

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 22 March 2012

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

MARCH

- 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

JUNE

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

JULY

- 17 Student's return to school

From the Principal's desk.....

Dear Parents,

Thank you very much to everyone who returned their PSP surveys. We had 100% response, which is outstanding. No matter what the outcome, we know that we have done everything possible to be included in the next round of the program. I will keep you posted about this matter.

Our new playground games have been finished and look great. Thank you very much to all students for their patience while this work was being undertaken. Thank you also to our wonderful P and C for contributing half of the cost of this project.

Just a reminder, that our school's nomination to establish a sensory garden has progressed to the final round of the Project Local program. Successful applications will be determined by community votes which are recorded on line. The website is projectlocal.com.au. When you register on this website, you will receive an email. You need to use the link in this email to cast your votes. Votes can be recorded until Friday 13th April. Please go on line and vote and get everyone else that you can, to go on line and vote for us too.

Our athletics carnival was a huge success. The weather was good and the children had a lovely day. It was great to see so many parents and grandparents come along and support the children. Thank you to everyone who made this day the success it was. Yesterday's cross country carnival was also a success. Well done everyone. Congratulations to all students who have qualified for the zone athletics carnival and/or the zone cross country.

Yesterday was Harmony Day. This is a day when we celebrate the cultural diversity of our nation. Our students dressed in orange, the

official colour of Harmony Day. They participated in a number of special activities, including making a mural and attending an assembly. Our celebrations culminated with class soccer games, soccer being a game played throughout the world. Thank you everyone for a very harmonious day.

Parent and teacher interviews are scheduled for Tuesday 3 April and Wednesday 4 April. Please use the note sent home to organise an appointment to meet with your child's teacher. It is an opportunity to find out about their progress and to raise any concerns that you have.

The school swimming scheme starts next week. This is a two week program where students from Year 2 to Year 6 attend daily lessons. There are still spaces available for Years 4, 5 and 6 and for students in the Support unit so if you have a child in any of these classes, and you would like them to take part in the program, please notify the school by Friday 23 March.

On Thursday 5 April the school will have its annual hat parade. Children in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 are creating hats in class but if your child would like to make one at home too. They can then decide which of the two, they can wear in the parade. A separate note will be sent home about this event.

Classes have started to use their voluntary contributions to purchase items for their rooms. Thank you to all parents who have already paid these. The amount payable is \$30 per child, per annum or \$50.00 per family (2 or more children). Your ongoing support with payment of voluntary contributions is greatly appreciated.

Linda Barry
Principal

2012

Voluntary Contribution

**Total contributions
received to date is**

\$4500

\$30 for 1 child

\$50 for 2 or more

SUPPORT UNIT EXCURSION

Students in the Support Unit were so excited to catch a train from Granville to Town Hall in the City on Tuesday 20th of March. It was pleasing to see some of our students give up their seats to other passengers, while on the train, which showed respect for others.

After getting off the train the group of teachers, students and Learning Support Officers walked down to Darling Harbour's brand new Darling Quarter playground where they spent the day.

This new playground offers water games, ropes to climb, swings, slides and a flying fox.

Lunch was eaten in the park and everyone from the Support Unit had lots of fun exploring and playing in the new playground.

All the students were on their best behaviour throughout the day, being excellent representatives for Granville Public School and showing great respect to everyone in the community.



I was talking to Mrs Corbett when I was walking to the spider web, I wasn't watching where I was going and I hit my eye on the rope. We laughed.

Mohmoud 3-6J

Me and Mahmoud climbed all the way to the top of the spider web. Ms Huynh and Ms Houda got stuck near the bottom and needed help. Ha! Ha! Ha!

Hamzah 3-6J

Me and my friends were holding hands with each other on the big slide. We fell on top of each other and were laughing a lot.

Jessica 3-6J

We put our hats on the water jets and our hats went up. It was really funny! Water splashed all over us. It was so good!

Ilyas 3-6J

We were playing in the water and got soaking wet. It was cool.

Rayan 3-6J

The slide was fast and fun.

Cemo 3-6J

The water games were awesome because we were splashing each other and laughing.

Aouday 3-6J



HOT CROSS BUN DAY

Tuesday 3/4/2012 - Recess

Chef Adam and his team in the canteen will be serving hot cross buns with butter and your choice of flavoured milk on Tuesday 3 April, so place your order now on a lunch bag with student name, class and order by Friday 30th of March.

Hot cross bun and butter ONLY \$2.00

Hot cross bun, butter and with 300ml flavoured milk \$3.00

HARMONY DAY

On Wednesday the 21st of March, Granville Public School participated in continuing the message of Harmony Day in 2012 that **Everyone Belongs**, in a range of special ways.

Everyone Belongs recognises all Australians are a welcome part of our country, regardless of background and Harmony Day is a day when all Australians celebrate our cultural diversity that makes Australia a great place to live.

Leading up to Harmony Day Granville Public School decided to make a mural, in which all classes came up to the hall and painted their handprint onto the canvas to create a beautiful mural recognizing **Everyone Belongs** here at our school.

The 2012 theme for Harmony day was Sport – play, engage, inspire; because involvement in sport unites people from all walks of life and fosters a sense of belonging, acceptance and an understanding of other cultures.



Our school became very active with the theme by each class making and decorating a soccer ball to play with other classes, because soccer is one of the most commonly played sporting events around the world!

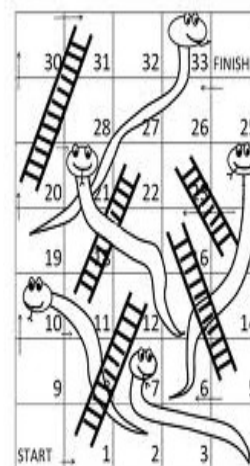
We also held a Harmony Day Assembly promoting **Everyone Belongs** here in Australia and at our school; we also displayed our soccer balls, sang 'We Are Australian' and everybody saw the finished product of our Harmony Day mural. The mural will be displayed in the school for everybody to see our amazing final product.



P & C NEWS

I just want to remind everyone that the Family Portrait Fundraiser day is Saturday 31st March. Appointments and payment must be made by Friday 30th March. I will have a table set up in the Infants playground on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, so please feel free to come over and make an appointment. All money raised from this fundraiser will be going towards our new Playground Beautification Committee.

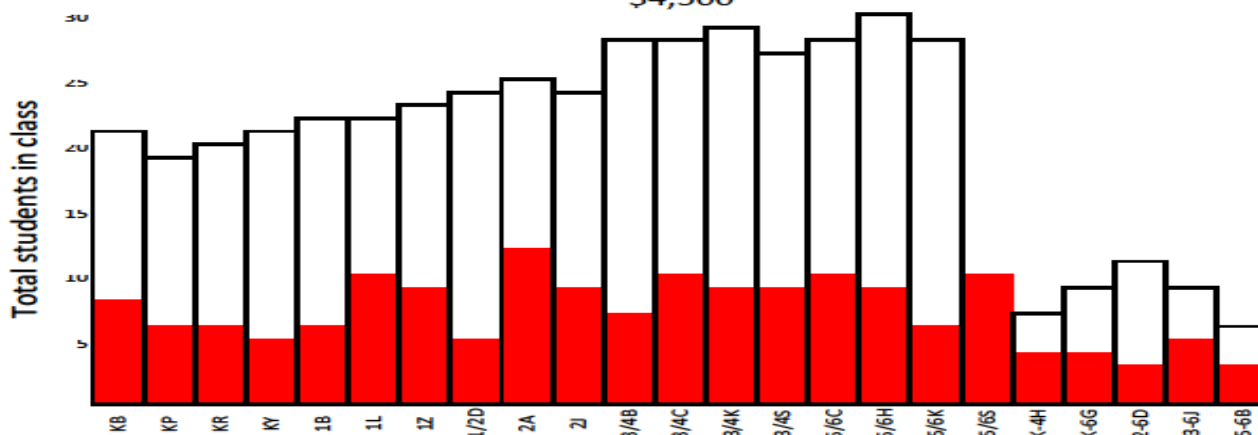
The P&C donated \$3000 to the school last year to help towards the cost of the playground markings. It is lovely to see all the children enjoying these markings. The playground markings are also educational so the teachers will be able to use them for learning time, which will take the classroom outdoors.



I would like to thank everyone who came along to our P&C meeting last week it is fantastic to see so many new faces. The more people involved in our P&C the more exciting and successful it will be. Great results can be achieved for our children and our school if we all work together.

Kind regards
April Butterfield
P&C President

**TOTAL OF VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS PAID
AS OF 21 MARCH 2012
\$4,500**



WHAT WILL YOUR CLASS BUY WITH THEIR VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS?

JUN TONG TaeKwon-Do

Days of training: Tuesdays & 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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Friday 8:30 - 9:30am

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