From the Deputy Principal’s desk…..

Dear Parents,

I take this opportunity to thank parents, students and staff for their commitment and dedication to our school. The commencement of Term 4 has been busy as our teachers continue to support and extend the learning of all children in all areas of the curriculum.

Several programs are running throughout the term. I ask that you take the time to become acquainted with the school calendar events and note them down for your reference. You may wish to print a departmental ‘School A to Z’ monthly planner and place it on the fridge for all to see. http://bit.ly/UbmQZ8

Healthy Fun Day - Last Tuesday our school participated in a Healthy Fun day. All students from Preschool to Year 6 participated in stage activities both inside and outside classrooms, which were both active and informative on staying fit and healthy. This initiative is part of our school’s involvement with the Live Life Well program in taking positive steps to remain healthy and happy for as long as possible. I would like to thank all staff for their involvement and support to the Live Life Well Committee; Miss Luong, Miss Faraj, Miss Melki, Mrs Watson, Mrs Brogden, Mrs Mani and Miss Pokler, in their organisation and dedication to make this day a huge success for all involved. We hope to see more in the future.

Kids for Kindy - The Kids for Kindy program continues to run every Friday up until the 21st November. For those parents with students commencing Kindergarten in 2015 at Granville Public School, I encourage you to participate in the program running from 9am -10am. This Friday the 31st October the parent workshop in the library will be on Best Start/ PLAN, TEN and Synthetic Phonics.

Refugee Student Excursion - On Wednesday the 29th October some of the refugee students from Stage 2 and 3 attended an excursion to the Sydney Story Factory. This is a not-for-profit creative writing centre for young people. Trained volunteer tutors helped our students write stories, assisting them in developing their use of expressive language and improving their ability to communicate their thoughts and feelings. The students returned to school with lots of excitement about their learning experience and expressed how they can now improve further with their writing. Thank you to Mrs Mudge and Mr Ryan for the organisation and opportunity given to the students on the day.

School Photos - School photos will be next week on Tuesday 4th November and Wednesday 5th November. Students are allowed to bring the envelope with the money on these two days, if they have not already done so. Please remember that your child needs to be dressed in full summer uniform with black shoes.

Parent English Classes - Parent English classes run each Wednesday from 9-10am in the library. We invite parents with little or no English to please attend as we aim at assisting with the communication between home and school for the benefit of the students.

School uniform - Several students have come to school with skate shoes that have small wheels at the sole of the shoe. This is not part of our school uniform and I ask that you please have the children dressed in full school uniform with black shoes.

Attendance - Regular school attendance is compulsory in all schools. The school is responsible for keeping accurate records of student attendance. If your child is sick we ask that a doctor’s certificate is sent to school explaining the absence or a note from the parent is sent to school with the explanation. Notes will be going home regarding school attendance and we ask for parents to please complete the slip provided.

Exemptions - As the year is coming to an end, often families take early vacations. If you are planning an early holiday before the end of the school year we ask that you please complete an exemption form. These are available from the front office.

Granville Public School Staff would like to wish all families a lovely weekend and remember to stay safe.

Erika Kardasis
Deputy Principal
Parent Workshops

Term 4, 2014

Welcome back to the Parent Workshops. We continue to invite all Parents and Carers to attend our Parent Workshops. Toddlers are welcome and morning tea will be provided.

However due to the Kids for Kindy Program, Parent Workshops will only run in weeks 8, 9 and 10.

Below is an overview of the topics that will be covered this term.

Please keep a copy on your fridge as a reminder so you don’t miss out.

We look forward in continuing to build positive partnerships with Parents at Granville Public School.

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Healthy Fun Day
P&C NEWS

The P&C would like to acknowledge the generous donations made by Granville Woolworths and thank them for their continued support of our school. Donations of apples from Woolworths as well as from Jannette Ayoub and Houda Ghabash and families made our Healthy FunDay a great success. Thank you also to our school leaders for their help. Our cute little tooth brush & tooth pastes were kindly donated by Adam Alachrafi and family. I would like to thank these extremely generous families for everything they do for our school.

Thank you to the ladies who have given up their time and donated fruit and vegetables, to help with the Kids for Kindy Morning Teas.

Allison Harris
P&C President

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.