From the Principal’s desk….

Dear Parents,

**Parent Excursion:** Tomorrow is our parent excursion to the Powerhouse Museum. These are always enjoyable outings. They provide an opportunity to meet and socialise with other parents and to gain an understanding of the benefits of students participating in school excursions. If you would like come along tomorrow, please meet at the Lena Street gate at 8.45am. Entry to the museum is $10.

**Pedestrian Gate:** Pedestrian entry to the school via Lena Street is currently available through two gates. As a result of concerns about the safety of children crossing the road in Lena Street and, following a request from the school P and C for the provision of a dedicated crossing for students, Parramatta City Council surveyed pedestrian usage by our students and reported that this was insufficient to justify a crossing. Apparently, usage is measured separately for each gate even though the gates are located very close to each other. At their suggestion we will close the second gate and only use the main entry gate in Lena Street from the beginning of Term 3. The Council will assess usage after this arrangement is in place. I will keep you up to date on this matter.

**Wearing School Hats:** At the last student leaders’ meeting, the issue of some students not wearing school hats when they are on the playground was discussed. On the recommendation of the student leadership team, the school will implement a reward system whereby when a class wears their school hat, they will be rewarded with computer time or a movie session. This will commence from the beginning of Term 3.

**Preschool Applications for 2015:** Applications for preschool for enrolment in 2015 open next week. Granville Public School Preschool is an outstanding facility that caters for children in the year prior to them being eligible for school. Our data shows that children who have attended preschool transition into Kindergarten more smoothly. If you have a child who is eligible for preschool in 2015, please complete an application form and submit it as soon as possible. Application forms are available from the school office. In the past, we have had more applications than we have places available. Priority is given to students who live in the local school area.

NAIDOC Week: NAIDOC Week celebrates the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC Week is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities but by Australians from all walks of life. This year, NAIDOC Week will be held during the school holidays from 6th July to 13th July. At Granville public school we are aiming to increase students’ understanding of this important event. Today our students in Preschool and in all K-2 classes participated in a special presentation by Aunty Wendy’s Mob. The children enjoyed the performance while learning about Aboriginal history and culture. Students in Years 3-6 will be given a special souvenir to wear to celebrate and show their support for NAIDOC Week.

Retirement: From the beginning of Term 3, Mrs McFarlane will take Long Service Leave for one month. She will then proceed on to retirement. Mrs McFarlane has been a highly respected, talented, dedicated and hardworking Assistant Principal at Granville Public School for the past nine years. During that time she has taught many students and supported students in extra curricula activities like the school choir. On behalf of the whole school community, I thank her for her contributions to Granville Public School and I wish her a well-deserved, long, healthy and happy retirement. Personally, I thank her for her support, loyalty and commitment to our school and to public education.

Happy and Safe Holidays: This is the last newsletter for the term. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support and hard work. Student reports will be sent home next Thursday. Please read over these and praise your children for their efforts. If you have any concerns or issues that you would like to clarify contact the school to make an appointment to see their class teacher. I hope that all of our families have a very safe, happy and enjoyable holiday break. Students return to school for Term 3 on Tuesday 15th July.

Linda Barry
Principal
Granville Galaxy

Congratulations to the following students.

**Bronze Award Winners**
- Danny
- Blessing
- Akshat
- Aahana

**Silver Award Winners**
- Ian

**Gold Award Winners**
- Jamil
- Karis
- Nilofar
- Noorah
- Sophia
- Fatima

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**Principal’s Award**

**Congratulations To**

- Rihana
- Daniel
- Aidan
- Nash
- Laith
- Jeanny
- Charles
- Isabella
- Omeed
- Lucinda
- Saul
- Nilofar
- Tanviben
- Shifah
- Sophie
- Anna
- Aurelly
- Shree Yut
- Kavaia
- Andrew
- Melih
- Aaron
- Dallas
- Sarina

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**Preschool News**

On the Friday 30th May the Parramatta Fire Brigade came to visit the Preschoolers.

The children took turns on the hose, inspected the equipment on their truck and had their photo taken with the crew. They were told about the safety measures and actions they need to know and perform in the case of a fire emergency.
Granville Galaxy Assemblies

Music Lessons

Parent workshops

Stage 3 Science
At North Head Sanctuary, Manly

What's happening at GPS?

We Are Respectful
HEALTHY PARTY DRINK IDEAS

- Fruit spritzers are a fun alternative to soft drink for parties and social events and so easy to make! Just mix 1/2 fruit juice and 1/2 soda water.
- Why not freeze juice in ice cubes trays to mineral or still water for a nice fruity taste!

World Cup Mufti Day

AT GRANVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL

THURSDAY 26 JUNE 2014

Wear your favourite World Cup team colours

Gold coin donation

This is a Year 6 Farewell fundraising event.

P&C NEWS

The uniform shop is having a sale on some of our larger sized items, such as size 12-16 jumpers for $15. Stock is limited, so get in quick. We'll soon have some groovy new adjustable bucket hats for sale so keep your eye out for those. No exchanges or refunds on hats and stockings but other items can be exchanged if the tags are still on.

Our meeting on Thursday, 12th June was well attended and we are looking forward to the Healthy Lunch Day that some of our mums are cooking up. More information will be coming to you shortly.

Thanks to all the parents who kindly donated gifts to the Mother's May stall and helped out on the day. We made just over $1200 profit which will directly benefit the children of GPS.

Would you like to meet some other parents and benefit your children's education? Come along to our next meeting on 14 August. There will be cake! Hope to see you there.

Elizabeth Gray
P&C Secretary

SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

Tuesday and Thursday 2:30-3:15pm

Friday 9:00-9:30am