



# 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, 2015**

**Thursday 12 November 2015**

### UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

#### NOV

- 12 Kindy Orientation
- 17 Assembly 9am
- 19 Kids 4 Kindy Showcase
- 24 & 26 Preschool Bunnings Visit
- 25 School Photos
- 25 Preschool Orientation
- 26 School Photos

#### DEC

- 1 Mad Maths Day
- 1 Preschool visit to Granville Library
- 2 St 3 Market Day
- 3 Preschool visit to Granville Library
- 4 Christmas Dinner
- 10 Presentation Day 9am Y3-6 & Support Unit 11:45am K-2
- 11 Preschool Graduation - Possums
- 14 Preschool Graduation - Koalas
- 15 Year 6 Farewell
- 16 Last Day of Term 4

### PLEASE NOTE

TIME CHANGE  
TO SCHOOL  
ASSEMBLIES.

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

Keeping our students safe is of a high priority for us at Granville Public School. It is for this reason that we have had to make changes to the after school pick up on Lena Street. After careful observation and discussions with Parramatta Council, the results of the pickup have demonstrated that we can provide a safer alternative for your child. This will require parent and carer co-operation. All the staff at GPS value each of the children within our school and value each of our families. We ask that you please co-operate with the new procedure on keeping your child safe and speak to staff in a polite and respectful manner. We are all here to educate children and our communities. By working together we will strive to achieve greater results for our school. There has been a positive response from a large number of our community members.

#### Keeping our kids safe around schools

*Your child's safety depends on you*

#### Drop off and pick up by car

Make sure your children are in an appropriate child car seat that is fitted and used correctly.

Stick to the 40km/h speed limit in a school zone as children are about.

Look for buses pulling out – watch for flashing wig wag lights.

Always park and turn legally around schools. Avoid dangerous manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns.

Always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways.

Drop your children off and pick them up in your school's designated drop off and pick up area – at GPS it is on the silver seats outside the infants block closest to Lena Street.

Calling out to them from across the road is dangerous – they may run to you without checking for traffic.

#### Driving and parking safely near schools

- School opening and closing hours are

busy times for pedestrians and vehicles outside the school.

- Always take extra care in 40km/h school zones, which operate on gazetted school days.
- Park safely even if it means walking further to the school gate.
- Observe all parking signs. They are planned with children's safety in mind.
- Never double park as it puts children at risk.
- Model safe and considerate behaviour for your child – they will learn from you.
- Slow down near the school crossing.
- At a supervised crossing, observe the directions of the school crossing supervisor.

We are not asking of any family what we as parents within our school would not do for our own children. It will give many parents the opportunity to meet and greet staff, and engage with the community in a positive way that will reinforce the wonderful learning taking place at our school.

If you have any concerns I ask that you respectfully meet with me in person for a brief discussion and make an appointment with the front office. I will not accept the staff at our school being verbally disrespected by families as we aim to ensure the safety of your children.

#### School hours are between 8:55am-3:00pm

Children 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 before 3pm. Over the last few weeks 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.

## Remembrance Day

A sincere thank you to Pippa Butterfield's grandmother for making every student and staff member at GPS a poppy to wear on this very important day; Remembrance Day.



Why is this day special to Australians?

At 11 am on 11 November 1918 the guns of the Western Front fell silent after more than four years of continuous warfare. The allied armies had driven the German invaders back, having inflicted heavy defeats upon them over the preceding four months. In November the Germans called for an armistice (suspension of fighting) in order to secure a peace settlement. They accepted allied terms that amounted to unconditional surrender.

The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month attained a special significance in the post-war years. The moment when hostilities ceased on the Western Front became universally associated with the remembrance of those who had died in the war.

This year the 11 November marks the 97th anniversary of the Armistice which ended the First World War (1914–18). Each year on this day Australians observe one minute's silence at 11 am in memory of those who died or suffered in all wars and armed conflicts.

Thank you to Mrs Ozcak, Ms Houston and Mrs Smith for the organisation of today's ceremony. We would also like to thank the school choir alongside Ms Apte and Ms Shaw. Thank you to the parents that came to the school to remember with our students and staff the soldiers lost in battlefield and those still in the armed forces serving their country.

Please stay safe and remember that life is a blessing. Each day we are renewed with a new day. Give thanks for what has passed and embrace what is to come in a positive way that will teach each of us to be patient, kind and positive role models for our children.

Mrs Kardasis

Relieving Principal



## HAPPY DIWALI TO ALL THE FAMILIES AT GPS WHO ARE CELEBRATING!

Students in 1C were learning about Diwali and this is what they wrote.

*Diwali is a festival of lights. People put a patterned sand design outside their house to welcome people.* By Nikhil



*Diwali is a festival of lights. People go to a huge temple and make colourful stuff. They put lights on everywhere and their clothes are bright and colourful. They put big fireworks*

*in the sky and put music.* By Amina

*Diwali is about sharing. It is like celebrating Christmas. They use sand or chalk to welcome people. Also they make lights. They celebrate Diwali for 5 days.* By Mamadu



*Diwali is like Christmas. You share food and you can decorate the front of your house. That means welcome.*

By Habeba





# Goat Island

Going to Goat Island it was a long bus ride and an exciting ferry ride. We had lunch near some rusty anchors on spiky grass. We pretended to be convicts, spent some time with Jess and finally everyone got some clay on their hand before heading home. When we were convicts we saw what happens in court and with Jess we learned a bit about aborigines.

Samia 3/4S



It was fun when we went to Goat Island. It was funny when we were in the bus.

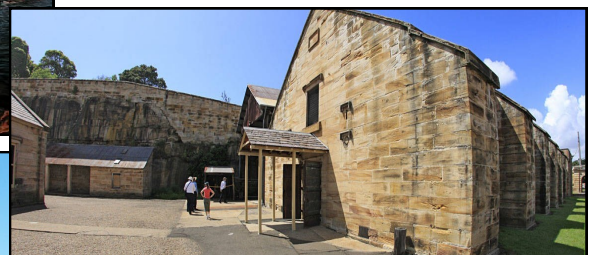
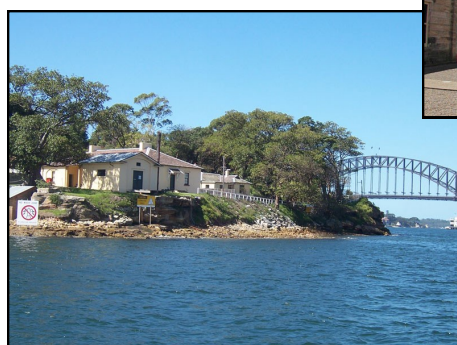
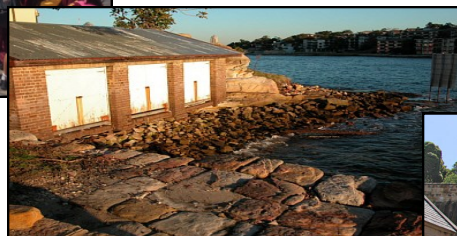
Alexander Taktak 3/4S

On Wednesday it was the best day we acted like convicts but first to get there we catch a bus then ferry it was the best. Ozan 3-6LE



On Wednesday it was a very enjoyable day to Goat Island. We had our hands painted.

There was a judge and a convict. There were Aboriginal tools. They taught us how to survive in bush or jungle. We went to Goat Island by a ferry. Minerv Pokharel 3-6LE



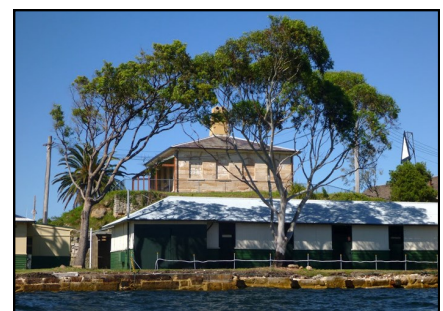
On Goat Island you have to be careful not to go near the judge because if you do you get sent to prison!

Shaima Zraika 3/4S



I had so much fun when I was on Goat Island. When I was there I (learned how) to make fire the way the Aboriginal people did.

Ali Zeineddine 3/4S





Granville Public School took part in the

# Music count us in

We sang along to 'Gold' co-written by Marcia Hines.

Well done to the **Infants Choir** for leading the song.

Thank you to Miss Wong and Miss Huynh!



# PSSA Cricket

*GPS comeback against Auburn North*



*Peter Hislop Park became the centre of attention when two teams collided on the 30/10/15. Granville demolished Auburn North by 11 runs and 6 wickets. Auburn North were defeated 28-17 despite Granville's slow start. Khan was the captain for Granville senior team. The innings ended 28 runs for GPS and 2 wickets against them.*

*Out of dark shadows Granville unleashed their beast. Takasima got 2 wickets for 10. Simon was on fire with 4 wickets for 2. Anish only allowed 1 run in his over to Auburn North. Owais contributed with astonishing catches and followed on with his own wicket.*

*Granville gained their revenge against the team that we have been trying to win a victory against. We would not have won without Miss Lagana training us to the limit.*

Written by: Anish, Simon, Takasima, John and Mase (Senior Sports Journalists)

*Tragic Junior Loss*

*The junior's game went well until Auburn North hit the ball out of the park. Even though the team's best batsmen smashed the ball, we still lost 26-59. All in all, it was a good and challenging game!*

Writer: Jad (Junior Sports Journalist)



## PRESENTATION DAY

**Thursday 10 December 2015**

**9am**

**YEARS 3-6 AND THE SUPPORT UNIT**

**11:45 am**

**KINDERGARTEN TO YEAR 2**



## 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.



**Granville Public School**

**2016 Kindergarten Orientation**

**TRANSITION TO SCHOOL PROGRAM  
"KIDS FOR KINDY"**

To assist you and your child making the change to  
**"Big School"**

Bring your pre-schooler along on  
Thursdays from 9:00am-10:00am

15<sup>th</sup> October – Meet our Principal, Parent and student playgroups

22<sup>nd</sup> October – Deputy Principal, P & C and School Tour  
29<sup>th</sup> October – PLAN (Best Start), Synthetic Phonics & EAFS

5<sup>th</sup> November – Healthy Eating & Lunch Box Session and School Counsellors

12<sup>th</sup> November – School Attendance and School Readiness

19<sup>th</sup> November – Show Case Assembly & Celebration.  
(9:15-10:30am)

Please see the office for enrolment information packet for  
Kindergarten 2016.  
Phone: 9637 1083

## REMINDERS TO PARENTS

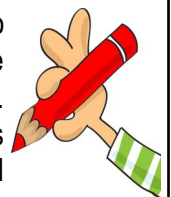
**ARRIVING LATE TO SCHOOL** - Parents are reminded to accompany students into the office and supply an explanation when students are arriving late to school. Absent Notes are required by law for all absences from school.

**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.



## 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**