



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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Granville Public School App

To increase and improve communication between home and school, we now have a Granville Public School smartphone app. This has been developed by SKOOLBAG and is being trialled free for a 30 day period from the beginning of this term. The app is available free of charge for all families to download and use.

From the Principal's desk.....

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school. I hope that everyone had a good holiday break and found time to relax and enjoy the beautiful weather that we had over the two weeks.

New School PA, Intercom and Bell System

Over the vacation period the school had a new bell, public address and intercom system installed. This new system is aimed at improving communication within the school. It will enable us to make announcements across the school and provide communication between individual classrooms and the office. At the start of the day and when lunch and recess finish a short bell will sound. There will be a one minute delay which will be followed by two minutes of music. A long bell will then sound which is the bell for students to be lined up ready to go to class. The new system has also improved the capacity and coverage of schools early warning system which is used for evacuations and lock downs.

Preschool Accreditation

Last week the school received advice that the Preschool has gained its accreditation with an overall rating of 'Exceeding'. This is the highest rating level and is an accurate reflection of the outstanding effort made by our preschool staff to ensure that the preschool is of the highest quality. Congratulations to Mrs Kwong, Ms Angeleski and Mrs Scott for this achievement.

New Finance and Student Management System (LMBR)

Over the coming two years the Department of Education is implementing the Learning Management and Business Reform (LMBR). LMBR incorporates a new student management system, the new student well being system that was mentioned in the last newsletter and a new finance system. Granville Public School will be in the first group of schools to use LMBR. Effective from 18 November this year, the school will use a computerised roll marking system which will

record details of attendance, absences, late arrival and early departure. The new system will also record details of students attending the school sick bay. The new finance system is a centralised one therefore while the school manages its own budgeting and purchasing, it will not operate its own bank account. The allocation of school funding will now be based on a formula that includes: the number of students in the school and the age and condition of the school's buildings and grounds. In addition to this, the school will receive loadings (extra funding) for the percentage of students from non-English speaking backgrounds, the number of students who are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, the socio-economic status of families of student which is calculated by the Department of Education based on information provided to the school by parents about their occupations and level of education, and the percentage of students who have diagnosed disabilities.

2014 School Organisation

Next week all families of students in Kindergarten through to Year 5 will receive a form asking about students returning to, or leaving, Granville Public School in 2014. The information provided will enable us to commence planning classes, teachers and programs for next. The more information we receive from you this term, the better our organisation will be for the 2014 school year. Please complete this form and return it to school promptly.

2014 Kindergarten

The 'Kids for Kindy' Program starts tomorrow. We are looking forward to meeting our 2014 Kindergarten children. If you have a student who is starting Kindergarten next year, and they are not enrolled yet, please bring them along to the 'Kids for Kindy' program and complete an application to enrol form at the office.

Linda Barry
Principal



Granville Galaxy

We are
SAFE

We are
LEARNERS

We are
RESPECTFUL

Congratulations to the following students who received awards at the Granville Galaxy Assembly yesterday.

BRONZE AWARD WINNERS

Esrah
Adam
Chelsea
Amani

SILVER AWARD WINNERS

Alham
Neelofer
Sean
George
Nilofar
Nikhila
Hekmat
Jad
Isabella

Guessing Competition

During Weeks 3 and 4, Stage 3 students will be running a guessing competition.

See if you can estimate how many jelly beans are in the jar, which will be displayed at lunch and recess time near the canteen.



Cost: \$1.00 for one guess or
\$2.00 for three guesses

Look at what you could win!



1st prize - a fantastic new bike

2nd prize - the delicious jar of jelly beans



3rd, 4th and 5th prize - a great Maui and Sons wallet in red or blue

All proceeds will go towards the Year 6 Farewell.

We appreciate your support.

For the attention of parents and carers of Year 5 students

Your child will have received a note concerning the procedures for making application for selective high school placement in Year 7, 2015.

If you are interested in applying for selective high school entry for your child, please sign and return the attachment to the note by **Friday 25 October**.

The note should be placed in an envelope and marked 'Selective High School' and placed in the school money box.

Please note:

Returning the intention to apply note is **not an application**.

You will need to follow the application procedures which are available online from 15 October 2013 at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement.

If you are unable to apply online, a printed form will be available from the school from 22 October 2013.

Online and printed applications close 18 November 2013

If you have any questions, please see Mrs Stanger.

Belonging Day Project 2013

On Wednesday 9th October, the Indigenous students from Granville Public School were invited to attend the Belonging Day Project at Granville South Creative and Performing Arts High School.

I was very excited to attend and meet other Indigenous students. Aunty Carol, a local elder and Daren Dunn, a local Koori artist worked with the Indigenous students and shared their cultural knowledge with the students in different workshops.

The workshops included traditional NSW Indigenous painting led by Daren Dunn, cooking with Aunty Carol, games promoting hitting target skills necessary for hunting and traditional dancing led by Indigenous students from Merrylands High School.



I really enjoyed learning a traditional dance that only Aboriginal people can do. If you are not an Aboriginal person, you need permission to do the dance. To respect the tribe that the dance belongs to, we didn't learn the whole dance only some of the moves. The girls learnt the emu moves and the boys learnt the kangaroo moves. I also enjoyed cooking Johnny Cakes with Aunty Carol.

I learnt lots of new and interesting things about my culture. I am very thankful to the people who put this program together and who organised the day.

Jade in 5/6K

MUSICA VIVA

Outta Africa performed by Teranga



I enjoyed Musica Via because of the beat they played and how friendly the musicians were. The beat they played was beautiful, I also loved the instruments from Africa. My favourite instruments was the flute.
Adam 5/6C



I liked Musica Viva because it showed different kinds of music and it showed a little bit of comedy.
Zak 5/6C

Musica Viva was a great opportunity to learn about different instruments. I enjoyed it because it was really engaged and interactive.
Negeen 5/6C

Musica Viva was great. My favourite part was when Sam blew the sousaphone.
Fletcher 5/6C



Kids for Kindy 2013

For children starting
Kindergarten in 2014.



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

Multicultural Luncheon

will be held

in conjunction with the

Maths Fun Day

on Wednesday 30 October 2013.

More information coming soon.

P & C NEWS

Uniform order forms were sent out last term. You can order now before prices increase in 2014.

Please return the form with the deposit to the Uniform Shop or place it into the school money box.

Orders to be placed by October 31 and can be collected from the Uniform Shop from November 25, 2013.

Thank you
Allison Harris - P & C President

SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

Tuesday 2:30 - 3:15pm

Thursday 2:30 - 3:15pm

Friday 9:00 - 9:30 am

A note from

Australian School of Performing Arts

Australian Girls Choir

Congratulations to girls in Years 1 and above who recently took part in the AGC assessment workshop at your school.

By now you should have received your personalised assessment report either posted to your home or via school.

Girls in Kindergarten will be receiving an information flyer about the AGC Open Day and we hope that you will be able to join us!

Everyone is welcome to come along to the Open Day which gives us the opportunity to try a free class and attend an information session.

Please phone 02 9922 6733 for more information or visit www.aspagroup.com.au



What is MLC Tennis Hot Shots?

MLC Tennis Hot Shots is an exciting tennis program for kids aged 10 and under. Using smaller courts, racquets and low-compression balls, the program makes learning tennis easy for new players.

At the heart of MLC Tennis Hot Shots is a fundamental approach to learning. It's called "learning through play" and is based on developing skills in real tennis situations. This program allows children to develop technically and tactically in a stimulating environment



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