

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 18 October 2012

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

OCT

- 19 Kids for Kindy 9am
- 24 School Spectacular
Choir Rehearsal
- 24 Granville Galaxy
Assembly
- 24 Yr 6 Fundraising
- 25 Stage 2 excursion to
Botany Bay
- 26 Kids for Kindy 9am
- 30 Our School
Spectacular at the
Opera House

NOV

- 2 Kids for Kindy 9am
- 6 School Photos
- 7 School Photos
- 9 Kids for Kindy 9am
- 16 Kids for Kindy 9am
- 21 Stage 3 Excursion to
Powerhouse and Syd.
Observatory
- 23 Kids for Kindy 9am

DEC

- 5 2013 Preschool
Orientation
- 12 Presentation Day
- 13 Preschool Graduation -
Possums
- 17 Preschool Graduation -
Koalas
- 17 Year 6 Farewell
- 19 Family Picnic Day
- 19 **Last day of Term 4**

From the Principal's desk.....

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school for Term 4. The final term is always a busy one as the school year draws to an end. Summer PSSA has resumed this term so our Aussie Rules, Softball and T-ball teams will be back in action. Our dynamic dancers and sensational singers will be taking part in 'Our Spectacular' at the Opera House on Tuesday 30 October. We wish them all the best for their respective performances.

Congratulations to Eyobe and Foday from Year 6 who competed at the State Athletics Carnival on yesterday. Both boys qualified for the finals in the 100 metres and will run these today. This is an outstanding accomplishment. Well done boys.

All families were sent a letter this week asking for information about whether children are returning to Granville Public School in 2013. This information is needed so that we can organise classes and teaching staff for next year. Please complete and return this form to school as soon as possible.

Kids for Kindy starts tomorrow. This program is for children who are enrolled for Kindergarten next year. The program will run over the next six Fridays, commencing at 9am and concluding at around 10am. It includes workshops for parents as well as sessions for the children.

School photo day is Tuesday 6 November. It is important that all children wear summer uniform this day. All extra curricula and family photos will be taken on Wednesday 7 November. Please see the separate note about school photos. Orders need to be sent in the envelope provided by the photographer with the correct amount of money enclosed. The school does not open these envelopes so it is not possible to give change.

Year 3 and Year 5 families will have received their NAPLAN results at the end of last term. The data shows improvement in most areas, with strong results in reading across the school. Growth between Year 3 and Year 5 was strong. Areas for improvement are grammar and punctuation and increasing the number of students in the top bands in Year 5. A special meeting has been organised for parents of Year 3 and 5 students for Tuesday 20 November to explain the school's results in more detail. A separate note will be sent home with details for this meeting.

Presentation day is on Wednesday 12 December. Separate events will be held for the infants K to Year 2 and for Years 3-6. Preschool Possums' group will have their graduation ceremony on Thursday 13 December and the Koala group will have its on Monday 17 December. If you have a child in Preschool please put the relevant date into your diary.

Orientation sessions for the 2013 Preschool children will be held on Wednesday 5 December. Letters with details of this will be sent home this week.

Our Year 6 farewell is on the evening of Monday 17 December. Stage 3 students are still fundraising to help with the cost of this function.

A family picnic day is planned for our students and families to celebrate the end of a wonderful school year. This will be held on Wednesday 19 December which is the day of the year for students.

Linda Barry
Principal



Granville Galaxy

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

BRONZE AWARD WINNERS

Viliami
Safal
Joseph
Navia
Atukan
Youssef
Rubiy
Muhammad

SILVER AWARD WINNERS

Jonny
Anshrika
Angela

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Najwa - KB
Daniel - KP
Mueen - KR
Ali - KY
Charlize - 1B
Douaa - 1Z
Tayyabah - 1/2D
Ridwan - 2A
Abdul - 2J
Montaha - 3/4B
Betol - 3/4C
Zoe - 3/4K
Ethan - 3/4S
Jason - 5/6C
Euyobe - 5/6H

Jana - 5/6K
Dilara - 5/6S
Andrew - K-6G
Zain - 3-6J

Well Done !

These awards will be presented at the next Granville Galaxy Assembly on Wednesday 24 October.

We are
SAFE

We are
LEARNERS

We are
RESPECTFUL

SUPPORT UNIT MULTI-SPORTS DAY

On Thursday 11 October students from the Support Unit had the opportunity to participate in an Multi-Sports Day excursion at Homebush.

The students had a fun day participating in gymnastics, golf, lawn bowls, soccer, softball and tennis.

They also met a female paralympian from Australia's basketball team and the female sailing gold medalist from the 2012 London Paralympics.



GRANVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS COMPETE AT THE STATE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Yesterday Eyobe came 1st in semi's for 100m for 13 year olds. Foday came second in semi's for 100m for 12 year olds. Finals are today.



Foday 5/6S and Eyobe 5/6H

Peer Support Program

Our whole school will be starting Peer Support sessions next Wednesday. The program will run every Wednesday from 12-12:25pm in Weeks 3-9. Students will be using the Peer Support Module; *Taking Opportunities* which focuses on resilience. The experiences presented in the module help children develop skills to identify their strengths, celebrate their achievements and seek assistance when faced with challenges. In the first session, each group will establish their group agreements so they can work well together. Children will share some of their favourite things and learn about the other members of their group.

In Week 4, the children will learn about the importance of having a go. The activities will help them identify what they have already learned to do and what things they would still like to learn. The children will also explore their feelings when faced with difficulties and identify the need for courage when they try something new. During the week, you might like to encourage your child to be aware of the importance of learning from their mistakes and trying new experiences.

NAPLAN 2012

Granville Public School has now received all the information about our school's and students' performance in NAPLAN.

Our improvement was strong in many areas. In particular...

- Our Year 5 students averaged greater improvement than the state in Reading, Numeracy and Spelling.
- Our Year 3 students' average scores in all areas were the best for a number of years.
- Our students who went to Year 7 this year averaged greater improvement than other local primary schools in Reading and Numeracy.

Areas that need to be still be improved ...

- Grammar and punctuation was quite weak in Years 3 and 5
- Very few students in Year 5 scored in the top 2 achievement bands

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT...

The school has information on your child's performance that **you did not receive on the report**. This information includes their ranking within the school and their improvement from Year 3 to Year 5.

If you wish to discuss your child's performance in greater detail, make an appointment to see your child's teacher, the Assistant Principals (Ms Butters or Ms Landon) or myself.

There will also be a PARENT INFORMATION SESSION about NAPLAN on Tuesday 13 November at 9am in the library – all welcome!!

ASSEMBLY ITEM

"On Wednesday we did a dance for the assembly" Hannah KB

"The assembly was fun" Henry KB



Kids for Kindy 2012



For children starting
Kindergarten in 2013.

Come and see
what our school is like.

Fridays from 9:00 - 10:00am

In the Library and
Kindergarten classrooms.

For more information
call 9637 1083

P&C News

The P&C would like to welcome everyone back to school and hope that you all enjoyed your 2 week break to recharge your batteries for a big Term 4.

This term our major fundraiser is a Sausage Sizzle which will be held at Woolworths Granville on Sunday 28 October. We will need some volunteers to help out on the day with the BBQ and to help serve. Allison Harris is coordinating the fundraisers so please let her know if you can help out on the day or please leave your details with the ladies in the office. More information will be sent home closer to the date. If you can't help out on the day please try to come down and support your school by purchasing a sausage, drink or even a cupcake.

This year the P&C has worked extremely hard to raise much needed funds for our school and it would be great to see more parents become involved. Many hands make light work and if we share the load it will make it much easier for everyone. By helping out it gives your child/children a real sense of pride that they really belong to Granville Public School and it is also a great opportunity to meet other parents and make lifelong friends.

Kind regards
April Butterfield
P&C President

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.

TERM 4

SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

Wednesday 2:30 - 3:15pm

Friday 2:30 - 3:15pm

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