



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 2 Term 4, 2015

Thursday 29 October 2015

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

NOV

- 3 Furniture Sale
8:30am
- 5 Kindy Orientation
- 12 Kindy Orientation
- 17 Assembly 9am
- 19 Kindy Orientation
- 24 & 26 Preschool
Bunnings Visit
- 25 School Photos
- 25 Preschool Orientation
- 26 School Photos

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- 1 & 3 Preschool visit to
Granville Library
- 2 St 3 Market Day
- 4 Christmas Dinner
- 5 Kindy Orientation
- 15 Year 6 Farewell
- 16 Last Day of Term 4

2015 SCHOOL TERMS

TERM 4

06/10/15 - 16/12/15

PLEASE NOTE

TIME CHANGE
TO SCHOOL
ASSEMBLIES.

AS OF TUESDAY
17/11/2015 ASSEMBLIES
WILL START AT 9AM

This term will hold many celebrations and special events. We have celebrated our official opening of our Multicultural Community Garden and welcoming Milton Public School Stage 3 students, staff and their school principal Mr Mark Tomson. An enjoyable day was had by all, mixing with our culturally diverse school, sharing lunch and playing games; it provided an opportunity for our schools to network and begin a journey of learning about our differences and acceptance. I would like to extend my thanks to Mrs Brogden and the Stage 3 teachers for their organisation of this day. We look forward to more opportunities in having our schools work together.

Multicultural Week We have over 40 different languages in our school, our students, community and staff all strive to work together to build our strong community at Granville Public School. Once again I would like to say thank you to Mrs Brogden and her team on the hard work and commitment in the organisation of Multicultural Week at Granville Public School. It allowed for our community to celebrate together with; assembly items, Refugee Day, Multicultural Parade, Mini Olympics and a family picnic day. It was lovely to open the gates to our parents and community to join in the celebrations.

Parent Workshops Parent workshops continue to run. We now have the Chinese parents engaging with Mrs Chen on Wednesday morning from 9-10am in the library conference room. In addition due to PSSA we now run our Friday morning workshops on Wednesday morning with Ms Chalhoub in the staffroom. Please see the booked events to support families on the upcoming presentations. The support by parents attending these workshops is important in building and maintaining the links between our school and the community. We hope to see as many parents come and

support this great school initiative in raising your children and supporting families in the school community.

School hours are between 8:55am-3:00pm. Children must be at school by 8:55am and need to be collected from school at 3:00pm daily. It is not a requirement of the school to provide child minding services. We understand that on occasions due to traffic and other situations that parents may be running late. If this is the case we ask that you please contact the school and let us know. This week several students have been waiting for parents to collect them up until 5:00pm. Department Policy requires us to contact the police and the Child well-being Unit. Please adhere to the school times.

Monday Assembly Each Monday morning (weather permitting) our school gathers as a whole school community to welcome the week and prepare for our teaching and learning. First we have the students and teachers line up in their classes to sing the National Anthem and then listen to weekly events. We ask that all parents that are standing in the school grounds join us to sing the Anthem and listen to the announcements. Please do not speak and stand at the back or to the side of where the classes are standing. Your support in this will assist us with beginning the week of learning in a respectful and safe learning environment.



School Uniform standards need to be maintained across the school. If your child is not dressed in full school uniform we ask that a note be sent to school to explain the reason.

Attendance Regular attendance at school is essential if students are to maximise their potential. Schools, in partnership with parents, are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students. While parents are legally responsible for the regular attendance of their children, school staff, as a part of their duty of care, monitor part or whole day absences.

Parents are responsible for:

- ensuring that their children attend school regularly
- explaining the absences of their children from school promptly to the school

School staff are responsible for supporting the regular attendance of students by:

- maintaining accurate records of student attendance

□ implementing programs and practices to address attendance issues when they arise

□ providing clear information to students and parents regarding attendance requirements and the consequences of unsatisfactory attendance.

Please ensure that your child(ren) arrive at school between **8:30-8:55am** each morning. A late note is required after the music stops. Arriving late may negatively impact the development and achievement of your child(ren). Again, I thank you for the continued support with attendance.

NO CHILD should be at school before 8:30am.

Afternoon GATE PICK UP

Due to the high risk of near miss accidents with students in our school waiting to get picked up on Lena St, the afternoon school gate pick up will be closed after Friday 6 November. From **Monday 9 November** all children waiting to be collected from Lena Street will now be sitting on the silver seats near the infants toilets and bubblers. If it

is raining all the children waiting for pick up will be waiting under cover near the infants building in front of the infant bubblers.

PARENTS NEED TO PARK THEIR CAR LEGALLY AND WALK INTO THE SCHOOL TO COLLECT THEIR CHILD/REN.

ACCESSING YOUR CHILD AT SCHOOL

From time to time parents become concerned about their children. Under no circumstances is it appropriate for an older sibling or parent to approach another student in regards to an issue.

Please report any issues to your child's teacher. The teacher will then work with the executive in charge of the grade to investigate the situation and then make recommendations. We ask that all issues be dealt with by the school.

Erika Kardasis
Rel. Principal



**We are
SAFE**

**We are
LEARNERS**

**We are
RESPECTFUL**

Granville Galaxy

Congratulations to the following students who have achieved these awards.

BRONZE AWARD WINNERS

Brandon KM
Connor KM
Volkan 2H
Ibrahim 1M
Jonathan 1P
Hamza 1P
Eva 1P
Sariah 1P
Jerell 1M
Acelya 1M
Mahran 2W
Laurence 2W
Habeba 1C
Ali 1C

SILVER AWARD WINNERS

Chloe 2C
Mohammed 2W
Solange 2W
Ayman 2W

GOLD AWARD WINNER

Marjan 5/6A



Milton PS visits Granville PS



Granville PS was lucky enough to welcome our friends from Stage 3 camp: Milton Public School. Still smiling after a 4 hour bus ride, our year 5 and 6 guests joined Stage 3 and 3-6LE in the hall for a fun multicultural language scavenger hunt! Thanks to all involved or a fantastic start to Multicultural Week.



Multicultural Parade



A spectacular turnout of families attending the parade and it was wonderful to see all the National costumes. Thank you GPS.



Community Garden Opening



Our Community Garden was officially opened on 19 October by Mr Mark Taylor ,MP.



Students from 3-6LE performed Tiddlik the Frog.



What a colourful additional to our beautiful school.



We sang the National Anthem as the ceremonial ribbon was cut.



Thank you to everyone who has helped create our new community garden.



Ribbon cutting

Mini Olympics



As part of the Multicultural Week celebrations infants students participated in a Mini Olympics on Thursday 22 October. Students played a variety of modified games and challenges from diverse cultural backgrounds.



Primary students will take part in a Mini Olympics on Thursday 5 November from 11:45am to 1:15pm. Parents are welcome to attend and support their child/ren.



KEEP SCOUT MEMORIAL PARK CLEAN



This year, 3/4C has been working with the Granville Residents' Action Network to encourage people to keep Scout Memorial Park clean. Our class was chosen to design a sign to persuade people to look after the park. We also participated in a number of activities at school where we learned about how to look after the environment.



Firstly, we took part in a program called 'In the Bin', where we learnt about rubbish, recycling, compost and green waste. We also learnt about the damage that can happen to our local environment if we don't put our rubbish in the bin.

Secondly, 3/4C went for a walk to Scout Memorial Park and we were shocked when we saw the amount of rubbish that was left all around the park. This made us feel disappointed and even more determined to help make a change.

Finally, Ms Molinari from the Granville Residents' Action Network came to our class to help us research and design a sign for the park. We worked in small groups with our friends and came up with many different designs. These were then given to Parramatta Council, who created a final design that put lots of our ideas together. On Thursday 15 October, 3/4C went to the park to see the finished sign for the first time. We would like to thank Ms Molinari, the Granville Residents' Action Network and our parents for coming to support us on the day.

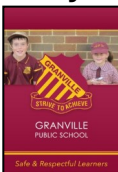
We would love other students from our school to visit Scout Memorial Park and see our sign too!

By Kiara and Saul 3/4C





Did you know??? Granville P.S. has an app!



You can - access events, newsletters and notifications, send through absence notes for your child or change your contact details with the school. **Available at no cost from your app store for smart phone or tablet.**

SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

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

2015 VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS

\$40 per year for the first child
\$20 for each additional child in the family.

This year all voluntary contributions will be directed to **YOUR** child's classroom.

By paying a small voluntary contribution you are **directly aiding your child's education.**



2016 KINDERGARTEN Enrolment Applications

available from the front office between 9am - 3pm.

If your child turns 5 by July 31, 2016 please complete the enrolment form.

REMINDERS TO PARENTS

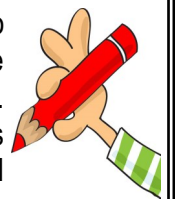
ARRIVING LATE TO SCHOOL - Parents are reminded to accompany students into the office and supply an explanation when students are arriving late to school. Absent Notes are required by law for all absences from school.

SCHOOL CANTEEN - Please ensure that all student lunch orders are submitted to the canteen each day before 8.55am. Lunch orders will not be accepted after this time.



BIRTHDAYS - If your child wishes to celebrate their birthday with a cake in the classroom please speak to the classroom teacher prior to the day to arrange an appropriate time. For safety reasons knives are not permitted in classrooms, therefore it is preferable to bring CUPCAKES.

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 uniforms.



WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK - Parent Volunteers inside the school must complete a Working With Children check at the following website <http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/working-with-children/working-with-children-check>

Please bring Working With Children (WWC) number into the office to be verified by the school.

This is in line with the Department's guide lines.

