From the Principal's desk…..

Dear Parents,

Well done to all the girls and boys who attended last week’s school swimming carnival. I am advised that you had a great day and were wonderful ambassadors for our school. Thank you to the teachers who organised the day, Mrs Stanger and Mrs Watson. Congratulations to the nine students qualified for the Zone carnival which was held yesterday.

Thank you to the parents and carers who attended our ‘Meet the Teachers’ information session. Our next formal opportunity for speaking with teachers will be at our parent and teacher interviews which will be held on Tuesday 9 April and Wednesday 10 April. Notes with appointment time options will be sent home shortly.

This week I had the pleasure of placing an order for the first stage of our air conditioning project. With funds raised by our hard working P & C we are able to air-condition three of our Kindergarten classrooms. On behalf of the school I would like to thank everyone for their generosity in contributing to this project.

Our next major fundraiser for the air-conditioning project is our bush dance and sausage sizzle which will be held on Thursday 11 April between 4pm and 6pm.

Unfortunately, due to wet weather, our Clean up Australia Day planned for last Friday had to be postponed. Hopefully, we will be able to get out and about tomorrow (Friday 8 March) to make our school sparkle. Parents are welcome to come along and help out between 2pm and 2:30pm.

The wet weather also delayed the start of the summer PSSA competition. Hopefully, the sun will shine tomorrow and the first round of the competition will commence.

Today, our executive team participated in a professional development day at school. The focus of learning for the day was to build on the work that was undertaken last year around improving teaching and learning. At this workshop we looked at how we can provide students with high quality feedback that helps them to understand what they need to do to move to the next level of learning. The information gained throughout the day will be shared by the executive with teaching teams so that it can be implemented in classes.

Plans for our Bandaged Bear Breakfast on Friday 22 March are well underway. This will be held at school between 8am and 9am. Students and families are all welcome to come to the breakfast which is being organised by our P & C. A gold coin donation is requested for each item at the breakfast. All funds raised will go directly to the Westmead Children’s Hospital.

Classes are now starting to purchase items with student voluntary contributions. Thank you to all families who have sent in this in. It is not too late to pay. All we are asking is $30 per student or $50 per family for the year. This can be paid in instalments of $10.00 per term or in one payment for the year.

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.
Congratulations to the following students who received Granville Galaxy Awards yesterday at our first assembly for the year.

**Bronze Award Winners**
- Ayah
- Sophie
- Abida
- Sunit
- Aiden
- Yashfa
- Joseph
- Yvone
- Danny

**Silver Award Winners**
- Elvid
- Karis
- Shareen
- Seda

**Gold Award Winners**
- Mouna

Friday 22 March 2013
8am - 9am

This year in support of the Bandaged Bear Appeal, the P&C are holding a Bandaged Bear Breakfast on the Friday 22 March from 8am – 9am.

We will be selling pancakes, cereal, sandwiches, muffins, poppers and tea/coffee for a gold coin donation per item with ALL money raised going directly to Westmead Children’s Hospital.

Bring your favourite teddy along for a check-up by the NSW Ambulance or just have a chat to the Paramedics. P&C have also invited your local members Tony Issa and Julie Owens to join us for breakfast.

Please help us to raise much needed funds for Westmead Children’s Hospital and seriously ill children in our community.

Kind regards
April Butterfield
P&C President

All students from Preschool to Year 6 are expected to attend the School Athletics Carnival

Tuesday 26 March
Venue: The Crest, Bass Hill
Cost : $8.00
Money and consent form to be returned by Friday 15 March

The Granville Public School community will be coming together to celebrate Harmony Day with a variety of activities. Children, parents and teachers are invited to come along to school on Thursday 21 March wearing either something orange or their national costume. We will begin the day with a parade, at 9:10am, under the primary COLA and later, at 12.30pm, meet in the hall for the Harmony Day Assembly.

Parents, please come along on the day to share the experience with your children.

SCHOOL SWIMMING SCHEME

**FOR:** Weak swimmers from Year 2 to Year 6

**WHEN:** Term 1 - Week 10 and 11
Tuesday 2/4/2013 to Friday 12/4/2013

**HOW LONG:** 9 days - 45 minutes sessions

**WHERE:** Granville Pool - Children will walk to the pool with teacher supervision.

**COST:** $34.00 (There will be no charge for instruction; however, students will need to pay for entry at the swimming centre)

**BRING:** a swimming costume, a towel, a hat, a shirt, sunscreen, warm clothing on a cool day.

Return consent form and money by Thursday 28 March 2013.
SCHOOL UNIFORM
SHOP HOURS

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

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

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 uniform.

If you think you might have missed out on the January payment, contact Centrelink—either in person at a Centrelink-Medicare Office or by calling 132 468.

If school expenses are weighing you down, there is a way to lighten the load. The Schoolkids Bonus starts in 2013 and replaces the old Education Tax Refund (ETR).

$410 a year for each primary student
(paid in two installments of $205)

$820 a year for each secondary student
(paid in two installments of $410)

Are you eligible?
You could receive the Schoolkids Bonus if you have a child in primary or secondary school and receive a family or income support payment. This includes Family Tax Benefit Part A or you are a primary or secondary student receiving an income support payment.

See if you're eligible at australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus