From the Principal’s desk……

Dear Parents,

The welcome morning tea for families new to the school was held last Friday morning and was very well attended. It was a pleasure having the opportunity to meet parents and carers of students who are joining the Granville School community. Thank you to the P and C for organising this.

Thank you to all the parents who attended the P and C meeting last week. It was great to have such a large attendance at this meeting. A number of exciting events are being planned by the P and C for the year. These include a Bandaged Bear Breakfast on Friday 22 February between 8am and 9am. This will be a fund raiser for Westmead Children’s Hospital. A bush dance and sausage sizzle is planned for the end of this term. This will be held at school on Thursday 11 April between 4pm and 6pm. Further details of both events will be sent home separately.

Next Wednesday the school is having a ‘Meet the Teachers’ information session. This will be held in the school hall at 4pm. The purpose of the meeting is to communicate information about whole school organisation matters. Separate parent and teacher interviews will be held in the last week of the term. These are scheduled for Tuesday 9 April and Wednesday 10 April. Notes with appointment options will be sent home separately.

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Due to an increase in student enrolments, particularly in Kindergarten and Year 1, a new class has had to be formed. The class is K/1S and it will be taken by Mrs Semaan. A new teacher to the school, Ms Wong, will take Kindergarten Yellow. The new arrangements will commence next week from Monday 25 February. I would like to again thank the parents of the students involved in this reorganisation for their support with this matter.

A reminder that school starts at 8.55am when the bell rings for students to line up. I have noticed that a number of students are arriving at school either very early or late. There is a teacher on playground duty from 8.30am so students arriving before this time are unsupervised. For safety reasons, we ask that students do not arrive at school until 8.30am. It is also important that students are not late for school. A very large number of students are arriving after the bell rings to line up. Mornings are when children are most receptive to learning and for this reason, the whole school runs its literacy programs during this time, if students are late they are missing out on the start of their literacy learning. It is also disruptive to other students in the class when students are arriving late.

The school swimming carnival is next Thursday 28 February. It will be held at Granville Swimming Pool. Good luck to all students competing in this event.

Clean up Australia Day Schools Program is on Friday 1 March. This will involve students tidying our school grounds during the afternoon session. Parents are welcome to come along and help out. A separate note about this event will be sent home.

Thank you to all families who have paid their voluntary contributions. All funds received from these contributions go directly to the class of the students who make the payment. The money is used to buy additional resources for that class. In the past teachers have used these funds to purchase items such as; e-readers, iPods, maths games, art and craft materials and books.

Linda Barry
Principal
Granville Galaxy Program

The Granville Galaxy Program is school-wide system that focuses on three core values of **learning, safety and respect**. The program explicitly teaches and rewards these expected behaviours through the presentation of ‘Star Awards’.

**The AWARD system**

Students achieve Star Awards when they display appropriate behaviours. There are two types of Star Awards: classroom teacher Star Awards and Support Teacher Star Awards. Five Support Teacher Star Awards amount to one classroom teacher Star Award. Star awards are collected and count towards the three major awards: Bronze, Silver and Gold. Achievement of a major award will automatically enable students to progress to the next level. Awards are transferred from year to year. The following amounts of ‘Star’ Awards apply to all students;

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Students are responsible for collecting Star Awards and presenting them to their classroom teacher. Teachers maintain records of students’ achievement of ‘Star’ awards in their classroom.

Students are presented with **BRONZE, SILVER and GOLD AWARDS** at whole school assemblies and have their names published in the school newsletter. Students who achieve Gold Awards are also presented with a gold pin.

**The SATELLITE Program**

The Satellite Program is a classroom and playground consequence for students who display negative behaviours. The system also aims to reinforce the expectations of safety, respect and learning by classifying students’ behaviour (i.e. unsafe or disrespectful). Students who are placed ‘on Satellite’ are required to spend recess time in the satellite room.

Granville Public School will be participating in the Clean Up Australia Day for Schools program.

**Friday 1 March**

between 2pm and 2:45pm.

Students will be designated an area of the school to clean with teacher supervision.

They will collect as much rubbish as possible to clean up our school.

Children are encouraged to bring protective gloves and plastic bags from home to use for the clean up.

Parents are invited to attend and help with the cleaning. If you are able to supply any extra plastic bags or protective gloves on the day, it would be greatly appreciated. Many hands make light work!
You are invited to

MEET THE TEACHERS

on Wednesday 27 February
in the school hall at 4pm.
Everyone is welcome

You are invited to our first

PARENT MEETING

for 2013
on Friday 1 March
in the Library at 9am.

Your involvement in school can have a positive impact on your child's achievement and can truly improve your child's education. Research indicates that increased parental involvement in school enables students to have increased self-esteem and motivation and to achieve higher grades. It also improves student attendance, behaviour and attitude.

We would like you to attend in order to meet other parents, to learn ways and strategies to help you support your children in their schooling and to give you more information about our school.

ICE CREAM DAY

Wednesday 13 March 2013

Money raised goes towards the Year 6 Farewell

BANDAGED BEAR

BREAKFAST
Friday 22 March 2013
8am - 9am

P & C News

Last Thursday was our first P&C meeting for 2013, it was fantastic to see so many new faces.

At this meeting it was decided that the P&C will organise a Family Bush Dance as our first major fundraiser. The Bush Dance will be held on the second last day of Term 1, Thursday 11 April, from 4pm to 6pm. We will need some volunteers to help out on the night with the BBQ, if you are able to assist please let myself or Kristy Sorouni know or let one of the mums in the uniform shop know, even if it is for half an hour that would be greatly appreciated. More information about the Family Bush Dance will be sent home closer to the day.

I would like to thank the new families that came along to our P&C ‘Welcome to Granville Public School ‘Morning Tea I would also like to thank Mrs Barry, Mr Swainson, Mr Milligan, Ms Butters and Mrs McFarlane for also attending. We really enjoyed meeting our new families and we believe that you will be very happy with Granville Public School.

The P&C will be updating the mural that is on the back of the primary toilets, to do this we are looking for a local artist, if anyone in the school knows someone that could help out with the mural please come into the uniform shop and let us know. We would really love someone that is connected with our school to help work on this project.

Kind regards
April Butterfield
P&C President

SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

Wednesday 2:30 - 3:15pm
Friday 2:30 - 3:15pm

School Athletic Carnival
Tuesday 26 March
School Banking

Welcome back to another year of school banking.

Congratulations to the students that collected 10 tokens and received their rewards, this year we are doing things a little differently.

We would like you to place your yellow deposit book into the school’s money box which is located outside the teachers’ staffroom. Please ensure all money is safely inside the deposit book and place it into the box before 9am on Banking Day, Thursday.

We will then collect it from there and deposit the money. Your child’s classroom teacher will hand back the empty deposit books the following Monday.

Please remember to fill out ALL details inside the deposit book, especially the amount you wish to deposit.

Happy Banking!

2013 SCHOOL TERMS

TERM 1 30/01/13 - 12/04/13
TERM 2 01/05/13 - 28/06/13
TERM 3 16/07/13 - 20/09/13
TERM 4 08/10/13 - 18/12/13