

# 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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### UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

#### DEC

- 17 Preschool Koalas - Graduation
- 17 Year 6 Farewell
- 19 Family Picnic Day
- 19 Last day - Term 4

#### JAN 2013

- 30 Year 1-6 students return to school
- 30-31 2013 Kindy Best Start Assessment

#### FEB 2013

- 1 2013 Kindy Best Start Assessment
- 4 Kindergarten begins
- 4 Preschool Koalas begin
- 5 Preschool Possums begin

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

Dear Parents,

Yesterday, at our school presentation day ceremonies, we celebrated the many achievements and successes our students have had throughout 2012. I am sure that parents, teachers and students felt very proud as they were reminded of the highlights of the school year and the growth that our students have made. Congratulations to all the girls and boys who were presented with awards for their achievements. Thank you to the 2012 student leaders who ran both presentation day ceremonies. You did a wonderful job.

At the primary presentation day ceremony the student leaders for 2013 were announced. The following students were voted into their positions by their peers: Jonny, Kaia, Jailen, Amira, Jamal, Destiny, Joshua and Deborah. The school captains are: Destiny and Jonny. Congratulations student leaders. I look forward to working with you next year.

Our last day for the term for students is next Wednesday 19 December. To celebrate the end of the school year there will be a special family picnic on the school grounds during lunch time. This will commence at 11am. Please come and join us for this final celebration for the year. Students have been asked to bring a small shoe box size box to decorate and to use this to transport their picnic lunch to the grass area. Unfortunately, if it rains, the picnic will be cancelled.

On Monday night our Year 6 students will celebrate the end of their primary schooling at the Year 6 Farewell. On behalf of the school community I would like to thank Year 6 for their contributions to Granville Public School. I would also like to wish them all the very best for the next step of their education as they move to high school.

As the National Partnerships program at our

school draws to an end this year, we have to farewell our Community Liaison Officer, Mrs Zena Zamerli. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Zamerli for her valuable work at the school. As a result of her efforts, we have implemented a range of initiatives that have led to increased parent partnerships with the school. I wish Mrs Zamerli all the best for the future. Ms Lowe and Miss Barber will also leave the school at the end of this year. I would like to thank both teachers for their hard work and commitment to the students at Granville Public School. I wish both Ms Lowe and Miss Barber all the very best for the future in their new schools. Another staff member who is leaving us at the end of this year is Ms Landon. Ms Landon has been an Assistant Principal at Granville Public School for the past six years. During this time she has worked tirelessly for the students at our school. She is highly thought of and respected by all members of the school community. On behalf of our school community, I congratulate Ms Landon on her promotion to Deputy Principal, thank her for her enormous contribution to our school and wish her all the very best for the future.

This is the final newsletter for 2012. I would like to thank our students, families, teachers and SAS staff for their hard work and support throughout the year. I wish everyone a safe, restful and happy festive season. For those leaving our school, I wish you all the very best and for those returning, I look forward to working with you in 2013.

Linda Barry  
Principal

### REPORTS



**You must  
keep your  
school  
reports.**

Parents are reminded to keep their child's reports in a safe place for future reference. Your child's past school reports will be needed when they transfer to another school and enrol in high school.



We are  
**SAFE**

We are  
**LEARNERS**

We are  
**RESPECTFUL**

# Granville Galaxy

Congratulations to the following students who received Granville Galaxy Awards at our last assembly for 2012.

## BRONZE AWARD WINNERS

Mahadi  
Elhaam  
Danny  
Letila-Grace  
Amhjad  
Neelofar  
Abdul  
Utsav  
Wesley  
Sudam  
Atakan

Krish  
Angelo  
Darian  
Jennifer  
Banein  
Bill

## SILVER AWARD WINNERS

Jocelyn  
Khan  
Sapreet  
Ibrahim

Destan  
Mayada  
Duale  
Jessica  
Sarah

## GOLD AWARD WINNERS

Tina  
Cemo  
James  
Adrian



## P&C REPORT

This year the P&C has had a huge year when it came to fundraising and we would like to thank all the families for supporting the P&C at our BBQ's, cake stalls, the trivia night, multicultural food day and at our mother and fathers day stalls, these are just a few of the fundraisers that we have organised this year. We have also seen an increase in parent helpers which we are very grateful for however we would really love to see more helpers in 2013.

Our major fundraiser is the P&C run uniform shop and this year one of our goals was to update the shop and make it a more welcoming place for everyone. Since the update our uniform shop has been run off its feet, sales are well and truly up and again we would really like to thank all of our Granville families for supporting the P&C run uniform shop.

This year the P&C has also taken on School Banking which all the children seem to love, if you haven't signed up it is never too late, however today was the last day for banking this year.

This year the P&C together with the school have been working towards raising money for a joint air conditioning project, this year the P&C have donated just over \$2500 towards this project. The P&C have also created a native garden in between the uniform shop and liftwell, purchased a P&C pop up gazebo and we are currently in the process of purchasing just over \$1000 worth of xylophones ready to be used in 2013.

Next year some of our goals are to update areas in the school playground, purchase a projector and screen for our assembly hall and provide PSSA sports uniforms.

This Friday is the last time that you can purchase uniforms for 2012, Wednesday is the school picnic and we all want to enjoy the last day of school with our children. If you have pre ordered your school uniform for next year please come in and make final payments this Friday. We will be opening the uniform shop on the students first day back at school from 11am – 1pm.

I would personally like to say a very big thank you to Allison Harris, Kristy Sorouni & Lamya Bates-Brownsword for all of their hard work and dedication this year. I am extremely grateful for everything that you have done and especially grateful to the wonderful friendships that we and our children have made.

Lastly on behalf of the P&C we would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a happy and safe holiday.

Kind regards  
April Butterfield  
P&C President



## End of Year Family Picnic Day

**When: Wednesday 19 December**

Early Stage 1 & Stage 1 games 9.00-10.00am;

Stage 2 and 3 games 10.00-11.00am

followed by a school picnic in the school grounds for lunch.

**What to bring:** A decorated picnic box with a picnic lunch, a treat and a drink.

(Children to bring a small cardboard box to decorate at school)

Parents are welcome too!

**Picnic Time: 11a.m.**



**نزهة في الهواء الطلق (بيكنيك)**

**بمناسبة انتهاء السنة الدراسية**

**متى :** يوم الأربعاء الواقع في 19 كانون الأول \ ديسمبر 2012

ألعاب ترفيهية لصفوف الحضانة، الأول والثاني من الساعة \* التاسعة وحتى العاشرة صباحاً

ألعاب ترفيهية لصفوف الثالث، الرابع، الخامس والسادس من \* الساعة العاشرة وحتى الحادية عشرة صباحاً

يتبع الألعاب الترفيهية غداء (بيكنيك) في ملعب المدرسة.

**على التلاميذ جلب الآتي:** علبة بيكنيك مزيّنة موضوع في داخلها الغداء، قطعة من الحلوى و المشروب.

مطلوب من التلاميذ جلب ورقة كرتون\ كارد بورد لتزيينها في ( المدرسة).

أهلاً وسهلاً بالأهل الكرام أيضاً!

**موعد الغداء (البيكنيك) في تمام الساعة الحادية عشر.**



**年终家庭野餐**

日期: 十二月十九日, 星期三

幼稚班和一, 二年级 游戏时间: 上午九至十点

三至六年级游戏时间: 上午十至十一点

接着在学校操场全校师生野餐。

**携带的东西:** 一个装饰好的野餐盒, 里面装有适合野餐的午餐, 小点心和饮料。

(学生带一个小纸盒来学校作装饰)

欢迎家长参加!

**野餐时间:** 上午十一点

## BRIGHT SPARKS -"It is FUN!"

This year at Granville P.S. we started the Bright Sparks after-school homework program for our refugee students. Here are some of the highlights of the year and the reflections of some the students who attended:

*I like Bright Sparks. It's fun and they help you with your homework. And you can teach them how to play games if they don't know how.*

Fatimah



*I enjoy going to Bright Sparks because they help me to do my homework and I have fun.*

Umaru

*They teach me to do things. It is fun.* Fatim

*I like to go. I like reading, drumming and playing games.*

Jaffar

*It is fun! I play games and they read stories to me.*

Jenneth



*I enjoy them wanting to help me with my homework. It is fun because we get to play games and read sometimes.*

John

Ibrahim – *I agree with John!*

*They help us with our homework and we play games. It is fun. I would like to continue.*

Nyakiir



*I love Bright Sparks! It teaches me how to do stuff. It's fun!* Mamie



*I enjoy Bright Sparks because we have fun, we play games, we learn things and we read.*

Ibrahim K.

*I enjoy it. It is good. It is fun.* Kuach





## FREE fun program for kids to be healthy, active & happy!

**Do you have children 7-13 years old?  
Are you worried about their weight or  
their lifestyle?**

### Maybe Go4Fun is for you?

Go4Fun is an established healthy lifestyle program to improve health, fitness, self-esteem & confidence in children above a healthy weight. Go4Fun runs for 10 weeks over the school term & is for children & their parents. Sessions include games, activities, tips on healthy food, label reading, portion sizes plus much more! To find out more call **1800 780 900** or visit [au.mendcentral.org](http://au.mendcentral.org) and click on 'Join a MEND Program'.

## 2013



## TERM DATES

TERM 1 30/01/13 - 12/04/13

TERM 2 01/05/13 - 28/06/13

TERM 3 16/07/13 - 20/09/13

TERM 4 08/10/13 - 18/12/13

## PSSA News

The split summer round for PSSA T-ball, softball and AFL concluded last Friday, completing the competition which commenced in Term 1.

Congratulations to the boys' T-ball team and the junior AFL team, who both progressed to their respective grand finals. The T-ball game was closely contested, with Merrylands East the eventual winners with a score of 11 - 7.

The junior AFL team were also engaged in close competition with Guildford West and led for most of the game, losing in the final 2 minutes of the match. The score was Guildford West 3 - 8 - 26 to Granville 2 - 4 - 16.

Well done, Granville!

Mrs Chamoun, Miss Stewart and Mrs Stanger  
PSSA summer coaches

Healthy Harold came to Granville Public School last week.

Students from Preschool to Year 2 enjoyed visiting him in the Life Education van and learning about healthy life styles.



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