From the Principal’s desk…..
Dear Parents,

Last Wednesday the Hon. Mr Adrian Piccoli, Minister for Education, came to Granville Public School. During the visit Mr Piccoli visited two classrooms to see first-hand some of the initiatives being undertaken by our school as part of the Local Schools, Local Decisions arrangements. Student leaders, staff and representatives of the P and C had the opportunity to meet and talk with the Minister over lunch. Mr Piccoli acknowledged the hard work undertaken by our school community and congratulated students on their efforts and their progress.

Next Thursday, April 10, the P and C will have a second hand uniform sale. This will be held at the front of the uniform shop at 2:30pm. Any items of clothing in the lost property bin without names and not claimed by Monday 7 April, will be sold at the second hand uniform stall. All funds raised from the sale will go to the P and C for the school air conditioning fund.

Swim Scheme started on Monday and will continue every day for the remainder of the term. Please ensure that your child attends each of their sessions.

On Tuesday we had special Green Day to celebrate the school rule of being safe this term. Members of our Student Representative Council received their badges at the special assembly. Thank you to parents and family members who came along to help us celebrate.

Parent and Teacher interviews are next Tuesday 8 April & Wednesday 9 April. If you have not already booked an interview time please do so by the end of this week. Interpreters will be arranged if required but must be pre-booked.

The Easter hat parade will be held on Friday 11 April at 2pm. All parents and carers are invited to come along and watch as the children parade their magnificent creations. The P and C are holding a fund raising cake stall for parents that will commence after the parade.

This is the final newsletter for this term. I would like to thank everyone for their support throughout Term 1 and wish all of our families a safe, happy and restful holiday break. Students return to school for Term 2 on Tuesday 29 April.

Linda Barry
Principal
On March 21 Granville Public School participated in Harmony Day, celebrating the message that everyone belongs. Everyone belongs is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home. It recognises and celebrates the cultural diversity of Australia.

In honour of this day students and teachers dressed in orange to represent the unity of Granville Public School.

P&C NEWS

The P&C have a busy end to this term starting this Friday 4th with Alison Shaw from the Commonwealth Bank coming to sign up students wishing to start school banking and answer any questions you may have. We will be located in the infants play ground from 2.30-3.15. If you have ever thought about joining our school banking group, now is the time. The P&C receives $5 for every new account opened so join the fun and start saving today!

Thank you to those parents who have already donated items for our Mother’s Day stall, we are still hoping for more donations before the end of the term.

Next Thursday 10th April from 2.30 -3.15 we will be holding a 2nd uniform sale outside the uniform shop, limited sizes and items so come down and take a look. Prices range from $2-$5.

Friday 11th is our annual Easter cupcake stall. The stall is open to parents at the conclusion of the Easter Hat parade. The P&C are asking for donations of cupcakes, please be generous as this is our first fundraiser of the year.

Finally our April P&C monthly meeting is on Thursday 10th at 9.15 am. This is the last meeting before our AGM in May. All positions will become vacant so we will be looking for a President, Vice President, Secretary & Treasurer. If you think you would be interested in helping our school, working with the teachers, planning events and generally becoming actively involved in our school, please come along.

Allison Harris
P&C President
The whole school was awash with Green.

Have you seen Granville Public School’s app?

You can - access events, newsletters and notifications.
Send through absence notes for your child.
Change your contact details with the school.

Available at no cost from your app store for smart phone or tablet.

Bhavya, from the Preschool, won best green outfit for the Koalas.

The Support Unit has enjoyed their sport this term. They have participated in Tae Kwon Do lessons.

Swim Scheme
**SCHOOL ZONE TRAFFIC OFFENCES**

As at 1 July 2013

**SCHOOL ZONE SPEEDING OFFENCES**
Speeding offences attract higher fine and demerit points than other speeding offences.

- **Maximum Penalty:** $3,612 + 7 Demerit Points

**SCHOOL ZONE MOBILE PHONE USE**
Driving using a hand-held mobile phone in a School Zone.

- **Penalty:** $405 + 4 Demerit Points

**CHILDREN’S CROSSINGS**
Disobey hand-held stop sign at Children’s Crossing or approach Children’s Crossing too quickly to stop safety.

- **Penalty:** $506 + 4 Demerit Points

**U-TURNS**
Make a U-Turn without giving way to pedestrian or vehicle in a School Zone.

- **Penalty:** $405 + 4 Demerit Points

For a full list of all new penalties and offences, please visit: www.rms.nsw.gov.au or phone the RMS on: 13 22 13

**SCHOOL ZONE PARKING OFFENCES**

Current as at 1 July 2013

**NO STOPPING**
Means that in the area in the direction of the arrow, you must NOT STOP your vehicle at any point on the road or kerb, unless there is a medical or other emergency.

- **Maximum Penalty:** $405 + 2 Demerit Points

**DOUBLE PARKING**
You are NOT PERMITTED to stop or park your vehicle alongside another vehicle that is already parked parallel to the kerb.

- **Penalty:** $304 + 2 Demerit Points

**STOP in a NO STOPPING zone:**

- **Maximum Penalty:** $304 + 2 Demerit Points
- **Stop on or near a Children’s or Pedestrian Crossing:**
  - (within 20m on approach & 10m on departure side of crossing): $446 + 2 Demerit Points
  - **Stop on path/strip in built-up area:**
    - $169 + 2 Demerit Points

Please Note: Fines subject to change without notice. These penalties apply to offences in school zones only while the zone is active.

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**Go4Fun**

Healthy, Active, Happy, Kids

FREE fun program for kids to become fitter, healthier & happier

Do you have children 7 to 13 years old? Are you worried about their weight?

Go4Fun runs for 10 weeks during school term. Sessions are run twice a week for two hours after school.

Registrations for the next school term are now open. To find out more or enquire about a location near you call:

Free call 1800 780 900

NSW Health South Western Sydney Local Health District

**IT’S FREE**

**DENTAL CARE FOR CHILDREN**

All children under 18 years of age are eligible for FREE DENTAL CARE at NSW Public Oral Health Clinics

NSW Health recommends that all children have a dental check-up

Toothache can cause children to miss school. Pain can stop children playing, eating and sleeping.

To make an appointment, contact:

- Your family dentist, or
- The Public Dental Service

**PUBLIC DENTAL ACCESS CENTRE TELEPHONE**

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