From the Principal’s desk…..

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school. I hope that everyone had a relaxing holiday break. Term 4 is a very busy one with a lot of commitments that need to be finalised before the end of the year so it is pleasing to see that all students have started the term well and are approaching their learning in an enthusiastic manner.

Parramatta Riverside Theatre Excursions

Last Thursday our Stage 3 students attended a live performance of Monkey - Journey to the West at the Parramatta Riverside Theatre. This was the last of our program of live theatre that included attendance at a show for each grade in the school. Thank you very much to all families who supported this initiative. Feedback from students and staff who attended the performances indicates that the shows were very worthwhile for their entertainment value and for the curriculum based learning opportunities that they provided.

Kids for Kindy

Our Kids for Kindy program will start this Friday (17th October) and will run for the next six weeks. Students who are commencing Kindergarten in 2015 at Granville Public School, and their parents, are encouraged to participate in the program which will run from 9am to 10am. The purpose of the program is to assist students transition to school while at the same time providing information about all aspects of school life to parents. This week students and parents spend time together in the Kindergarten classrooms exploring typical Kindergarten activities and making new friends. Next week the children are in the Kindergarten classrooms and parents participate in an information session which will be held in the school library. This format continues until the final week when a special showcase assembly and morning tea will be held. If you have a child who is eligible for Kindergarten in 2015, and you have not already done so, would you please complete an application for enrolment form and submit it to the school office as soon as possible.

Healthy Fun Day

As part of the Live Life Well program, next Tuesday (21st October), the school will hold a Healthy Fun Day. A number of activities to promote physical fitness and good nutrition, are planned for the day.

School Photographs

School photos will be taken over two days; Tuesday 4th November and Wednesday 5th November. A separate note with details for ordering photos has been sent home today.

Important Dates

I know that as the year draws to a close our diaries become very crowded so I am listing some important dates for later in the term that you may like to note:

School Presentation Day Wednesday 10th December
Preschool (Possums) Graduation Ceremony Thursday 11th December
Preschool (Koalas) Graduation Ceremony Monday 15th December
Year 6 Farewell Dinner Monday 15th December
Class Picnics (multicultural theme) and final day of school for students Wednesday 17th December

Linda Barry
Principal
**Granville Galaxy**

Congratulations to the following students.

**BRONZE AWARD WINNERS**
Marjan
William
Jeanny
James
Sidney
Rayan
Benjamen

**GOLD AWARD WINNERS**
Yusuf
Zakaria
Jamel
Elvid

**SILVER AWARD WINNERS**
Marjan
Sarah
Dalal
Kiara

**PRINCIPAL’S AWARD**

Congratulations To

- Menaal - KL
- Harmeet - KD
- Murjana - KZ
- Haozhi - KW
- Ayman - 1B
- Khaled - 1M
- Alex - 1P
- Chad - 1S
- Hannah - 2S
- Samia - 2H
- Hadeel - 2W
- Ben - 3/4M
- Elvid - 3/4C
- Mikail - 3/4S
- Hekmat - 3/4C
- Nili - 3/4NG
- Adam - 5/6M
- Sarpreet - 5/6A
- Toafa - 5/6L
- Masoon - 5/6BH
- Maryam - 1-6G
- Afu - 4-6H
- Dallas - 3-6P
- Vraj - 1-6O

**ENGLISH CLASSES FOR PARENTS**

Granville Public School would like to offer parents with little or no English some basic English classes to assist with communication between home and school.

The English classes will be held Wednesday mornings in the library from 9-10am.

If you are interested in attending please see the office.

**REMINDEERS TO PARENTS**

**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.

**BIRTHDAYS** - If your child wishes to celebrate their birthday with a cake in the classroom please speak to the classroom teacher prior to the day to arrange an appropriate time. For safety reasons knives are not permitted in classrooms, therefore it is preferable to bring CUPCAKES.

**SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP HOURS**

Tuesday and Thursday 2:30-3:15pm
Friday 9:00-9:30am
Stage 3 attended a performance of Monkey - Journey to the West at Riverside Theatre in Parramatta.

‘Today was the day that we, Stage 3, went to an amazingly fun excursion called Monkey - Journey to the West.

It was an awesome play with great dancers, fabulous actors and a lot of funny scenes.

Thanks to all of the actors that starred in the play for working so hard and putting Monkey - Journey to the West together for us and thanks to the teachers for taking us.

We all had a magnificent time.”

by Leticia

“Monkey - Journey to the West in Week 1 on Thursday Stage 3 attended the Riverside Theatre to watch a play Monkey - Journey to the West.

What a spectacular performance.

It was the best, the smoke, the acting and the environment.

The characters were hilarious and talented and amazed the audience with a bang!!!

The characters brought us in to the ancient days of China and India.

My favourite character was the Monkey because he did stunning jumps and climbing.”

By Adam A and Sanu

All students enjoyed the performance.

Preschool News

When we came back from our holidays our garden was a bit of a mess. Students in Koalas took on the task of cleaning up all the leaves.

Some of the children noticed that our vegetables had grown - they could see the tops of the orange carrots. They were a bit difficult to pull out, but we did it.

When the Possums came back today, they noticed that some of the vegetables were missing from our garden.

It was explained that the Koalas had picked some of the carrots, parsnips and a cabbage. The Possums then picked some carrots, and the last of the lettuce. We will continue to take care of our vegetable garden in Term 4.
P&C NEWS

The Uniform Shop is currently out of stock of school hats (baseball style) and most sizes of short sleeved polo’s. We are expecting our order at the end of next week. To avoid disappointment, you can either pre pay and we will deliver it to your child’s classroom or stay tuned to our Granville Public School P & C Facebook page for updates.

School banking has commenced again for Term 4. It is great to see so many children regularly banking each week and then choosing their rewards after making 10 deposits. Alison Shaw from the Commonwealth bank will be speaking next Friday 24th October at our Kids for Kindy in the library (9-10am). If you would like your child to participate in school banking please call in to the Uniform Shop to collect an application form or come and see Alison in the library.

The Commonwealth Bank is running a new and exciting competition for term 4. Just make a deposit with school banking between 20th Oct - 30th Nov (Max of 6 entries) and you will automatically go into the draw to win one of 40 GoPro Cameras or one of 150 Slip 'N Slides.

Allison Harris
P&C President