Principal's Message

What an exciting start to 2015 with more local area enrolments and a brand new Kindergarten cohort. With around 280 students and growing Granville South PS continues to be a family sized caring community based school where every member of staff knows a little bit about every family.

Welcome to experienced Assistant Principal Mrs Lee Sibir who has been successful in a full merit promotion position and joins our school. Thankyou Lee for showing so much faith in our wonderful team that you have also decided to enrol your own two kids at our great school. Now that is a big endorsement!

Thanks so much to the P&C and staff for your combined effort, mutual support and collaboration on launching 2015 off to such a great start. Our kids are really excited about key programs this year including more 21st Century learning opportunities in the 3-6 Primary school and a huge focus on lifting infants reading and literacy data and programs K-2. GSPS is a reading school where all staff place huge value on supporting kids to read a wide range of interesting and challenging texts. 2015 will also see Mrs Sibir and her team embark on anti-bullying programs and a re-launch of Positive Behaviour for Learning. Numeracy plans this year will target increased student performance in year 3 and 5 Maths with our in house Mathematicians and Numeracy expert Mrs Douglas. I am personally working on a larger and more significant input [with Mr Bunting and Mr Becroft] from our dads, uncles, big brothers and grandpa’s as we start to consider gardening, school beautification and working bee options including putting the date: SATURDAY 21st March onto your calendar for a whole school working bee and BBQ lunch.

Reminders

3pm Supervision is a parent responsibility:

Thanks so much to the P&C for endorsing the school to focus on our kids who are left at school and not picked up promptly at 3pm every day. Supervision after 3pm is a parent and caregiver responsibility and I am pleased to report that we have significantly improved the unfortunate occurrence of students being left at school by parents after 3pm. The staff of the school would like to work in a spirit of cooperation and care with all parents to make sure that every child is safely on their way home at 3pm every school day.

Road Safety:

Please have a really important chat at home with your child about the absolute necessity to cross Woodville Road at the lights EVERY SINGLE TIME – at the lights please kids. Crossing any busy road can be really dangerous. By crossing only on a green walk signal you will arrive home safely.

No Hat - Play in the Shade:

The prevention of serious skin cancers is a school priority and protecting our kids from the damaging effects of the sun means that we are moving towards a no hat – no play policy. The sale of hats for $9 at the school office is a positive and growing trend. School hats with your name in permanent marker inside the hat is the very best protection against skin cancer which develops from an early age.

On Time - In Line - 5 to 9.

Our 8:55am starting bell and morning assembly is a very important routine to begin every school day. All of the educational data shows that kids who regularly arrive at school late miss out on important learning time and student results can suffer. Please work with your child on morning routines and with the school and P&C’s full support we can reduce to NIL the number of children arriving late to school.

Car Park Access:

The two staff car parks are a no access area for students and parents. The school would like to work with all of our students and parents on this important issue. This is a safety issue because staff and delivery vehicles take priority at these gates and pedestrian gates in and out of the school are the ONLY safe and secure option for students and parents who are entering and leaving the school.
Calendar

Week 2

Friday, 6th February
- PSSA Trials
- Softball (Yr 5/6)
- T-Ball (Yr 3/4)

Week 3

Thursday, 12th February
- Swimming Carnival

Week 4

Wednesday, 18th February
- Meet and Greet – Parent Information afternoon
- Scripture starts
- Farsi Lessons start

2015 Staffing Update and Class Structure

At the end of last year a great deal of time and thought was put into the formation of classes. The classes are 95% finalised. As the numbers appear reasonably stable we are confident that there will not be many changes to our classes.

Our dedicated staff at GSPS in 2015 include:

Principal: Mr Hawkins

Assistant Principals:
- Mrs Douglas (Years 3 & 4)
- Numeracy Coach
- Mrs Zeremes (Years 1 & 2)
- Literacy Coach
- Mrs Sibir (Years 5 & 6)
- Positive Behaviour/Student & Family Welfare

K Lime:
- Mrs Abunucerah (Mon to Wed)
- Mrs Ozuk (Thurs & Fri)

K Magenta:
- Mrs Brown (Mon to Thurs)
- Relieving Assistant Principal (Thur)
- Kindy Co-ordinator
- Miss Newton (Fri)

1/2 Coral:
- Mrs Pollack

1/2 Scarlet:
- Miss Torrance

1/2 Papaya:
- Mr Becroft

1/2 Turquoise:
- Miss El-Dorgham

3/4 Copper:
- Mrs Rogers (Mon & Tues)

SLSO:
- Mrs Truong (Wed to Fri)
- Mrs Hassani

3/4 Indigo:
- Mrs Downie
- Relieving Assistant Principal (Fri)
- Mrs Souaid

3/4 Violet:
- Mrs Kearney
- Mrs Thompson

5/6 Gold:
- Mr Bunting
- Miss Younes

5/6 Mint:
- Miss Gmaez
- Mrs Petris

Support Staff
- RFF: Ms Ramlawie
- Library: Mrs Stayte
- Learning and Support: Miss Martins
- English as a Second Language: Miss Newton
- Arabic as a Second Language: Mrs Ibrahim
- Reading Recovery: Mrs Taktlikos
- School Counsellor: Miss Lau (Tues)

Office Staff:
- Mrs De-Rome
- Mrs Hage-ali (Wed-Fri)
- Mrs Hals (Mon & Tues)

We wish Miss Smith all the best of luck on her new journey into motherhood and look forward to hearing the news of the arrival of her baby in the coming weeks.

We also wish Mr Gawthorne all the best as he takes on his new role as an Assistant Principal at Widemere PS. Mr Gawthorne will be coming by Granville South P.S in the next few weeks to officially say farewell.

P & C NEWS & School Canteen

The annual general meeting for this year’s P & C will be held on Wednesday, 18th February. During this meeting elections will be held for the Presidents, Vice-president, treasurer and secretary. If you would like to nominate a candidate to fill one of the positions, please fill out the nomination form attached to this newsletter. Nominations forms are due by Friday, 13th February and need to be handed in to the office.

The canteen will re-open on Monday the 16th of February (Week 4). We are currently seeking volunteers to work in the canteen. Please see our canteen manager Mrs Azeza Mohamed in the canteen or come along to the P & C annual general meeting.
Student Leaders

Congratulations to Abby Hamdan, Melika Azimi, Arif Azimi and Omar Jamal-Eddine who were successfully elected as our 2015 school leaders. We all know that these four students will be wonderful ambassadors for Granville South Public School.

School Captain: Abby Hamdan
Vice Captain: Melika Azimi
Prefects: Omar Jamal-Eddine, Arif Azimi

School Contributions

The annual Voluntary School Contribution has been set at the low level of $25 for one child, $45 for two children, $60 for three children and a maximum of $75 for four or more children. These contributions are needed to pay for school resources for use by your children over the school year.

Thank you to all the parents who have already made these payments, your prompt response to this has been noted. We have kept the contribution as low as possible in the hope that as many parents as possible will be able to make the payment. If everyone contributes it will make a significant difference to what we will be able to provide for your child at school and enrich educational programs. If you have misplaced the contribution note, please contact the front office to obtain a replacement note.

Library News

Welcome back to all students and their families. A lot will be happening in the library this year, so hopefully it will be an exciting and fun time.

Library days:

Monday - 1/2 Coral
           1/2 Turquoise
           3/4 Copper

Tuesday - 1/2 Papaya
           1/2 Scarlet
           3/4 Violet
           5/6 Gold
           5/6 Mint

Wednesday - K Lime
            K Magenta
            3/4 Indigo

It would be appreciated if you could remind your child to bring their library bag each week to enable them to borrow books from the library. This helps to protect the books from the weather, food and from getting lost.

There are library bags for sale at $3 from the library. Unfortunately I will no longer be handing out plastic bags to the students due to conservation issues.

The students are allowed to keep the borrowed books for ONE week only and must be returned in the same condition. If for some reason the book is damaged or lost please encourage your child to see me regarding this matter. All damaged or lost books must be paid for in order for your child to continue to borrow from the school library. As you can appreciate, books are quite expensive to replace. I appreciate your assistance in this matter.

Book Club

The first issue of Scholastic Book Club has been distributed to all classes. There are options to pay for your order online or return your order with cash or cheque to the school. If paying with cash, I would appreciate it if you could please include the correct amount as it is difficult for me to provide change.

All Book Club orders must be returned to school by Tuesday 10th February.

Points earned from all Book Club orders go into buying new books for the library and classrooms.

Thank you,
Mrs. Stayte

Crunch & Sip

Please supply fruit or vegetables for your child for Crunch & Sip break at school. Classes enjoy this break around 10am daily and teachers find it helps students with their ability to stay focused.

Cool Kids Crunch & Sip*
Don’t forget the bottle of water and fruit or vegetables for Crunch & Sip* everyday!
A Great Start to 2015

It was wonderful to see so many parents, grandparents and family members at our morning assemblies to wish our new 2015 kindergarten students the best of luck for a fun, challenging and exciting first term at Granville South.

A special thank you to our fabulous kindergarten teachers, Mrs Brown, Miss Newton, Mrs Oztuk and Mrs Abunuceruh and our support teachers Miss Martins, Mrs Stayte and Mrs Ibrahim for an excellent start!

Food Allergies

We wish to inform you that there are students in this school who have a severe food allergy to peanuts/nuts. It is important that there is a strict avoidance to this food in order to prevent a life-threatening allergic reaction. We are asking your help to provide the student with a safe school environment.

Any exposure to peanuts/nuts may cause a life-threatening allergic reaction that requires emergency medical treatment. To reduce the chance of this occurring, we are asking that you do not send any peanut or nut containing products to school with your child such as Peanut Butter or Nutella sandwiches or chocolate bars which contain nuts. If your child has eaten peanuts/nuts before coming to school, please be sure your child’s hands and face have been thoroughly washed before entering the school.
P&C Executive Officer Nomination Form

Granville South Public School P&C Association

I wish to nominate ________________________________ as a candidate for the position of:

Candidate’s name

☐ President
☐ Treasurer
☐ Secretary
☐ Vice-President

☐ ___________________________________________ Additional Officer/s as determined by the Association
(additional Officers are not considered part of the P&C Executive Committee)

Candidate

I accept the nomination for the position of ________________________________

Name: ____________________________ Signature: ____________________________

Moved by:

Name: ____________________________ Signature: ____________________________

Seconded by:

Name: ____________________________ Signature: ____________________________

Notes:
- The candidate, nominator and seconder must be members of the Association.
- Candidates may nominate themselves.
- “Moved by” and “Seconded by” may be completed before, or at the meeting.

P&C Secretary’s use only

Successfully elected:
☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Membership forms received

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