Principal's Message

I would like to start this newsletter by congratulating the entire school for lifting the standard of school dress code. This is about our students, parents and teachers working together to reach an agreed outcome. What we want to achieve is that great feeling of enormous school pride that comes with having a consistently high and consistent standard of 100% uniform compliance.

Congratulations P&C Executive and SRC

It is my great pleasure to congratulate all members of the newly elected executive. I look forward to another productive year working with you. Congratulations to all elected members of the school SRC and thank so much to Mrs.Rodgers and Mrs.Kearny for your outstanding organisation of SRC morning tea and movie production. Blazers (high quality school jackets) for our 4 school leaders have been a stunning success with many thanks to Mrs.Douglas for purchasing and organising this new symbolic gesture which will remain a feature of the school leadership role for many years into our future.

Farewell Mrs. Douglas

Farewell for now to our outstanding Assistant Principal Mrs. Douglas who starts in her promotional Deputy Principal Position at Granville Public school. This two year secondment has a right of return to us at GSPS so we are lucky that Mrs. Douglas is staying in the neighbourhood. We will really miss you and we wish you all the best of luck in your exciting new position.

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. The school and P&C have reached a consensus that either the school bucket hat or baseball cap both of which are suitable for either boys or girls are the only hat and a school hat which adds to school pride.

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.

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.

We Love books

As noted in our previous newsletter our kids are really excited about key programs 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 at school and as a part of our K-2 home reading scheme.
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.

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.

Finally please put the date SATURDAY 21st March onto your calendar for a whole school working bee and BBQ lunch.

Calendar

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Year 6 – 2016 High School Forms

All students in Year Six have received an Expression of Interest for Placement in Year 7 at a NSW Government Secondary School package. Please fill in the details and return to the school office before Friday 13th March. If you would like any information or assistance about filling in the form, this will be available by speaking with Mrs Sibiri.

Swimming Carnival

Well done to the Granville South swimmers who competed in the zone swimming competition today. They participated in their events with great enthusiasm and should be extremely proud of their efforts. They all swam well.

Library News

It's wonderful to see so many students bring their library bags each week, however there is still room for improvement. Don't forget that if you bring your library bag you will have a chance to go in the draw to win some books.

If you need to buy a bag, we still have them available from the library for $3.

Book Club

All students should have received the second issue of the Scholastic Book Club. All orders and monies need to be handed to me by Monday 9th March. Once again, it would be appreciated if you could have the correct money in each order as it is difficult for me to give change.

Unfortunately there was no-one from GSP who won any Golden Tickets in the last Book Club order. Keep your eyes open for all the competitions that Scholastic run through their Book Club.

Thank you to all the students who have ordered items from Scholastic Book Club. As a result I have been able to purchase some books for the school.

Mrs. Stayte
SRC Parent Morning Tea

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the families of the students in the SRC who took time out of their busy lives to attend the morning tea on Tuesday. It was a lovely opportunity to meet with all the parents and we look forward to an exciting 2015! We thank you in advance for all your support with the SRC and have high hopes for what this talented group of students can do for our school!

Positive Behaviour for Learning

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) is a school wide support system proven to reduce disciplinary incidents, increase a school’s positive environment and improve academic outcomes and social success of all students.

PBL is not a program but a process that supports the school to design, implement, and evaluate effective school-wide, classroom, non-classroom, and individual student discipline strategies. It links with and supports other strategies used to improve learning and behaviour.

PBL is intended to support all students and staff across the school setting and incorporates a team-based process that is designed for systemic problem solving, planning, and evaluation.

At GSPS, our expectations are:

. BE SAFE
. BE RESPECTFUL
. BE A LEARNER

The Music Bus

The Music Bus is a fresh and innovative approach to instrumental music teaching and is accessible, affordable, technology-based, convenient, and high quality. Students who wish to learn an instrument on the school site in a modern, air-conditioned, fully equipped mobile music bus each week for half an hour, could you please speak with Mrs Sibiri to express an interest.

PSSA Results

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Harmony Day Sponsors

Thank you to our community sponsors who have been generous and made significant donations to support our school and assist the P & C in Harmony Day celebrations. It would be great if as a Granville South community, we support our local businesses.

- Adams Supermarket- Excelsior St, Guildford
- 5 Star Butcher (Halal meats)- 327 Guildford Rd, Guildford
- 7 Eleven Guildford
- Deanne Clark- Chiropractor above Dr Hanna’s Surgery- Guildford Rd, Guildford
- The Waffle Lounge- Guildford Rd, Guildford