

# 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, 2012

Thursday 3 May 2012

### UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

#### MAY

- 9 P&C AGM - 9:15am
- 10 Mothers' Day stall
- 15-17 NAPLAN Year 3 & 5
- 22 Zone Cross Country
- 23 Musical Viva

#### JUNE

- 11 Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
- 28 Olympathon
- 29 Last Day of Term 2

#### JULY

- 17 Student's return to school

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

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school for Term 2. On behalf of the school community, I would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new families.

This term we have two new Community Languages teachers who have been permanently appointed to the school. Welcome to Mrs Chahloub who has been employed to work Monday to Friday as an Arabic teacher and to Ms Huang who has been employed to work on Monday and Tuesday as a Chinese teacher.

Term 2 is shaping up to be another busy one. Next Monday, a small group of staff from Lakemba Public School will visit to observe some of the fantastic teaching that is happening at our school. The P & C Annual General Meeting is on Wednesday, 9 May at 9.15am in the school staff room. The P and C is also holding a Mothers' Day stall on Thursday 10 May. A separate note has been sent home with details about this. On Thursday 10 May our school will host the Granville School Education Principals' meeting which will also be attended by the new Regional Director. The Following week is NAPLAN. Our Year 3 and Year 5 students will participate in this assessment over the three days from Tuesday 15 May to Thursday 17 May. The Zone cross country is on Tuesday 22 May. And on Wednesday 23 May we have Makukuhan from Musica Viva performing at the school. The cost is \$7.50 per student. Notes were sent home about this late last term. Please see the office if you need a copy of this note.

The school will continue with its program of professional development for teachers this term. Next week all Stage 2 and Stage 3 teachers will participate in a half day of training for Focus on Reading. All Kindergarten teachers are participating in follow up networking associated with the L3 training that they undertook last year. The Executive team

is participating in a professional learning program that focuses on two areas; collaborative leadership and assessment. In addition to this, teachers Release from Face to Face teaching time has been organised so that stage teachers are released at the same time to promote collaboration and professional dialogue.

As this is an Olympics year the school is planning a special Olympathon which will be held at the school on Thursday 28 June. Please put this date into your diary so that you can join us on the day.

Opportunity classes (OC) cater for high achieving students in Years 5 and 6. The closest OC to our school is located at Blaxcell Street Public School. Students are selected for the OC on the basis of results of external testing in English, Maths and General Ability, as well as school based assessment in English and Maths. The process for gaining placement in an OC for Year 5 in 2013, commenced this week. On line applications opened on Monday 30 April. The website for online applications is [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement). Paper applications will be available at the school from Monday 7 May. If you have a student in Year 4 this year, and you would like to apply for placement in an OC class, please see your child's class teacher for more information.

The P and C has organised for our school to participate in student banking. A representative from the Commonwealth Bank will attend our next school assembly on Wednesday 9 May. The bank will also have a promotion table set up in the playground after school on Thursday 10 May, Friday 11 May and Monday 14 May.

Have a great term.

Linda Barry  
Principal

**2012**  
**Voluntary**  
**Contribution**  
**Total contributions**  
**received to date is**  
**\$5470**  
**\$30 for 1 child**  
**\$50 for 2 or more**

## On the Farm

On Wednesday 2 May, students from early stage 1 went on an excursion to the Golden Ridge Animal Farm in Dural.



We go to the farm. And we milked the cow.  
Saul—K Blue

I saw a cow on the farm. Pippa—K Red

I held a duck on the farm. Jasline—K Red

I saw a cow. Rafiullah—K Purple

I saw a cow. I saw a rabbit. I saw a baby lamb.  
Olivia—K Purple

I went to the farm and I milked the cow. I saw  
a rabbit. Jayden—K Purple

At the farm I milked a cow. Arash—K Yellow



At the farm I pat the dog. Rabiaah—  
K Yellow

I saw little chicks. I saw a cow. I pat the  
little chicks and I pat the rabbit. I went to  
the farm. Avipsa—K Purple

**PARENT EXCURSION**

Parents are invited to come along to a parents' excursion to Manly on Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> May. We would like parents to experience what the students experience on an excursion. There may be homework!

We will travel by bus and enjoy morning tea by Manly Harbour Pool, visit Ocean World Manly, have lunch by the water and be back at school in time to pick up the children.

This is also a social event for parents to get to know one another and to offer each other support while their children are at Granville Public School.

More details will come in a note home next week.

Mrs. McFarlane

**P & C NEWS**

The P&C would like to welcome everyone back to school. We are looking forward to a great Term 2.

Firstly I want to remind everyone that the Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held next Wednesday the 9<sup>th</sup> of May at 9:15am in the teacher's staff room. A note will be sent home letting you know more about this.

I also want to say a very big thank you to all the generous families who donated cupcakes, slices and biscuits to make our Easter hat parade cake stall such a huge success.

I would also like to thank everyone who purchased these goodies. The P&C raised \$230 and this money will go towards the playground beautification project.

The Easter Hat Parade was a fun afternoon and it was wonderful to see so many mums, dads, grandparents, brothers and sisters come along and join in on the festivities.

The P&C will be holding its annual Mother's Day stall on Thursday the 10<sup>th</sup> of May. All classes will be allocated time throughout the day to buy mum a present. Prices will range from \$0.50 to \$5. This year we have some homemade craft as well as the traditional coffee mugs, jewellery stands etc.



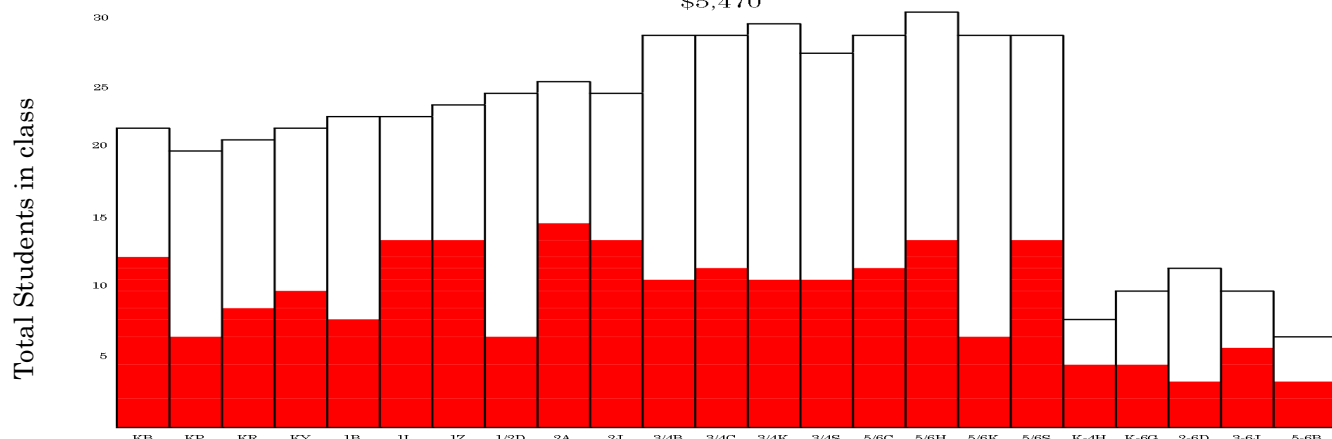
Kind regards  
April Butterfield  
P&C President

## PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

### CONGRATULATIONS TO

Arda - K Blue	John - 3/4C
Victoria - K Purple	Mahadi - 3/4K
Daniel - K Red	Amena - 3/4S
Jimmy - K Yellow	Laka - 5/6C
Atakan - 1B	Noorooa - 5/6H
Sophia - 1L	Krinal - 5/6K
Trisha - 1Z	Richard - 5/6S
Jordan - 1/2D	Thomas - K-4H
Sinem - 2A	Moustafa - K-6G
Jennifer - 2J	Ahmad - 2-6D
Shifa - 3/4B	Well Done.

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