Dear Parents,

Thank you to all the parents and grandparents that attended the swimming carnival last week, a sincere thank you to the teachers Ms Georgiou and Mr Ryan for their extensive organisation. We have six students attending the zone swimming carnival coming up in the next few weeks. Congratulations to our school swimming team.

A big thank you to all the parents who came along to the P and C meeting last week. It was great to see so many members of our community attending. As mentioned at the meeting, our program of parent workshops will continue this year and we have several exciting and new developments we are working on as a school community. We ask that parents please continue to attend the meetings as we need your support.

A ‘Meet the Teacher’ afternoon has been organised for next Wednesday 25th February at 3:15pm, with a sausage sizzle at 4:15pm. The purpose of the meeting is to provide information to parents and carers about whole school organisation and Stage and Grade organisation.

Our Year 6 students are participating in their High School transition program with Auburn Girls High School and Granville Boys High School. On Monday 23rd February our Year 6 students will attend High School Open Day and students will have the opportunity to participate in some exciting lessons.

School hours are between 8:55am - 3:00pm. Children need to be collected from school at 3:00pm daily. It is not a requirement of the school to provide child minding services. We understand that on occasions due to traffic and other situations that parents may be running late. If this is the case we ask that you please contact the school and let us know. This week several students have been waiting for parents to collect them up until 5:00pm. Department Policy requires us to contact the police and the Child well-being Unit. Please adhere to the school times.

Monday Assembly Each Monday morning (weather permitting) our school gathers as a whole school community to welcome the week and prepare for our teaching and learning. First we have the students and teachers line up in their classes to sing the National Anthem and then listen to weekly events. We ask that all parents that are standing in the school grounds join us to sing the Anthem and listen to the announcements. Please do not speak and stand at the back or to the side of where the classes are standing. Your support in this will assist us with beginning the week of learning in a respectful and safe learning environment.

School Uniform standards need to be maintained across the school. If your child is not dressed in full school uniform we ask that a note be sent to school to explain the reason.

Attendance Regular attendance at school is essential if students are to maximise their potential. Schools, in partnership with parents, are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students. While parents are legally responsible for the regular attendance of their children, school staff, as a part of their duty of care, monitor part or whole day absences.

Parents are responsible for:
- ensuring that their children attend school regularly
- explaining the absences of their children from school promptly to the school

School staff are responsible for supporting the regular attendance of students by:
- maintaining accurate records of student attendance
- implementing programs and practices to address attendance issues when they arise
- providing clear information to students and parents regarding attendance requirements and the consequences of unsatisfactory attendance.

Please ensure that your child(ren) arrive at school between 8:30-8:55am each morning. A late note is required after the music stops. Arriving late may negatively impact the development and achievement of your child(ren). Again, I thank you for the continued support with attendance.

NO CHILD should be at school before 8:30am.

Erika Kardasis
Rel. Principal
Several parents participated in our first Parent Working Bee for 2015 last Friday. Thank you for all your help.

On Friday’s primary students participate in a variety of sporting activities.

First school assembly for 2015

Competitors at the School Swimming
The School Swimming Scheme is an intensive learn to swim program, which develops water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety and survival. The Scheme is conducted over nine days. Each daily lesson is 45 minutes. Instruction will take place at Granville Pool.

The Scheme focuses on weak swimmers in Year 2 and 3 but provides for weak swimmers in Years 4 to 6 as well as students with special needs such as new arrivals in Australia and students with disabilities.

The Scheme will continue daily for two weeks in Term 1, Weeks 10 and 11, from Monday 23 March to Thursday 2 April 2015. There will be no charge for instruction; however, students will need to pay for entry at the swimming centre. The total cost for the nine day scheme is $36.00.

Please note that numbers are limited to 60 students per group and there will be 3 groups attending. Students must return this permission note and make payments to reserve a place.

To confirm your interest in your child participating in this program, please complete the permission slip and return it along with payment, to the money box.

School Swimming Scheme

Meet the Teachers

Wednesday 25 February 2015

Infants - 3:15 – 3:45 p.m.
Primary - 3:45-4:15 p.m.
Sausage sizzle from 4:15-5:00 p.m.

The purpose of this is to give parents and carers the opportunity to find out about school organisation for the year and to meet class and specialist teachers. The meeting will be held in classrooms.

Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten) – Kindergarten rooms
Stage 1 (Year 1) – 1P
Stage 1 (Year 2) – 2H
Stage 2 (Years 3/4) – 3/4C
Stage 3 (Year3 5/6) – 5/6A
Special Education Unit – K-6G

Please note that this meeting is not intended to be a forum for discussing specific students or their needs. Parent and Teacher interviews will be held for this purpose at the end of this term. Further information about parent and teacher interviews will be sent home in a separate note closer to the time.

A note advising of stationery needs, homework, library arrangements and Stage specific information will be sent home the day following the Meet the Teacher afternoon.

We look forward to seeing you at these meeting.

Did you know???
Granville P S has an 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.

School Canteen

Please ensure that all student lunch orders are submitted to the canteen each day before 8.55am. Lunch orders will not be accepted after this time.
Dear Muslim Parents and Caregivers,

All children in NSW Public Schools are entitled to a session of religious education every week. However, unfortunately not all Muslim children at Granville Public School are receiving scripture due to a shortage of Muslim scripture teachers.

Are you interested in filling this position? Scripture lessons are held every **Wednesday 2pm till 3pm**. 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!!

Please feel free to contact us on 9708 0880 (Mon - Fri 9:00am-3:00pm), or email info@isre.org.au for further details or interest.

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**SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP HOURS**

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

Visit the Uniform Shop now to purchase uniforms for 2015, while stocks last.