

May 8 2025 - Term 2

Week 2

Granville Public School Newsletter



Calendar of events

Term 2, 2025

Week 2

- Friday 9 May - Zone Cross Country
- Sunday 11 May - Mother's Day

Week 4

- Monday 19 May - Kindy Excursion to Calmsley Hill City Farm

Week 7

- Monday 9 June - King's Birthday Public Holiday

Week 10

- Friday 4 July - Last day Term 2

Term 3, 2025

Week 1

- Tuesday 22 July - First day Term 3



Attendance Matters

8:30am Gates open and teachers are on duty

8:55am: Bell rings for class

9am: Classes start (Learning begins)

If your child arrives **after 9am**, they are late and must report to the office for a late note

From term 2 onwards, if your child arrives after 9am you must bring them to the office.

Leaving early will only be permitted if parents/ caregivers provide proof of appointment

Granville Public School we consider good attendance above 95%!

Every student, everyday!



Principal's Report

by Miss Davis



Attendance

We are working hard to ensure all students are at school unless there is a very good reason. Lateness and early departures are also significantly impacting student attendance and learning. We now require parents and carers to bring your child in to the office and sign them in if you are late in the morning.

If they are leaving early in the afternoon, we require proof of medical and other appointments. Your support of these processes is appreciated. If students aren't at school, they aren't learning.

Staffing News

Goodbyes

This week we say goodbye to our amazing School Admin. Manager Deirdre Nunez. We are so very grateful for her years of dedication and service to our school over the past 17 years. We wish her all the best for her start at her new school and will miss her caring and warm presence in our school office. You will be deeply missed!

We also farewelled Ms. Choi, one of our EAL/D teachers at the end of Term 1. We thank her for 10 years of support to our students in developing their English language skills and we will miss her collegiality, dedication and professionalism.

Miss Foster finished up at the end of last week and has commenced her maternity leave. We hope she enjoys a little quiet time before the birth of her first child.

Miss Davun finishes at the end of this week to take an extended period of leave from us at Granville. We wish her and her husband all the best as they begin a new chapter in their lives.

Ms Hesna Yaacoub has finished up in her role in the Support Unit on the permanent appointment of 2 SLSOs from the beginning of this term.

Ms Rehana Khan who holds the permanent Deputy Principal position, has let me know that she won't be returning to Granville, and I will convene a panel to organise a permanent replacement. We thank Ms. Khan for her hard work and fabulous way she built relationships across our school community. In her work as Deputy Principal and relieving Principal, Ms. Khan worked hard to bring stability during a period of great change for the school and always had students, staff and families at the centre of her decision making. Best wishes to Ms. Khan as she continues her work with the Department in a corporate role outside of schools.

Welcomes

We welcome Miss Kiara Lim to our EAL/D team. She brings with her diverse teaching background experience to our staff and she has settled in well at our school.

Mr Jack Watkins has replaced Miss Foster on 4F. We are lucky to have found such an experienced and committed teacher to ensure the learning in 4F continues to flourish. Welcome aboard!

Miss Sharan has begun on 5/6S as Mrs Stanger has needed to take some further leave.

Mr Nalder has begun a part time RFF role while he begins his parental leave and will cover part of Miss Davun's role.

We welcome Miss Rushe to our school in the role of relief from face to face teaching cover (RFF). She will cover the other days from Miss Davun and will also provide cover for our beginning teacher support program.

Congratulations to Mrs Esen Soyvermis and Mrs Sara Nohra on their permanent appointment as School Learning Support Officers in our Support Unit.

Mrs Amie Nordenson began at the end of Term 1 as a Learning and Support Teacher. She brings a great deal of experience in working with students with reading difficulties and has had a busy start in her role working with students and staff.

Ms Brentam (known as Miss B) has commenced on K-6L on Monday and Wednesday and is on Tuesdays and Thursdays on K-6F. Welcome to everyone!





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Vivid - Save The Date

We will be having our trip to the city to view the Vivid lights on Friday 6 June. More information will come home about this shortly, but please pop this date down in your diary.

Good Luck Zone Cross Country Athletes

We wish you all a speedy run as you race and compete in the carnival this Friday. We know you will proudly represent our school and your families. Good luck!



Camp - Stage 3

Notes will be emailed out this week about camp to our families of students in Yrs 5 and 6. The camp will be held at the Berry Sport and Recreation Centre from Wednesday 7 - Friday 9 November 2025. Numbers are limited to 50 students only and a deposit of \$150 is needed by Week 8 of this term.

Happy Mother's Day

Wishing all our mothers, grandmothers and mum-like-people a very happy Mother's Day for this Sunday.
Our thoughts are with those who don't have their loved ones with them to celebrate this weekend.

A huge thanks to Miss Jane for her organisation of our Mother's Day breakfast and to our amazing P&C for their Mother's Day stall. I know the students appreciated the special gifts you had organised for them to buy.

As always please email me anne.davis8@det.nsw.edu.au or contact the office to make an appointment with me.

Miss Davis
Principal



ICAS ASSESSMENTS

We know our students are amazing, so we're giving them the opportunity to showcase and celebrate their talents in the world-renowned ICAS competition this year.

What is ICAS?

ICAS is an online academic competition that gives students the opportunity to challenge their higher order thinking and problem-solving skills in English, Mathematics, Science, Writing, Spelling Bee, and Digital Technologies.

Every student who participates is celebrated and recognised with a printed certificate in each subject area, and an online results report to track development each year. Top performers are eligible for one of the highly coveted ICAS medals.

To learn more about this year's exciting ICAS competition, visit: (icasassessments.com/products-icas/)

In 2025 students at Granville Public School have the opportunity to participate in the following subjects:

ICAS ENGLISH	Sitting date: Tuesday 12 August 2025 at 8am Cost: \$ 20.95 inc GST
ICAS MATHEMATICS	Sitting date: Tuesday 26 August 2025 at 8am Cost: \$ 20.95 inc GST

If you wish for your child to participate in ICAS this year, please:

1. Read about ICAS subjects and prices here: (icasassessments.com/products-icas/)
2. Read the Privacy Collection Statement below.
3. Read the terms and conditions here: (icasassessments.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/2023-ICAS-Assessments-Schools-TsCs_S2023.V6-1.pdf)
4. Go to the Parent Portal to sign up to chosen subject areas here: (shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps)
5. Enter our school's access code – **VGG696**
6. Enter your child's details, select the subject areas your child would like to participate in, then proceed to payment.

Please note that the ICAS subject areas shown for selection are at the school's discretion. After payment is made via the Parent Payment System, you will receive an order confirmation email, please keep this for your records.

ICAS results and certificates

All assessments will be conducted online, at school. We will notify you of the date(s) that we will run ICAS assessments, and when your child's ICAS results are ready. Your child's ICAS certificates will be delivered to school. Once we have received them, we will present them to your child to bring home. The back of the certificate will show your child's ICAS results and the login details, "TAP ID and Pin". – Use these to enter the Results Portal orti.icasassessments.com/ortiStudent.

We are excited to be offering ICAS to our students this year and look forward to celebrating their achievements. Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you have any questions.

Community Hub

Welcome back to Term 2 especially to new families who are joining our GPS family.

I hope you all had a safe and enjoyable break and were able to have some well-deserved time out for yourselves.

This term is a busy one as we have a few community events coming up as well as new programs/activities to be facilitated in the Hub.

Watch this space and our social media platforms for more information. An update of Hub activities/programs will be out very soon.

We had our first classes for English conversation class for the term on Tuesday and Supported Playgroup starts this coming Friday 9 May 2025.

See flyers for more information. All are welcome to join.



A flyer for an English Conversation Class. At the top, there is a row of colorful speech bubbles containing the words 'HELLO', 'BONJOUR', 'ALOHA', 'CIAO', and 'привет' in various colors. Below this, the text 'ENGLISH CONVERSATION CLASS' is written in large, bold, red capital letters. Underneath, 'EVERY TUESDAY' is in bold blue, and '9:30AM-11:30AM' is in bold black. 'IN THE COMMUNITY HUB' is in bold red. To the right of the text is a circular photograph showing a group of people sitting around a table in a classroom setting. Below the text are three small speech bubble icons. At the bottom, it says 'FREE childminding is available. Registration is essential as spaces are limited.' and 'For more information and to register, text Jane on 0448 251 911'. There is a small logo for 'Community Hub' at the bottom right.

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A flyer for GPS HUB Supported Playgroup. The top has a yellow circle with 'Join Us For' and a large blue and red 'GPS HUB Supported Playgroup' title. Below the title, it says 'LEARN, PLAY AND MAKE FRIENDS!'. The details are: 'WHEN: Fridays during school term', 'TIME: 9:15am to 11:00am', and 'WHERE: GPS Community Hub or School Hall'. A blue circle contains the text 'For children 0-5 years & their parents/carers'. The flyer is decorated with colorful illustrations of children playing with large letters 'A', 'B', and 'C', a toy train, a dinosaur, and a butterfly. At the bottom, it says 'For more information contact BMS on 9631 1777 or SMS Jane on 0448 251 911'. There are logos for 'Community Hub' and 'BMS' at the bottom.

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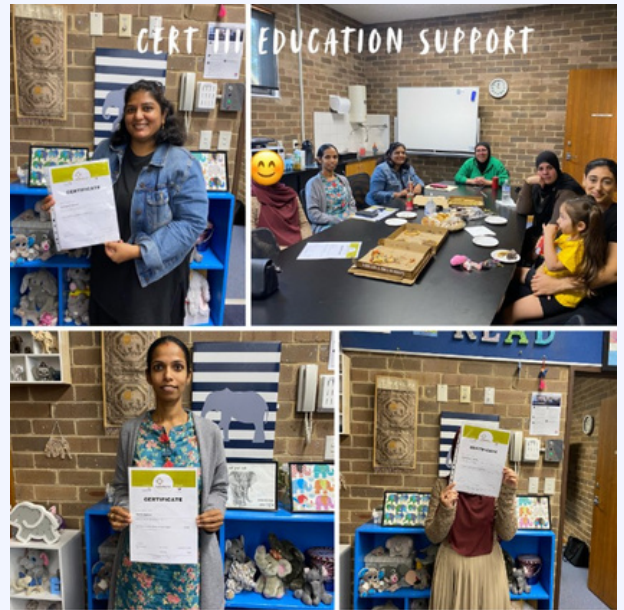
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Community Hub

Certificate III in Education Support

Last term we celebrated a wonderful achievement - our amazing mums who completed Cert III in Education Support (1 year course).

Balancing study with family life is not an easy task at all and I am so proud of these inspiring women who have invested in themselves. Congratulations ladies you are truly incredible.



Mothers Day stall is on Thursday 8 May (all day) and Friday 9 May (during recess).

Mother's Day Breakfast

On Wednesday 7 May we celebrated all our beautiful mothers, grandmothers, sisters and aunts during our Mother's Day Breakfast. It was such a great morning chatting and taking photos of the amazing women in our community.

Happy Mother's Day to all the amazing women in our lives for this Sunday.

Thanks to the brilliant staff and parents who helped during the event. It is a privilege to be working alongside so many beautiful & generous people who give up their precious time to help and support the events and activities in the school and hub.

Save The Date

Vivid - Vivid is running between 23 May and 14 June 2025 and we will be organising another night out for our community. Save the date - Friday 6 June 2025.

Watch this space and refer to flyers and social media posts for more information.

Community Hub

Health and Wellbeing

If you require any assistance, please feel free to contact me. All information received and given will be strictly confidential. I will be able to make referrals to various service providers which could help support your physical and/or emotional needs. Some examples are food parcels, counselling, assistance with utility bills and relationship support agencies. Please reach out if you are struggling. You do not need to do this on your own. We are here to help in any way we can, without judgement, to make this time more bearable for you and your family.

I hope you all have an amazing 2025 and I look forward to meeting with you either on the playground, school gates or during one of the programs/events/excursions during the year.

If you are on social media, be sure to follow “CommunityHubGranville” on Facebook and “CommunityHubGPS” on Twitter.

Stay safe and stay well.

Jane Poi-Terekia

Community Liaison Officer



Important Reminders

DON'T
FORGET



Birthdays

If you wish to celebrate your child's birthday at school, please speak to your child's teacher regarding the number of cupcakes required. Large birthday cakes are not suitable, as knives cannot be taken into the classroom for safety reasons.

Uniform Shop

Opening times:

Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:45 am – 9:15 am



Lost Property



As the weather is so unpredictable 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.

School Bytes

To set up your parent portal, follow the steps below:

1. Open the parent portal link – <https://portal.schoolbytes.education/auth/login>
2. Select the create a new link.
3. Enter your first name as it appears on your student's profile at the school.
4. Enter your last name as it appears on your student's profile at the school.
5. Enter the email address that you use for school communication.
6. Enter a password.
7. Confirm the password.
8. Select create account.

An email will be sent to the email address nominated so that you can verify your access to the email address.

Once you have created your account, log in to the School Bytes parent portal.

You can now link your account to all students that use the School Bytes platform.

When linking a student, the system automatically matches the data you provided with details stored on the student's school portal.