Thank you to all the parents who attended our first whole school assembly this week and witnessed the induction and badge presentation to our student leadership group.

School Captains

To assist our leaders develop their leadership skills they will be participating in programmes within and outside of school; this is an example of our strategic goals of everyone being a life-long learner and developing quality leadership within our school and community.

I would like to thank all parents for attending our ‘Meet the Teacher Sessions’ on Wednesday 2 March; and trust that you found these session both valuable and informative. This was also the first of our social gatherings with our parents and community with the staff providing a sausage sizzle for parents, students and community members.

I would like to invite all Year Six Parents to a meeting regarding their children going onto High School Tuesday 8 March 2016 at 4:30PM in the school hall; regardless of whether your child will be attending a Government or non-Government High School in 2017 must complete the Expression of Interest Form.  The package entitled “Moving into Year 7” will be handed to parents at the commencement of the meeting. I look forward to meeting all Year Six parents next Tuesday.

It has been confirmed that Granville Public School will have an Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) Centre as of next term; this will be both before and after school. Further information will be sent home once it becomes available to me. In conjunction with this I am proposing the formation of a before and after school Homework Club to be run in conjunction with the OSHC; this too will commence in term two.

I am trying to attend PSSA Inter-school

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WORKING WITH CHILDREN

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.

PARENTS NEEDED FOR 15-MINUTE SURVEY

Parents are invited to complete an anonymous, 15-minute online survey to explore their thoughts and feelings about childhood behaviours. We are interested in learning how parents from different cultures interpret childhood behaviours and how they respond to them.

All participants will go in a draw to win a $50 Westfield gift voucher.

Eligibility Criteria:
- Caucasian or Asian ethnicity
- Have a child between the ages of 7-13

To complete the survey, please go to:
https://utshealth.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_0T9hILz0VeUl4gd

If you have any queries, please contact Sarah-Anne Nguyen:
Sarah-Anne.H.Nguyen@student.uts.edu.au

From the Principal’s desk……….

competitions each Friday, time permitting. I was lucky enough to get along to our T-Ball and Softball Teams on the first Friday of the completion and was extremely happy with the parent support for our teams; this shows that we are developing an inclusive school as stated in our current Strategic Management Plan.

As I work my way around to support our students at PSSA Inter-School Competitions, on Friday mornings, I am hoping to meet many parents and listening to your voices in an informal environment.

To finish for this week I would like to restate our strategic goals for the tri-annual period of 2015-2017; these being:
• Stake-holders will be lifelong learners who think critically;
• Quality leadership ensures quality teachers who will innovate and differentiate to inspire learners; and
• Our school community will be inclusive, informed and engaged.

Gregory Grinham
Principal

Congratulations to our competitors at the Zone Swimming Carnival on Tuesday 1 March 2016.

Congratulations to the Granville Public School Student Leaders.
21st Century Learning Groups with Year 2.

The students and teachers in 2A, 2G and 2W along with Mrs Douglas, Mrs Mansour and Miss Lagana have started to build on Year 2 students’ 21st Century learning skills during numeracy groups. 21st century skills are essential for our children to be successful in today’s world and in the future workforce. These skills include the 4 C’s –

Critical thinking and problem solving
Communication
Collaboration
Creativity and innovation.

During our 21st Century numeracy groups, students undertake challenging tasks and learning experiences with teacher guidance. They use different materials and strategies to solve challenging problems. They are encouraged to work with other students and to talk about the strategies they trialled when working on the tasks.

Our Year 2 teachers have said they are “loving seeing our students willing to attempt the challenges and not be afraid to have a go” and how “wonderful to see how excited our students are about new numeracy learning and mathematical challenges”.

Early Action for Success Numeracy - Parent Sessions

Thursday 3 March at 2:30pm

Kindergarten and New Infant (K-2) Parents are invited to come along to an information session to learn about the Early Action for Success Numeracy strategy at Granville Public School. This includes information about how students are supported in Numeracy at school.

Please meet in the KP classroom.

Friday 4 March at 9:15am

All Infant (K-2) Parents are invited to attend a fun and interactive parent session to learn about ways they can support childrens’ numeracy in the home environment.

Please meet in the school hall.

Mrs Douglas and the EAfS Numeracy Team look forward to working with you in 2016.
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.