Welcome to another newsletter, and it seems that the year is getting away from us, though we still have a firm grip of the reins!

As you are aware, we have undergone a restructure; this coming about by the number of enrolments in Kindergarten and fewer than expected in Years 3 to 6. Our mainstream student number 508, which is 5 Kindergarten students short of maintaining our 21st class; however after discussing this with my Director of Public Education it was, decided that the school would maintain 21 classes in our mainstream, as the school has enough funds in reserve to undertake this. This will be of benefit to all our students and that we are more than likely to have these enrolments before the end of first term.

I have had Moduplay, fixed play Equipment Company, to design and quote on additional equipment for our children. The 3 playground constructions will cost approximately $145,000 and I will be seeking funding, for these to be constructed, through both our local State and Federal Parliament Members; the weekend language schools; our P&C; Parramatta and Holroyd City Councils; as well as schools funds.

A reminder of events and/or happenings over the next couple of weeks:

Week 5
* Monday morning Flag Raising Assembly commences
* Scripture Classes commence

Week 6
* Meet the Teacher Evenings
* Tuesday morning first School Assemblies for 2016

Gregory Grinham
Principal
As we enter the second year of Granville PS inclusion in the Early Action for Success – Numeracy strategy, I would like to extend a warm welcome to Mrs Mansour and Miss Lagana who will be joining the EAfS team in 2016. Mrs Mansour and Miss Lagana will be working with myself and the K-2 teachers in the classrooms and in small groups to identify the needs of each student and monitor their progress in Numeracy.

In addition to in-class support and small groups, the EAfS team have many great learning experiences and programs planned for 2016 such as 21st Century Numeracy groups with Year 2 students and open Numeracy sessions in classrooms for parents to see Numeracy in action. We will continue to keep you informed and updated on the learning experiences and program through the school newsletters and EAfS notice board in the office building opposite the staffroom.

We will be running a number of parent information sessions and workshops throughout the year to provide information and ideas to help parents support their child’s numeracy knowledge and skills at home. The first session will take place on Friday 4 March (Week 6). Please check the EAfS notice board and the next newsletter for more details of the parent information session in week 6.

I look forward to the opportunity to work with the K-2 students, classroom teachers, Mrs Mansour, Miss Lagana and K-2 parents as we continue the great success of the EAfS strategy that was achieved through the support and fabulous work of Mrs Smith and Mrs Canepa in 2015.

Mrs Douglas
Numeracy Instructional Leader
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.

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.

UNIFORM SHOP

Tuesday 2.30 - 3.15pm
and
Thursday 9.00 - 9.30am

Hats and Caps are now $12

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE INSTALLATION OF ‘5 MINUTE’ PARKING RESTRICTION

The existing ‘NO PARKING 8:00am-9:30am 2:30pm-4:00pm School Days’ restriction outside Granville Public School in Lena Street will be replaced with ‘P5 Minute 8:00am-9:30am 2:30-4:00pm School Days’
MILO T20 Blast gives girls and boys the opportunity to play fun games of cricket in an active and social setting.

- The kids are age 7-12
- The kids use basic cricket skills
- All games last up to 30 minutes
- Run and catch excitement
- All gear is supplied, including a soft ball
- Directed by experienced coaches
- 2 games per day

**WONDERING WHAT SCHOOLS FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES CAN PROVIDE FOR YOUR CHILD?**

Come to one of our Information Sessions.

**Holroyd School**
Tuesday 3rd May, 2016 – 9:30am to 11:00am
Willara Avenue, MERRYLANDS
Further information: Sandy Morin - Learning & Wellbeing Officer: 9208 7014

**Kurrambee School**
Tuesday 15th March 2016 – 8:45am to 11:15am
Werrington Road, WERRINGTON
Further information: Sandra Black - Learning & Wellbeing Officer: 9208 7013

**Tallowood School**
Wednesday 6th April, 2016 – 8:30am to 11:00am
44-68 Reachers Drive, KELLYVILLE
Further information: Kay Micallef - Learning & Wellbeing Officer: 9208 7053

**William Rose School**
Tuesday 17th May, 2016 – 8:45am to 11:15am
1 Morris Street, SEVEN HILLS
Further information: In Milburn - Learning & Wellbeing Officer: 9208 7642