Dear Parents,

Our permanent Assistant Principal’s position has now been filled. Mr Milligan was successful at merit selection and has been appointed to this position. Congratulations Mr Milligan.

Today we celebrated Harmony Day. This is an important day on the Granville Public School calendar because it gives us the opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the diversity of cultures within our school community. The day started with a parade of students and staff wearing traditional national costumes from their own cultural background. Many other students and staff wore orange which is the official colour for Harmony Day. Thank you to everyone who joined in the spirit of the day. We also had a special assembly where we heard entertaining stories told by parents of some of our students. Thank you to the parents who contributed to our celebration by recording their stories to share with our students.

Just a reminder that tomorrow morning we are having our Bandaged Bear Breakfast. This will be held in the school playground between 8am and 9am. Each breakfast item will be sold for a gold coin donation and all money raised will go directly to Westmead Children’s Hospital.

On Tuesday the whole school will participate in the annual athletics carnival. This year it will be held at The Crest Athletics Track at Bass Hill. Tomorrow we have to confirm exact numbers for the buses so if you have not already done so, would you please return your child’s permission note and money first thing in the morning. It will not be possible to accept this after the buses are confirmed. All students attending the carnival must travel to and from the carnival with the school. Parents are welcome to come along to the carnival but will need to organise your own transport. Please remember that there will not be canteen facilities available on the day so students and parents will need to bring food and drinks for lunch and recess.

Next Thursday we will hold our Easter Hat Parade. This will be at 2pm. A note with details about this event will be sent home separately.

Today you would have received a note about our Term 1 parent and teacher interviews. I encourage you to take part in this opportunity to discuss your child’s progress at school. Interviews will be held over two days; Tuesday 9 April and Wednesday 10 April. Please complete the note to indicate your preferences for a day and time and return it to your child’s teacher as soon as possible. Times will be allocated on a first come basis. You should also note on the form if you require an interpreter and the language spoken.

Our bush dance and sausage sizzle will be held on Thursday 11 April between 4pm and 6pm. Please put the date for this social event in your diary.

As you may be aware, all schools will start teaching the new National Curriculum in 2014. This year is a preparation year for teachers and the State Government has allocated an additional staff development day for this purpose at the beginning of Term 2. This means that Monday April 29 and Tuesday April 30 are staff development days. Students will return to school for the beginning of Term 2 on Wednesday 1 May.

Linda Barry
Principal
Granville Galaxy Program

GRANVILLE GALAXY LESSONS

This week focus for Granville Galaxy was ‘Friendship’.

Students learnt important lessons that will help them develop strategies for making and keeping friends.

The focus for Granville Galaxy lessons in week 9 will be, ‘We know how to behave in the Canteen area’ and in week 10 it will be, ‘We respectfully enter rooms’.

Congratulations to the following students who received Granville Galaxy Awards yesterday.

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GO GREEN, CELEBRATING SAFETY DAY

at Granville Public School

Wednesday 3 April

Students will participate in a variety of activities on the day and are invited to wear something green.

We are SAFE

2013 VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

P&C ANNUAL EASTER HAT PARADE CAKE STALL

Donations of cupcakes needed on Thursday 28 March for the P&C Cake stall.
Harmony Day is a day to celebrate for everyone who calls Australia home. To live peacefully and happily in Australia, we have to make sure that everyone feels equal. It does not matter how different we are, we should always treat others with fairness and respect. Some people might look or dress differently to you. Try to learn more about other people’s cultures and customs. Remember - differences make Australia a special place to live in.

PSSA CRICKET

On Friday 8 March, our Junior Cricket PSSA team played Auburn North PS. We had lots of fun but we lost to them by 3 runs. Their score was 20 runs and we only had 17 runs. We were all good sports and shook hands and said “good game”. We were all disappointed but it was only our first match, we’ll get better.

Fletcher

The Senior Cricket PSSA team played Auburn North PS in the first round. We were disappointed because we lost but it was only the first game. We had great fun. We will try our best next time.

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BANDAGED BEAR BREAKFAST

Friday 22 March 2013
8am - 9am

This year in support of the Bandaged Bear Appeal, the P&C are holding a Bandaged Bear Breakfast, tomorrow, 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
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

All students from Preschool to Year 6 will participate in the
School Athletics Carnival
Tuesday 26 March
Venue: The Crest, Bass Hill

LAST CHANCE TO ATTEND
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
COST: $34.00

MONEY DUE BY NEXT THURSDAY
28 MARCH 2013

DEVELOPING RESILIENCE IN CHILDREN

Come along and learn how children become resilient and develop the ability to bounce back and thrive through life’s challenges. This workshop will explore strategies used by resilient people and it will discuss ways you can help build resilience in your children.

FREE Workshop
Life will have disappointments and challenging situations, new experiences and brick walls. Would you like to help your children have the skills to bounce back and move forward?

Presented by

Granville Public School

When: Thursday 4th of April
Time: 10am - 1pm
Where: Granville South Public School Corner of Woodville Road and Oxford Street, BUILDFORD

**Free childcare is available, but must be pre booked at registration**
Registration forms available from Granville Public School office.

Refreshments provided
Contact Julie for more information and to register Ph: 98922328
Email: julie.moy3@det.nsw.edu.au

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