



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 3 Term 4, 2014

Thursday 13 November 2014

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

NOV

- 13 Rainbow Sock Day
- 14 Kids for Kindy 9-10am
- 21 Kids for Kindy 9-10am
- 27 Market Day
- 28 Parent Workshop 9am

DEC

- 2 Kindergarten & Pre school Excursion
- 5 Parent Workshop 9am
- 10 School Presentation Day
- 12 Preschool Possums Graduation
- 12 Parent Workshop 9am
- 15 Preschool Koala Graduation
- 15 Year 6 Farewell Dinner
- 16 Variety Club Christmas Party
- 17 Class Picnics
- Last day of Term 4.

SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

**Tuesday and
Thursday
2:30-3:15pm
Friday 9:00-9:30am**

Visit the Uniform
Shop now to
purchase uniforms
for 2015,
while stocks last.

From the Principal's desk.....

Dear Parents,

Rainbow Week

Each term this year we have celebrated one aspect of our Granville Galaxy Program with a colour day and special activities to raise awareness of our commitment to the program. In Term 1 we celebrated being safe with Green Day, in Term 2 we celebrated being respectful with Yellow Day and in Term 3 we celebrated being learners with Red Day. This term we are celebrating all three components of the program with Rainbow Week. Today students and staff demonstrated their commitment to Granville Galaxy with a crazy sock day.

Kids for Kindy

Tomorrow's Kids for Kindy program will include the importance of good health and fitness. There will also be a tour of the school for parents. The program will conclude next Friday 21st November with a showcase of some of the outstanding talent and programs that we have at Granville Public School. The special assembly will be followed by a morning tea provided by this year's Kindergarten.

Preschool Orientation Day

Next Wednesday there will be no preschool as we are conducting Orientation Day for our 2015 Preschool children.

School Scripture

I would like to thank our volunteer scripture teachers for their enthusiasm and hard work at Granville Public School. The final scripture day for 2014 is Wednesday 3rd December.

Stage 3 Market Day

On Thursday 27th November Stage 3 are having a Market Day from 11:45am to 1:15pm. This will be their final fund raiser for the Year 6 farewell. A separate note with details of the day will be sent home soon.

Early Arrivals at School

I have noticed that quite a few students are arriving to school very early each morning. The school does not have teachers on playground duty until 8.30am. For safety reasons we ask that children do not arrive prior to this time.

Presentation Day

Presentation Day is Wednesday 10th December. There will be two separate ceremonies; Primary (Years 3-6) will be held at 9.30am and Infants (Preschool to Year 2) will be held at 12 noon.

Preschool Graduation Ceremonies

There will be two separate graduation ceremonies for Preschool; The Possum Group's ceremony will be held on Thursday 11th December and the Koala Group's ceremony will be held on Monday 15th December.

I will be on Long Service Leave from today and will return to school on Monday 24th November. In my absence, Mrs Kardasis will relieve as Principal and Mr Milligan will relieve as Deputy Principal.

Linda Barry
Principal



**We are
SAFE**

**We are
LEARNERS**

**We are
RESPECTFUL**

Granville Galaxy

Congratulations to the following students.

BRONZE AWARD WINNERS

Yasaman
Abdul
Mariyh

SILVER AWARD WINNERS

Raby
John
Khan
Anna



GOLD AWARD WINNERS

Shayden
Raby
Mahmoud



PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Jerell - KL
Salina - KD
Alyssa - KZ
Jonathon - KW
Mohammad - 1B
Salman - 1P
Sabaa - 1S
Kisaa - 2S
Jenneth - 2H
Pippa - 2W
Hayden - 3/4M
Fuaina - 3/4C
Ayah - 3/4T
Shayden - 3/4NG
Michael - 5/6M
Bryan - 5/6A
KC - 5/6L
Najeeb - 1-6G
Hamzah - 4-6H

Carols by Candlelight

at Old Government House, Parramatta
(Parramatta Park)

Saturday 6 December 2014

Time: 7.00pm to 9.00pm

Gates open 6.00pm

Start the festive season with a night of carols played by NSW Police Band. Enjoy Model Farms High School students as they sing favourite contemporary Christmas songs and enjoy a visit from Santa Claus.

Entry is via a gold coin and all funds raised go to support Old Government House and Experiment Farm Cottage (two of our most precious heritage properties)

There will be a sausage sizzle, candles, drinks and several Christmas Hampers as a raffle.

Please bring

rugs or low
chairs for seating
at the front of Old
Government



MARKET DAY
By KIDS for KIDS
COME JOIN US!

THURSDAY THE 27TH OF NOVEMBER 11.45 - 1.15

STALLS RUN BY YEAR FIVE AND SIX STUDENTS

WIN PRIZES, HAVE FUN AND HELP RAISE MONEY FOR THE YEAR SIX FAREWELL.

Stage 3 Writing Groups

Stage 3 have been hard at work improving their writing skills. The narrative group have been developing their ability to describe characters and settings. The match report group have been learning to use better adjectives, joining words and idioms. The persuasive group have been broadening their vocabulary and use of persuasive devices in order to more effectively convince an audience. The biography group students have been learning to analyse and evaluate a biographical text in order to compose their own biography, focusing on incorporating emotive language, varied sentence beginnings and stage 3 vocabulary.

Western Sydney Wanderers vs Al-Hilal

WSW were the centre of attention last Saturday when they became the Champions of Asia. Being the first Australian team to win the finals against the Saudi Arabian giants Al-Hilal. In the first game in Parramatta, WSW won 1-0. in the second game it ended 0-0. The winner was decided on aggregate.

The Al-Hilal fans were furious and heart broken, unlike the 14 fans who were supporting the WSW who were filled with happiness. Through out the match lots of amazing shots were saved and lots of unsuccessful shots were made. In the end there was a post match fireworks with one of the Al-Hilal players spitting on one of the WSW players but overall it was a great game.

Rawan

Sports Journalist visits GPS

At the start of this term a journalist from the Sydney Morning Herald, Michael Chammas, came to Granville PS to speak to the Stage 3 sports report writing group about what it is like to a sports reporter.

He told us what sports he covers, answered lots of questions that we asked and gave us advice about how to improve our sports reports, for example, by using



emotional language.

It was a fantastic experience to talk to a real journalist for the first time and has inspired some students to be a sports journalist when they grow up.

Fletcher Butterfield and Jayden Daily

Character Description

Rachel was an everyday student with brown hair and an obsession with books. She hardly ever got into trouble, her kind heart always proved her innocent. Rachel was very tall and would usually be found in the library reading her favourite book.

Iris

Reminiscing

There were red plants everywhere, sooner or later I realised I was covered in red wattles bottle brushes.

I stood up and started a hike up a highway which out skirted seven miles of the farm.

Surprisingly, there was red surrounding me. This time it was different. Reminiscing the past gave me a headache. I forgot when, ahh!!! That's right. I was covered by red, yellow and greenish leaves.

The wind pushed me back and I was so hungry I could eat a horse. There were a myriad amount of leaves blowing onto the highway as I strolled the rest of the highway in isolation. I reach the end of the highway that's right, no that can't be. I saw a forest not any forest, the forest I live in.

A sign said forest, seven hundred and eighty-nine miles. I thought for a while and soon enough I realised I was crossing two dimensions, even if possible three.

I have lived in a forest my whole life in isolation, loneliness and I have never ever known about the outside world.

I walked solemnly home as I passed a bush where I saw glowing. I kicked it and flash!

Huh! I didn't remember anything. Oh well, I scratched my legs as my spirit flew back to my home, heaven.

Mahadi

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REMINDERS TO PARENTS

LOST PROPERTY - As the weather is so changeable lately, children often take jumpers and jackets off during the day. Please ensure that your child's name is written clearly on each item of their school uniform. Please check the lost property for missing uniforms



ENGLISH CLASSES FOR PARENTS

Granville Public School would like to offer parents with **little or no English** some basic English classes to assist with communication between home and school.

The English classes will be held Wednesday mornings in the library from 9-10am.

If you are interested in attending please see the office.



Health

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PARENTS

Re: Whooping Cough - Public Health Alert

There has been an increase of whooping cough (Pertussis) notifications in the Western Sydney area since June 2014, particularly in the 2155 postcode area.

In order to prevent further cases of whooping cough Western Sydney Public Health Unit advises the following:

If your child (or any member of your family) has any of the symptoms of whooping cough, such as a dry or persistent cough, which may be especially bad at night, please see your doctor and take this notice with you. A nose and throat swab test can be performed to confirm the diagnosis.

If your child has whooping cough, your doctor will arrange a course of antibiotic treatment. Antibiotics given early in the illness are effective in stopping the cough and in preventing spread to other people. If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough please advise the school and keep your child at home until he or she has taken 5 days of antibiotics.

A whooping cough fact sheet has been distributed today with the Newsletter. More information on whooping cough is available on the NSW Health website at <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/whoopingcough/Pages/default.aspx> or please call Western Sydney Public Health Unit on 9840 3603 if you have any queries.

*Fun.
Friends.
Adventure.*

Girls aged 7-12 are invited to come and try Girl Guides.

Parramatta Park, Sunday,
23 November, 2014, 11am-2pm

For more information about Girl Guides visit:
www.girlguides-nswact.org.au
or call 1300 447 548

