Dear Parents, students and Community members,

Part of a high-quality education is learning how to present yourself to the world, and that's what a school uniform is all about,” says Former Australian Prime Minister, Julia Gillard.

Should students at Granville Public School be required to wear uniforms?

Ask people in our community, teachers, parents, students, shop owners, even myself and the answers may vary. Everyone in our Granville School Community has expressed different views over this issue.

Madeleine Borrey has stated;

For some people, a uniform is a symbol of unity and wearing one will bring about teamwork and a sense of solidarity in the academe. For others, it impresses the idea that students are not allowed the freedom to express and should conform to the strict rules set by the institution.

This being said, the Granville School Community has developed a student’s dress code and it stipulates what colours and styles the uniform is to be made of and, that every student will wear this, daily.

Like the dress code for the teaching staff, which our teachers adhere to, the dress code or policy for students has to be adhered to; though I know that this may cause arguments at home prior to leaving for school. The student uniform for all students at Granville Public School is available from The P&C Uniform Shop, and I request all parents to ensure that their children are dressed accordingly. If you are unable to acquire the uniforms for your children due to hardship please make an appointment to see me.

Young Australians are therefore placed at the centre of the Melbourne Declaration on Educational Goals.

Goal 1: Australian schooling promotes equity and excellence

Goal 2: All young Australians become:
– successful learners
– confident and creative individuals
– active and informed citizens

Achieving these educational goals has seen a shift in how schools develop their strategic management plans for the three year period 2015-2017. As such Granville Public School sort input from all aspects of the school community, resulting in a management plan that has three strategic goals to be developed and reached over this period; these are:

Our strategic plan is now available on the school website; http://www.granville-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/.

I would appreciate constructive feedback on our strategic plan, please feel free to contact me if you have any.

I would like to thank all of the staff for their continued support of our school in this time of unprecedented change, as it is this support that will enable me to guide us through the myriad of changes yet to come our way.

Gregory Grinham
Principal
Australia Early Development Census (AEDC)

Between May and July this year, our school will be taking part in the Australian Early Development Census (AEDC), which is the nationwide census of early childhood development and helps our school and community understand how children are developing before they start school, what is being done well, and what can be improved. The AEDC is an Australian Government initiative run by the Department of Education and training.

Children do not need to do anything to be included in the census and will attend class as usual. During the census, teachers record information (including children’s names and dates of birth) based on the knowledge and observations of each child in their class. For your information, the questions to be used by the AEDC in the upcoming collection are available at [www.aedc.gov.au/instrument](http://www.aedc.gov.au/instrument).

Once all schools participating in the AEDC have provided their information, and the AEDC is completed, some of the data collected is compiled and made available publicly as de-identified data, i.e. data that does not include any children’s names, ages, addresses or schools.

This data can be very useful for a wide variety of policy, analysis, and statistical and research purposes, so it is provided to a number of bodies, including government and non-government education departments and organisations, independent school systems and researchers. Some of these organisations may also link AEDC data with information from other organisations (such as health departments) to improve programmes and policies for young children. When the data is linked with other data, extreme care is taken to ensure individual children cannot be identified.

As so much can be learned about children’s development through the AEDC, the privacy of children participating in it is of paramount importance. To ensure that all of the information collected is handled properly, the AEDC is managed in accordance with the Australian Privacy Principles (APPs). The APPs regulate the collection, use, disclosure and storage of personal information by Australian government agencies, and some private sector organisations, and is part of the Privacy Act 1998 (Cth). APPs also form part of applicable state and territory privacy legislations and policies.

The system used by the AEDC to collect and collate the information is a secure site and children’s information is kept secure at all times. Your child’s data will not be used for any other purpose than described in this letter and the Privacy Statement contained on the AEDC website at [www.aedc.gov.au/privacy](http://www.aedc.gov.au/privacy). You can see how the data was collected and presented in 2009 and 2012 by visiting [www.aedc.gov.au/data](http://www.aedc.gov.au/data). Data from 2015 will be presented in a similar way.

This year’s AEDC is a great opportunity for everyone including parents, local communities, schools and other agencies to work together to bring long-lasting benefits to children and their families. If you would like more information about the AEDC, please refer to the frequently asked questions section on the AEDC website at [www.aedc.gov.au](http://www.aedc.gov.au), or phone 1800 092 548.

The AEDC is voluntary and is not a school test, so should you wish you’re your child’s or children’s information to be excluded from the census, please contact me.

Gregory Grinham
Principal
P&C NEWS

Last Friday the P&C held their annual AGM. I would like to congratulate the following people on the appointment of their positions.

President : Lamya Bates-Brownsword  
Vice Presidents : Najah Choghari & Allison Harris  
Secretary : Mary Ayoub  
Treasurer : Belinda Briffa

Last Thursday, 7 May, we held our Mother's Day stall. A big thank you to all our parent helpers, too many to name. We also cannot thank our wonderful student leaders enough for their help. We raised $762.12.

The Uniform Shop is currently out of stock of some of our winter jackets, jumpers & long sleeved shirts. They have been ordered weeks ago, however they is a problem with the supplier and at the moment we have no dates of when we might be receiving our order. Please be patient as it is out of our control.

Next P&C meeting is Friday 12th June.

SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP HOURS
Tuesday and Thursday  2:30-3:15pm  
Friday  9:00-9:30am

Allison Harris  
P&C Vice President

STAGE 3 WRITING GROUPS

MAJOR QUAKE CLAIMS THOUSANDS OF LIVES

Reporter: Mase Swalah Mcdahrou  
Reporter: John Ayoub

Nepalese people have been badly affected by an earthquake. There are ancient buildings that have crashed down. A tower was destroyed, which means no more tourists. Scientist have measured the magnitude of the earthquake at 7.8.

A survivor said, "When I saw the ground shaking I got my family out of the house and we dashed to the park so we were out of sight from tumbling buildings."

If you want to know more, go to our website for updates. Daily news update.com.au.

40 students, aged 8 years and over have qualified to represent Granville Public School at the

ZONE CROSS COUNTRY
to be held at Webbs Avenue, Auburn on

WEDNESDAY 20 MAY
COST: $8.00
Please complete a permission slip and return it with the correct money in an envelope to the school money box by Tuesday 19 May.

GOOD LUCK TO ALL THESE STUDENTS

2015 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 28 July
Mathematics – Tuesday 11 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 29 May.

Did you know???  Granville P S has an app!

You can - access events, newsletters and notifications, send through absence notes for your child or change your contact details with the school. Available at no cost from your app store for smart phone or tablet.
After the Cross Country was postponed twice, we finally held it on a beautiful clear blue sky day.

A big Thank You to Mrs Pincham and her husband for helping to construct the new Support Unit shed. We could not have done it without you.
**SURVEY TO ESTABLISH THE NEED FOR OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE**

(Please amend this survey to suit the particular needs of your proposed service)

**Dear Parents,**

A working party has been established to determine if there is a need for Outside School Hours Care at:

Granville Public School (for 2016)

If you think that your family would use the outside school hours care service on a casual, part-time or permanent basis, we would appreciate it if you could take a few minutes to complete the following survey and return it to the school office by:

**Friday 29 May 2015**

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G. If you have a child with special needs that would use the service, please provide brief details of the child’s need.

You may attach this information separately if you wish.

H. We anticipate that a committee of parents will manage the service. Would you be interested in helping to establish and manage the centre? If yes, please provide your name and contact details:

Name: ____________________________________________________________

Telephone/Mobile: _________________________________________________

Best day/time to contact you: _______________________________________

I. Are there any suggestions or specific questions you have relating to the proposed service? If yes, please list them below, along with your contact details, so that we can discuss them with you:

Thank you for your time in completing this Survey.

We will stay in touch and let you know the outcomes of the Survey and whether or not the proposed Outside School Hours Care service will become a reality. If you have any questions, please contact:

Name: ____________________________________________________________

Telephone: _______________________________________________________

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