A huge welcome back to all our continuing students and of course an even bigger welcome to those new students who have started with us this year; and especially to our 91 Kindergarten and 40 Preschool students who started this week!

Each new school year brings to us new challenges and also those that challenge us on a yearly basis. At the beginning of each year we are confronted with the challenge of numbers; that is will we have enough students to form the classes that we had planned for some 3 months back? Or, will there be more students so that we have to form additional classes and where, or where will we house them? To assist us with this recurring challenge the school is asked to provide the number of students which have commenced school on the third Wednesday of term one each year; this being Wednesday 10 February for 2016. Taking this into account, classes will be finalised and set by the end of week 3, Friday 12 February. Following this the Assistant Principals and their teams will be sending information home to parents in regards to happenings within their Stage.

Assistant Principals:
- Miss A. Luongo  
  Early Stage One (Kindergarten)
- Mr I. Milligan  
  Stage One (Years One & Two)
- Mrs M. Stanger  
  Stage Two (Years Three & Four)
- Ms L. Butters  
  Stage Three (Years Five & Six)
- Mrs R. Fitzgerald & Mrs N. Darwish  
  Special Education Unit

I would like to take the opportunity to welcome all parents to Granville Public School and to encourage them to become actively engaged in their children’s education; whether this is as a member of our P&C, assisting with excursion and field trips or assisting in the classroom.

We recognize that in order to be successful in school, our children need support from both the home and school. We know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child’s education. As partners, we share the responsibility for our children’s success and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities. We ask that you guide and support your child’s learning by ensuring that he/she:

1) Attends school daily and arrives on time, ready for the day’s learning experience
2) Completes all homework assignments given by teachers
3) Reads daily to develop a love for reading and to improve literacy skills
4) Shares school experiences with you so that you are aware of his/her school life
5) Informs you if he/she needs additional support in any area or subject

To assist the school in running the Parent Programmes on Fridays we have appointed Ms Liza Moscatelli as our School and Community Liaison Officer. Liza will be working every Friday and has already commenced planning events for the year.

If you have any questions about the rules and expectations, please feel free to contact me or to discuss them with your child’s teacher. It is very important that you and your child are fully informed regarding standards related to appropriate behaviour for a safe and productive school year.

The wonderful Granville Public Staff and I feel privileged to be a part of this school family. We thank you for your support and look forward to meeting you.

Gregory Grinham
Principal
REMINDERS TO PARENTS

ARRIVING LATE TO SCHOOL - Parents are reminded to accompany students into the office and supply an explanation when students are arriving late to school. Absent Notes are required by law for all absences from school.

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.

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 uniforms.

BIRTHDAYS - If your child wishes to celebrate their birthday with a cake in the classroom please speak to your child’s 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.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS inside the school must complete a Working With Children check at the following website


Please bring Working With Children (WWC) number into the office to be verified by the school.

This is in line with the Department’s guide lines.

2016 VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS

$40 per year for the first child
and
$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.

Did you know???

Granville Public School 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

WANT TO PLAY SOCCER!!!

2016 Season
April to August

Under 6’s to under 18’s take place on Saturday mornings. Teenage girls play on SATURDAY mornings.
All age O/35 & Premier League matches are on Saturday afternoons.
To register with Guildford McCredie Uniting Soccer Club come to Granville Park
Cnr Woodville Rd & Claremont St, Merrylands
On Sat 6th Feb or Sat 13th Feb 2016
9am to 11am
OR
Register on line at http://www.mccredie.org.au/soccer
For further details call 9682 7779

FEES

U6—U7 $80
U8 $90
U9—U16 $150
Ladies $240

All Age Men & over 35 $250

Full Payment is required with registration
(also copy of birth certificate is a new player to our Club.)
Welcome back to school

The Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations of New South Wales (P&C Federation) is committed to a public education system that provides for all students equally. The Government has prime responsibility to provide an education system open to all, which is free and secular.

Today is the first day of another school year. A new group of students is entering their first step on the great adventure of education. We wish students, parents and teachers a happy and successful year.

Our students are capable of great things, and we encourage parents to work cooperatively with their child’s teacher and school to make the most of the opportunity public education can provide.

‘It is unfortunate that this special time of year is being marred by the decision of the Federal Government to break its promise to properly fund education in Australia. The Gonski reforms were independently recommended and supported by all major political parties at the last Federal Election, yet new Federal Education Minister Simon Birmingham has just walked away from the promises made to the electorate, and to the students of Australia’. Jason Vials, President of P&C Federation commented.

‘Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull talks about the need for an agile and innovative workforce, and the importance of students excelling in Science and Maths, but refuses to provide the funding our education system needs to achieve those outcomes’. Mr Vials continued.

Education funding is not a cost – it is an investment in the future of our country and its citizens. We need a Federal Government genuinely committed to a bright future for our country and its people.

The initial implementation of the Gonski reforms have been enthusiastically embraced in NSW by the State Government, by Principals, Teachers and Parents. We have seen the difference the extra funding is already making to our schools and student outcomes.

We call on the Federal Government to honour its promises, and join all of the stakeholders in our education system to ensure a bright future for the students of Australia.

Sydney, NSW, 27 January 2016

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