



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 10 December 2015

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

DEC

- 11 Preschool Graduation - Possums
- 11 Support Unit - Playground Family excursion
- 14 Preschool Graduation - Koalas
- 15 Year 6 Farewell
- 16 Last Day of Term 4

JAN

- 28 Year 1-6 Students return to school

MAR

- 25 Good Friday PH
- 28 Easter Monday PH

APR

- 8 Last day of Term 1

2016 SCHOOL TERMS

TERM 1

28/01/16 - 08/04/16

TERM 2

27/04/16 - 01/07/16

TERM 3

19/07/16 - 23/09/16

TERM 4

10/10/16 - 16/12/16

From the Principal's desk.....

Welcome to week 10's newsletter, the last for 2015!

I cannot believe how quickly the year has moved, and in particular the three terms that I've had the privilege to spend as Principal. I say a privilege as I cannot describe it otherwise, to be working in such a truly welcoming community that is reflective of what Multi-culturalism looks like and, how tolerant and resilient we are.

Many things have happened over the past three terms and these things could not have been achieved without the hard work of all of the school staff and the input of our parent body. I recall my first function, the 2015 state election BBQ where I worked alongside both the P&C and Staff to raise money for the P&C – what a great day we had.

The hard work continued throughout the year with our ANZAC Day ceremony, celebrating 100 years since the ANZAC's landed at Gallipoli and our fallen were accepted and have been looked after since by the Turkish people. The Dawn Service was a very humble gathering which brought back many memories of attending such events with my late father.

Ramadan saw an other gathering of our community through our ITFAR Dinner, a night of feasting and community celebration; this was but one of such gatherings that I was so fortunate enough to be invited to attend on behalf of Granville Public School throughout the Holy Month of Ramadan.

Wednesday night, 2 December, saw a gathering of our community, parents, students, uncles, aunties, grandparents and school staff, for the celebration of Christmas with food and song.



What a truly magnificent community gathering this was!

Thursday 3 December saw me attending the 2015 Graduation Ceremony for Reading Recovery, of

which Granville Public School had two Graduates, Ms Susan Jida and Ms Fatmeh Faraj. This programme is a professional training programme which covers two years and prepares teachers for the daily pressures of teaching reading on a one to one basis with students. At the completion of this intensive training programme



teachers are qualified to teach Reading Recovery through the world. Congratulations to both Ms Jida and Ms Faraj!



Granville Galaxy

Congratulations to the following students who have achieved these awards.

BRONZE AWARD WINNERS

Mourna 5/6L
Steven K-6G
Helena 1B
Katha 1M
Abdelrahman 4-6D
Gurleen 1B
Fatma 1B
Amira 1C
Daniel 1C
Haozhi 1C
Aurelly 5/6L

SILVER AWARD WINNERS

Zahra 5/6L
Jahnnavi 2H
Akshat 5/6M
Masooma 3-6LE

GOLD AWARD WINNERS



Amena 4-6D
Mayada 4-6D
Prashanna 4-6D
Sean 4-6D
Seda 4-6D
Iris 5/6M
KC 5-6M
Aahana 5/6M
Anna 5/6M

We
are
SAFE

We
are
LEARNERS

We
are
RESPECTFUL

From the Principal's desk..... continued

In addition to attending these magnificent functions and enjoying our community I am invited to attend events of the bodies which utilise our school facilities on weekends and after hours. Such an event was attending the final grading of the 2015 year of Jun Tong International Tae Kwon Do. A special thank you to Mr George Gabrielides for the invitation, and to his instructors and students for a very entertaining morning on Saturday 5 December.



As you can see we have had a very busy year and I know that we are all looking forward to the Christmas and Summer Vacation period to unwind and spend time with our families and friends.



I would like to wish ALL members of the Granville Public School Community a very safe and happy Christmas and Summer Vacation and, that I look forward to working with you all in 2016.

Gregory Grinham
Principal



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.

Preschool News



Our last 'Do Drop in' for 2015 was held on Tuesday 24th November for the Koalas and Friday 27th for the Possums. Many families attended and got to see some of the experiences the Pre-schoolers have been offered over the last term.

National Quality Framework- Standard 6.1.

Respectful supportive relationships with families are developed and maintained



The Pre-schoolers also visited Bunning at Villawood in November. The Koalas made a pencil case and the Possums made a trinket box using pre-cut pieces of wood, a hammer and nails, then painting their reaction. Parent helpers came along to support us on our local bus trip there and back from the store and were extra sets of hands with making the children's project.



LINKS TO EARLY YEARS LEARNING FRAMEWORK FOR AUSTRALIA

Outcome 2: Children are connected with and contribute to their world:

2.1 Children develop a sense of belonging to groups and communities and an understanding of the reciprocal rights and responsibilities necessary for active community participation

Holiday Reading

There are many excellent children's books that students can engage with over the holidays.

The Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) Book of the Year Awards 2015 is a good starting point for recommendations, or try their previous award winners.

When selecting a book, the most important advice is to choose one that will generate enthusiasm for and as interest in reading, leaving your child with a feeling of achievement and motivated to read another book.



Parent:

- Ensure the book is at a recreational reading level for the student (5 or more words on a page that the reader is unsure of or does not know indicates it is too difficult).
- Identify a suitable genre, theme or topic that is interesting to the reader
- Suggest books where there are other books by that author. This will make finding the next book easier.
- Speak to the school or local librarian. They are experts in children's literature and will be able to make recommendations specific to each child. They also know the most current popular books.

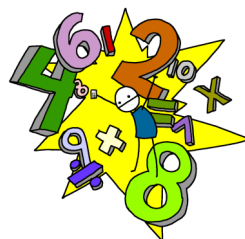


Supporting your Child in Learning to Read on the BOSTES website provides information and suggestions for parents when they are reading with their children at home.

Keep your eyes open for the

Take Home Numeracy Packs

The K-2 students at Granville Public School have all participated in the Early Action for Success program in their classrooms this year. As a part of this program, classroom teachers and students have been working on improving student numeracy skills through hands-on activities and games.



During the holiday break, we would encourage students to continue to practise their number and Mathematical skills. We are pleased to be sending home numeracy packs with a range of activities and games individualised to suit each student's needs and ability.

Students have been using the Numeracy Packs in class and we hope that the whole family will enjoy playing these activities and games at home!



Have a fabulous break and stay safe.

Mrs Douglas, Mrs Smith and Mrs Canepa

(Early Action for Success Team)

