs and dances focusing on Australia's unique animals such as the kangaroo and emu as well as Torres Strait play dances. This performance provides explanations of the instruments and costumes of Indigenous culture as well as displaying various artefacts.

**COST \$3.50**

**MONEY DUE BY  
22/06/11**



## TERM DATES

- TERM 2 28/04/11 - 01/07/11
- TERM 3 19/07/11 - 23/09/11
- TERM 4 10/10/11 - 16/12/11

### GRANVILLE SOUTH CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS HIGH SCHOOL

*A Community and Selective school focusing on student engagement and success*



#### Selective stream

The Creative and Performing Arts selective stream will provide our local primary students with an opportunity to continue to develop their talents in a specialised program with children who are like them, while being guided by teachers who are committed to excellence in teaching and learning.

Our first intake of Selective students will be Year 7 2012.

#### Creative and Performing Arts AUDITIONS

**Places limited to one selective class only!**

Audition applications are available from the school or on our website and are due by Friday, 1 July 2011.

All auditions will be held at the school.

Address: 53 Rowley Road, Guildford Phone: 9892 2654

Individual audition times will be provided once all applications are processed.

Dance – Monday, 24 July 2011

Visual Arts – Tuesday, 25 July 2011

Drama & Public Speaking – Wednesday, 26 July 2011

Music – Thursday, 27 July 2011

#### What do we offer selective students?

Educational scholarships worth up to \$500 each.

Specialist tutoring in Music, Dance, Drama & Visual Arts.

Opportunities to participate in ensembles, competitions and perform within the community with older students as part of their regular lessons and curriculum.

Email: [granvilles-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:granvilles-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au)  
Website: [www.granvilles-h.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.granvilles-h.schools.nsw.edu.au)  
Principal: Mr. W. Finn

## UNIFORM SHOP

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

**Opening Hours**

**Monday and Friday**

**2:30 - 3:00pm**

**Thursday**

**8:30 - 9:00am**

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