From the Principal’s desk…..

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school for another exciting term. I hope that everyone had a restful and relaxing break. This term is quite a short one with only nine weeks. As usual, we have a lot planned so it will be a very busy nine weeks.

Staff Development Day: On Monday 28 April, staff participated in three training sessions. The first was a presentation by a representative from Western Sydney University. It was about using Story path, a narrative structure for teaching students. The second session was a presentation from the Northcott Society about teaching students with language delays and disorders and the third session was about Live Life Well, a program designed to improve student health and fitness. Live Life Well is being implemented at our school from the beginning of this term.

Mothers’ Day Stall: Thank you to our wonderful P and C who organised the Mothers’ Day stall that was held on Monday and Tuesday of this week. The children enjoyed selecting something very special to surprise Mum with on Sunday. I hope that all of our Mums and Grandmas have a happy Mothers’ Day and that they are showered with gifts and thoroughly spoilt on the day.

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NAPLAN: Next week is NAPLAN. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday students in Year 3 and Year 5 will participate in literacy and numeracy assessments. A special breakfast will be provided in the hall at 8.30am each NAPLAN day for those students who are undertaking the tests.

Stage 2 and Stage 3 Excursion: Students in Stage 2 and Stage 3 will attend Olympic Park next Friday 16 May to participate in Jamie Oliver’s Food Revolution Day. The aim of the day is for children to get excited about cooking, making cooking fun and eating fresh, healthy foods. Our students will be part of a large group of children who are attempting to set a Guinness World Record for the largest cookery class.

Musicaviva: This is an interactive, live music show that will visit our school on Tuesday 27 May. The theme for the performance this year is Jazz and the cost to attend is $7.50 per student. A separate note with full details and a permission to attend slip is being sent home today.

Stage 1 Excursion: As previously advised tickets have been purchased for students in Stage 1 to attend a live performance of The Gruffalo at Parramatta Riverside Theatre on Thursday 12 June. A separate note has already been sent home with full details of this excursion, but please note places are limited to 140 students and these will be allocated on a ‘first come, first served’ basis, so, to avoid disappointment, please return your child’s permission note and money as quickly as possible.

Aunty Wendy Aboriginal Education Performance: As part of NAIDOC week celebrations the school has secured a visit by Aunty Wendy. This performance is for children from Preschool to Year 2 and will be held in the school hall on Thursday 19 June. A separate note with further information about this will be sent home soon.
Granville Galaxy

Congratulations to the following students who received awards this year.

**BRONZE AWARD WINNERS**
- Bill
- Leah

**SILVER AWARD WINNERS**
- Sinem
- Mahmoud
- Nili
- Tayyabah
- Daniel

**GOLD AWARD WINNERS**
- Khan

Will your name be in the draw for a NEW BIKE?

The names of all students, from Kindergarten to Year 6, who have paid the voluntary contribution for this year will be included in the draw.

The lucky draw will be in Week 6 on Tuesday 3 June at the school assembly.

If you have not paid the voluntary contribution there is still time to do so and be included in the draw.

Voluntary contributions are:
- $40 for the first child
- $20 for each additional child in the family.

P&C NEWS

The P&C would like to thank each and every parent who donated items towards the Mother's Day stall. It was wonderful to receive so many lovely gifts from our very generous parents.

The Mother's Day stall was held all day on Monday and Tuesday at lunchtime. I cannot thank my 12 wonderful helpers enough, the most for a Mother’s Day Stall for a very long time. Thank you to Suzan, Najah, Formiza, Agnes, Nahida, Belinda, Ro, Elizabeth, Souhair, Houda, Zeliha & Lamya for their hard work both before hand and on the day. The stall would not have been possible without their help.

I would also like to thank Mrs Chalhoub, Zena Zameli and the parent workshop helpers who helped to organise, wrap and decorate some of the items last Friday.

Today was our annual AGM, thank you to those that have taken on executive positions.

Don’t forget to stock up now at the uniform shop while we still have items in stock. Better still fill in a pre order form with a $5 deposit, pay off, collect or have the order delivered to your child’s classroom.

Allison Harris
P&C President

2014 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS)

ICAS provides an opportunity for all Years 3-12 students to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external testing situation.

**English – Tuesday 29 July**

**Mathematics – Tuesday 12 August**

COST: $8.00 per competition

If you would like your child to participate in one or both of these tests please complete the entry form and return it to the office by Friday 16 May.
Parent Excursion to the Art Gallery of NSW

The last Friday of Term 1, our school organised a parent excursion to the Art Gallery of NSW.

Parents travelled by train to St James station then walked a short distance to the Art Gallery.

They looked at many exhibitions such as the 20th and 21st century Australian galleries, the Asian gallery, the Art Express gallery, Aboriginal Art gallery and many more.

Then they enjoyed having lunch at the gallery’s restaurant.

Parents had a lovely time and can’t wait for the next parent excursion.

Pauline Chalhoub & Zena Zamerli

In Term 1 Year 1 Students learnt about Snails

Snails

Snails are related to slugs.

Snails have hard shells and a slimy foot and some tentacles and they hide in their shells from predators.

They eat rocks to make their shells strong. They look like rocks.

Snails are gastropods.

Laith, Year 1

Water Snails

Snails look like slugs but slugs don’t have a shell.

Water snails live in water. They eat plants.

Snails move with their large foot.

Snails have shells to protect themselves.

Mohammed, Year 1

Snails

Snails are black and brown. They have soft bodies and they have a hard, spiral shell. They have long tentacles with eyespots on the end. They are gastropods. They are a belly-footed animal.

Snails protect themselves from predators by hiding in their shells.

Snails live in the garden. Snails eat weeds. Snails eat vegetables and fruit. Snails are herbivores.

Snails breathe through a respiration hole on their back.

An oral Information Report by Laurence, Yr 1

STAGE 1 EXCURSION
THURSDAY 12 JUNE 2014
Stage 1 students will be attending a performance of The Gruffalo Live on Stage at Parramatta Riverside Theatre.

COST: $22

Please complete a permission slip and return it with the correct money in an envelope to the school Money Box by Friday 30 May 2014.
Dear Muslim Parents and Caregivers,

Did you know that all children in NSW Public Schools are entitled to a session of religious education every week? Unfortunately, however, Muslim children at Granville Public School are not receiving scripture due to a shortage of Muslim scripture teachers. These children are currently missing out on this invaluable opportunity to learn about the beauty of their faith.

Are you interested in filling this position? Scripture lessons at Granville Public School are held every Wednesday from 2.00pm-3.00pm. All information and materials are provided by the Islamic Special Religious Education (ISRE) body of the Islamic Council of NSW. It’s easier than you think and is also extremely rewarding!!

**In just 1 hour a week, YOU can make a big difference to the betterment of our children!**

Show our children how important Islam is to you and how vital it is for the development of our community. Your time and help will be greatly appreciated and hugely satisfying!!

Please feel free to contact Maha on 0405 240 063, or email info@isre.org.au for further details or interest.

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**REMINDERS TO PARENTS**

**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.

**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.

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**Water**

Tap water makes the best drink! Not only is it thirst quenching, but also contains fluoride which helps make teeth stronger. Here’s what water has to offer:

- It is cheap and readily available
- It doesn’t contain any kilojoules or sugar
- It encourages optimal function of the body

We should all aim to drink between five to eight cups of water a day. In the warmer months it is important to keep well hydrated. Always have water available when children are active. Encourage them to drink water regularly, even in cooler months.

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**2014 SCHOOL TERMS**

**TERM 2**  29/04/14 - 27/06/14
**TERM 3**  15/07/14 - 19/09/14
**TERM 4**  07/10/14 - 17/12/14

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**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**