From the Principal’s desk…………………

Celebration:

noun
plural noun: celebrations
• the action of celebrating an important day or event.
“the birth of his son was a cause for celebration”

Synonyms: commemoration, observance, honouring, salute to, making, keeping
• a social gathering or enjoyable activity held to celebrate something.

Synonyms: jollification, merrymaking, carousing, carousel, revelry, revels, enjoying oneself, partying, parties, festivities, festivities, roistering, debauchery, frolics

https://www.google.com.au/?gws_rd=ssl#safe=strict&q=celebrations+definition

The end of my first semester as Principal of Granville Public School draws near and I am so proud of OUR school and what is happening at it.

This term we, as a community, have seen many celebrations, not just at Granville Public School but in our wider community of Granville.

We had the Holy Month of Ramadan with Eid Celebrations at school and throughout the community, so many dinners did I attend - that I’ve gained 5 kilograms – though I am not complaining! I was honoured to be invited to the Eid Celebrations at Granville Boys’ High School; a school I came across in the early 1970’s through High School Rugby Union. It was a pleasure to return to the school and to be part of the schools rich multicultural heritage which added to the evenings celebrations; I have not seen such a group of young men who are so very proud of their individual heritages but their collected heritage.

Fantastic happens at GPS also occurred, and are continuing to do so, the introduction of our After School Sports Programme four afternoons a week with this continuing into term 4. In addition to this we had a celebration for book week which had staff and students alike dressed as one of their favourite book characters; this saw the school administration office to be transformed into a mini Hogwarts.

The celebrations and festivities continued with our students Art Gallery (in every classroom) and fortnightly assemblies where we celebrated our learning achievements in a community atmosphere.

Celebrations are numerous and pleasurable in the whole and I was privileged to attend the Sydney Opera House on Monday 14 September to watch the Our Spectacular Programme where our senior choir and elite dance group performed – a credit to themselves, their teachers (who give of their time freely to ensure the children perform at their best but also have fun at the same time), and their families.

Our Spectacular 2015

More photos on next page

Principal’s report continued over the page.
On Tuesday 15 September we were honoured with a visit to our Stage 3 Students by the Japanese Consulate General, Sydney Office; and in particular Vice Consulate General Ms Tomoko Hashizume and Ms Jennifer Schroeder, to talk about Japan to our students as part of their HSIE Unit on Japan. The students were truly fascinated with what was being presented to them and asked many open ended and higher order questions in seeking a greater understanding of our northern neighbour.

Japanese Vice-Consulate General Visit

Finally, I would like to thank all of our parents for the wonderful support that they give to our school and the many programmes that we offer in support of each and every child’s development; as without you we would not have children to be students and as such we would not be a school, as what is a school without these? A collection of empty building!

I wish one and all a safe Spring Vacation and look forward to Term 4!

Gregory Grinham
Principal

Sports Journalist visits GPS

Last week Stage 3 students had the opportunity to speak to a sports journalist, Patrick Fahy, from the Parramatta Sun.

Patrick talked about his career, answered questions and gave feedback to students about how to write better sports reports.

"It was amazing to be able to meet a real sports reporter" (Rena).

Anshrika said, "I liked hearing his answers to our questions".
2015 Book Week

Thank you to all the students and teachers who dressed up for the 2015 Book Week Parade.
PARENT EXCURSION

On Friday 11 September 2015 a group of parents attended a 2 hours gardening workshop at Bunnings Warehouse in Villawood. Parents learnt about taking care of the plants, fruits and vegetables in the garden and the products they need to use. They enjoyed the workshop and had a lovely time.

2015 VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS

$40 per year for the first child
$20 for each additional child in the family.

This year all voluntary contributions will be directed to YOUR child’s classroom.

By paying a small voluntary contribution you are directly aiding your child’s education.

STAGE 2 EXCURSION

FRIDAY 16 OCTOBER 2015

Students in Stage 2 will be attending a performance of Roald Dahl’s REVOLTING RHYMES 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 18 September.

SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

Tuesday 2:30-3:15pm
Thursday 9:00-9:30am

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