

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

MARCH

- 5 PSP Survey distributed
- 9 All PSP Surveys due back
- 12 School Athletics Carnival
- 21 School Cross Country
- 26 Swimming Scheme begins

APRIL

- 2 Swimming Scheme continues
- 5 Last Day of Term 1
- 6 Good Friday
- 8 Easter Sunday
- 24 Term 2 Begins
- 25 Anzac Day Public Holiday

From the Principal's desk.....

Dear Parents,

This summer the school is competing in PSSA Tee ball, Soft ball and AFL competitions. Congratulations to all students who have been selected for a PSSA team. The first round of competition was held last Friday and I was very happy to hear that our students represented their school with enthusiasm and good sportsmanship at each of the games.

Yesterday we had our first school whole school assembly for the year. These will be held once per fortnight on odd week Wednesdays from 12.30pm to 1.10pm throughout the year. Each class will have a turn at running an assembly and presenting an item at their scheduled assembly. Class teachers will let parents and carers know in advance when it is their child's class assembly.

Congratulations to Simon in 3/4S who was the winner of the 'Reading is Rad' draw. I hope you have lots of fun selecting a book to spend your voucher on.

Just a reminder, that 2012 Voluntary contributions are now due. The amount payable is \$30 per child, per annum or \$50.00 per family (2 or more children). These can be paid in advance for the whole year, or term by term. All voluntary contributions are used to purchase additional resources for use by students. Funds go directly to the classes of the students who make the contributions. Your ongoing support with payment of voluntary contributions is greatly appreciated.

PSP surveys are coming! This is something that you will hear a lot about over the next few weeks. On Monday 5 March (Week 7) if you have a child in Kindergarten, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 or Year 4, you will receive a special survey to complete. The results of these surveys are used to determine a school's

eligibility to be on a special program called the Priority Schools' Program (PSP). This four year program aims to improve equity in education for students. Selected schools are given extra funding and teachers for the duration of the four year cycle. Over the past two cycles of the program all of our neighbouring schools have qualified for the PSP but we have just missed out.

To be considered for inclusion in the PSP, schools must have a minimum of 85% of surveys completed and returned. As you know, at Granville Public School we have high expectations, so we are aiming for 100% of our surveys to be completed and returned. Remember, PSP will benefit all children at our school.

Surveys are printed in a variety of languages and families who need assistance just need to let the school know and we will arrange translators or interpreters. We can also answer any questions or concerns that you have about the process. All surveys are anonymous and confidentiality is guaranteed. The survey comprises one A4 page and is not difficult to complete. Further information about the process will be sent home next week including details of special information sessions for parents and carers which will be held at school. Only the oldest child in each family that has a child in a K-4 class will be given the survey.

To encourage participation, a range of incentives will be offered to students who return the survey. Details of these will be advised over the next week or two. This is a case where we need our whole school community to work together for the benefit of our children. Please ensure that you complete this very important survey.

Linda Barry
Principal

2012

Voluntary Contribution

**Total contributions
received to date is**

\$2520

\$30 for 1 child

\$50 for 2 or more



**We are
SAFE**

**We are
LEARNERS**

**We are
RESPECTFUL**

Granville Galaxy

Congratulations to the following students who received Granville Galaxy Awards at yesterday's assembly.

BRONZE AWARD WINNERS

Naseem
Youssef
Jermaine

SILVER AWARD WINNERS

Ahmad
Bashir

Well Done to
5/6C
for a fantastic assembly item
at the first
Granville Galaxy Assembly
for 2012.

Congratulations to students in
KR and KY
who were named as
BEST CLASSES
at this assembly.

We hope you enjoy your prizes.

P & C News

The P&C would like to thank all the families that have purchased tickets for the K-2 social night, at Lollipops Wetherill Park tomorrow night. We believe this is a great way for you to meet other parents and to watch your kids having lots of fun and make new friends. No food or drinks can be bought into the playland, however the cafe will be open. If you haven't already purchased tickets I will have a table set up in the infant's playground tomorrow morning from 8:45 – 9:15. This will be your last chance to purchase tickets as we are not selling any at the door.



I would also like to remind everyone that on the 31st March we will be having our Mother's Day family portraits, I will send out more information about this in the next couple of weeks. Please let other family members, neighbours and friends know about this as this is not just for Granville Public School families.

Due to the rain, the playground artwork that the P&C went halves in with the school has been delayed. Mrs Barry informed us at the last P&C meeting that our

school is now in the top 10 jobs. Let's hope the rain stops soon so the playground artwork can be completed.

I would also like to say a very big thank you to Elizabeth Gray, who has been our Uniform Shop Co-ordinator. Unfortunately she has decided to stand down as she is extending her studies. I personally wish her all the very best with her study and again thank her for volunteering her time in the uniform shop. At the last P&C meeting Kelly Adamson a member of the Granville School community was voted in as the new Uniform Shop Co-ordinator. We are very happy to have Kelly back and know that she will do a wonderful job. The uniform shop hours are
Monday 8:30 – 9:30am,
Wednesday 2:30 – 3:15pm
and

Friday 8:30 – 9:30am and 2:30 – 3:15pm.

Our next P&C meeting is on the 14th March at 9:15am in the school staffroom. We have Alison Shaw from the Commonwealth Bank coming along to talk to us about a School Banking program for our children.

Kind regards
April Butterfield
P&C President

SCHOOL SWIMMING SCHEME

The Department of Education and Communities School Swimming Scheme is an intensive learn to swim program, which develops water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety and survival.

Students who have not reached a satisfactory standard of water safety and survival skills, and are unable to swim 25m confidently unaided in deep water, are eligible to participate in the School Swimming Scheme. The Scheme focuses on weak swimmers in Year 2 and 3 but provides for weak swimmers in Years 4 to 6 as well as students with special needs such as new arrivals in Australia and students with disabilities.

WHEN: Term 1 - Week 10 and 11
Monday 26/3/2012 to Thursday 5/4/2012

HOW LONG: 9 days - 50 minutes sessions

WHERE: Granville Pool

TRAVEL: Children will walk to the pool with teacher supervision.

COST: \$34.00 (There will be no charge for instruction; however, students will need to pay for entry at the swimming centre)

BRING: a swimming costume, a towel, a hat, a shirt, sunscreen, warm clothing on a cool day.

If you are interested in including your child in this program, please complete a permission note and return it to the school money box in the office block .

Please note that numbers are limited to 60 students per group and there will be 3 groups attending. Students must return a permission note and make payments to reserve a place.

Permission notes can be obtained from the front office.



School Athletic
Carnival
Monday 12 March
2012



2012 Voluntary Contribution

The 2012 voluntary contribution amount is **\$30 for one child** or **\$50 for two or more children**.

Voluntary contributions are directed to **YOUR** child's classroom. By paying a small voluntary contribution you are **directly aiding your child's education**.

The first 100 stage 3 students who pay their voluntary contribution will receive a 2012 school diary for FREE.



DON'T MISS OUT ON YOUR FREE DIARY - PAY YOUR VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE .

Woolworths Earn & Learn

Recently our school took part in Woolworths Earn & Learn community program, where Granville PS families collected shopping dockets with Earn & Learn points.

Many children brought these to school to be put into our special Woolworths Earn & Learn collection box.

Last week we received hundreds of dollars worth of educational resources for our students! Some of these include books, classroom English and mathematics equipment, art & craft materials and more.

Your participation has really made a difference!

Thank you.



PS. Keep an eye out at Granville Woolworths for photos of our students using the new resources.

JUN TONG TaeKwon -Do

Days of training: Tuesdays and Thursdays

Juniors (6-13 years): 4.00 – 5.30PM

Address: Granville Public School Hall,

Entrance and Parking at Lena St.

Enquiries: 0418 615 655 www.juntongitf.com.au

Joining Fee= \$50.00

Training Fees = \$8 per lesson Paid Monthly.

SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP OPEN

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Wednesday 2:30 - 3:15pm

**Friday 8:30 - 9:30am
and 2:30 - 3:15pm**



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Team work



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(a pro rata from July to June)
Training fee @ \$ 10.00 per class
or \$ 30.00 per month

Classes held every Monday except public holidays
from: 3:45 pm - 5:30 pm at 3A Memorial Drive, Granville.

We recomend you to call first before coming
Granville Community Youth Centre
(Next to Granville swimming pool)

For further information contact Youz on 0408 481 727
Websites: www.aikido.org.au (National) or www.aikidonsw.org.au (State)

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