

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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Thursday 25 August 2011

From the Principal's desk.....

Dear Parents,

This week we are celebrating Book Week and what a busy and exciting week we are having. We started early with our special assembly on Friday where each class presented Book Week posters about books that students have particularly enjoyed. Our book fair is very popular with many students purchasing a book for at home and some families purchasing a book to donate to our school library. Thank you to those families for your generosity. Our book character parade yesterday was very impressive. It was a show case of the creative talent that we have at Granville Public School. Congratulations to everyone for this outstanding effort. Thank you also for supporting the P and C cake stall.

Tomorrow our Preschool, Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 children will have the opportunity to see a performance of Tiddalik the Frog. This performance is based on the traditional Aboriginal tale and I am sure it will be enjoyed by all who attend.

Our Stage 2 and Stage 3 teachers have been developing their skills in teaching reading through the Focus on Reading Program. This involves 60 hours of professional learning over a two year period for each teacher. Our teachers will have their fourth training day for this next week. This is in addition to

participating in a number of workshops after school. As teachers learning new skills with this program, they are applying them in their own classrooms.

Our next parent information session is a special one. We have a representative from PPP presenting. Please try to join us. The session will be held on Tuesday 13 September and commence at 9.15am and coffee and tea will be provided.

With the warmer weather approaching it is important that all children wear their hat to school. These need to be the hat that is part of our school uniform. If your child has lost their hat, please check the lost property box. If you need to purchase a new one you can do so from the uniform shop which is open Monday and Friday afternoons between 2.30pm and 3pm. Alternatively, hats can be purchased from the front office at a cost of \$8.50 each.

Stage 3 students are off to camp for 3 days on Monday 5th September. This is an opportunity for our students to develop responsibility and independence as well as team skills. They will be visiting Bathurst and the goldfields and learning about our history in this area. I am sure that our Year 5 and Year 6 students who are participating in this activity will have a great time and be excellent ambassadors for our

school during the excursion.

The Sound and Vision concert is only 4 weeks away and the school is buzzing as the children prepare and rehearse for their performances. Concerts are on Thursday 22nd September and there are still tickets available for both the matinee and the evening performances.

Next Wednesday, 31st August, the Muslim community will celebrate Eid-al-Fitr. This is an important holiday in the Muslim calendar. It marks the end of the month long fast for Ramadan. We wish our Muslim families and staff all the best for this celebration.

Linda Barry
Principal

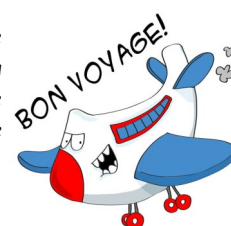
Family Holidays

Parents and Carers are reminded that they must contact the school if they are planning a holiday in which their children will be away from school.

Forms must be completed for an exemption from attendance and the school must have copies of travel documents.

If you are planning a holiday please see the office staff.

Thank you.





We are

SAFE

We are

LEARNERS

We are

RESPECTFUL

Upcoming Granville Galaxy Lessons: Content:

- Keeping our school clean
- Walking safely in the hallways
- Appropriate behaviour for excursion

Granville Galaxy

Term 3, Week 6

Granville Galaxy Peer Lessons

Over the past two weeks our Year 6 students have been delivering our Granville Galaxy Lessons to the younger grades. The feedback from teachers and students has been extremely positive and we are anticipating that this program will be beneficial for all students. The lessons covered so far include:

We know how to behave in the library: This lesson encourages students to consider the importance of our school library and the reasons why we all need to respect the space, the resources and the learning that occurs in our library. Key messages such as handling books appropriately, using a quiet voice and walking safely were discussed.

We walk safely on our own: This lesson ensures that all students understand how to keep themselves and others safe by walking around the school rather than running. The students examined which areas of the school require particular attention to this expectation.

Please join us in congratulating our Year 6 students on their excellent leadership skills during peer support lessons.

Congratulations to the following students who received Granville Galaxy Awards at our last school.

BRONZE AWARD WINNERS

Hena
Angela
Tayyabah
Shifah
Ella
Tae

Ahmed
Abdul
Arth
Malek
Sarpreet
Joshua

SILVER AWARD WINNERS

Adrian
Noorah
Jamil

GOLD AWARD WINNER

Jessica

LOOK AT WHAT 3/4K HAVE BEEN DOING.

Students in Stage 2 are learning about the sun and the planets of our solar system. Through a consolidated unit of work incorporating Literacy, Science and Technology and Visual Arts, students are supported to engage in readings, discussions and research.



Students ask questions and challenge their existing knowledge and understanding of our galaxy and make connections with their experiences of the world around them.

During Visual Arts lessons, students in 3-4K draw from their growing knowledge & experiences to visualise the sun, within a context. Students experiment with artistic techniques using various materials, learning about colour, texture and how the sun can be represented.



K4U & 4/6H AT THE BOOK PARADE



Today I came dressed as a pirate and I won a prize!

By James K4U



On Wednesday, my school had a book parade. The whole school went to the book parade. We went to the primary area under the cola. We walked around dressed up. I had an awesome day because it was joyful.

By Adrian 4/6H

P & C NEWS

Thank you to all the families that bought in cakes and biscuits for our cake stall yesterday, we raised \$250 which is fantastic. I would also like to thank all the mums & a Grandma who helped out on the day. Without your donations and help on the day the P&C couldn't run a successful fundraiser and we really appreciate your generosity. I think everyone who attended the book parade enjoyed watching the kids and teachers all dressed up in their favourite book characters, having lots of fun.

Next week the P&C will be sending home information and order forms for our Cancer Council Sunscreen Fundraiser. Not only will our school raise money from this fundraiser, but all sunscreen sales will help fund cancer research, patient support and education. Please get behind this fantastic fundraiser as Spring and Summer are just around the corner.

Another thank you goes out to all the families that have donated their preloved uniforms, please keep them coming in as the P&C will be holding another second hand uniform stall in term 4.

Kind regards
April Butterfield - P&C President



IMPORTANT DATES!



AUG 26 Tiddalik the Frog
 30 Eid-al-Fitr
 31 Eid-al-Fitr
SEP 5-7 Stage 3 Camp
 9 Year 2 Excursion
 22 Sound & Vision - 11:00am
 22 Sound & Vision - 7:00pm
 23 Last day of Term 3

OCT 10 Students return to school

SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP OPEN

Monday and Friday

2:30 - 3:00pm



**KINDERGARTEN 2012
 ENROL NOW
 Granville Public School**

Lena Street, Granville



PARENT INFORMATION MEETINGS

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 6TH,

3:30 OR 7:00PM

'Kids For Kindy'

Prepare your child for school.

Attend our Kindergarten Transition Program to be held on

Fridays from 9:00am - 10:00am

Commencing on October 21st, 2011

and continuing every Friday until 2nd, December.

At Granville Public School we believe the purpose of our school is to maximise learning through quality teaching and the development of responsible, respectful and resilient behaviours.

We provide a range of enrichment programs and extra curricula activities including:

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| * Enrichment programs | * Computer Skills |
| * Dance | * Debating |
| * Choir | * Public Speaking |
| * PSSA Sport | * Chinese |
| * ESL Programs | * Arabic |

For more details and to enrol your child at the school, contact the school between 9:00am and 3:00pm.

Terri McFarlane
 Assistant Principal

Linda Barry
 Principal

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2011 Sound & Vision Around the World

Our annual production is on again!

Date: Thursday 22 September

Time: 11:00am Matinee

7:00pm Evening

Cost: \$7.50

**TICKETS ON SALE NOW
 FROM THE FRONT OFFICE.**



TERM DATES

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.**

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Janet - KB	Jabril - 3/4B
Xiaqita - KP	Sagal - 3/4K
Nikhila - KR	Etafusi - 5/6H
Jordan - KY	Katrina - 5/6J
Elhaam - K/1S	Olivia - 5/6K
Adrian - 1C	Joanna - 5/6S
Jad - 1D	Mahmoud - 3-4D
Fawzy - 1/2Z	Jaiden - 5-6D
Jocelyn - 2L	

WELL DONE