Principal’s Message

I would like to start this newsletter by congratulating the entire school on a successful ASD Blue Day. Tamara from the Luke Fiddes foundation has worked with P&C leaders Mrs. Chaouk and Mrs. Newman and Mrs. Downie from our school executive staff for the huge benefit of our kids. This is about our students, parents and teachers working together to promote understanding and inclusivity for students who are diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder. What a wonderful day and Thanks so much to all parents and friends who assisted and participated.

I would like to wish all families a safe Easter holiday break.

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 hats are for sale for $9 (cap) and $10 (bucket style) at the school office. 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.

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. GSFS 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.

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Calendar

Week 10

Wednesday, 1st April  
Autism Blue Day

Thursday 2nd April  
Easter Hat Parade
Last Day for Term 1

Friday 3rd April  
Good Friday

Term 2- Week 1

Monday, 20th April  
SDD- Teachers only return

Tuesday 21st April  
Students return for Term 2

Thursday 23rd April  
Cross Country- 11.20am

Friday 24th April  
ANZAC Day Assembly

Week 2

Monday 27th April  
School Day-
No public holiday

Wednesday 29th April  
Choir Rehearsals

Autism Blue day

On Wednesday, our school participated in Autism Awareness Day. Students wore blue and donated a gold coin. The canteen sold blue items to help with the fundraising. All donations will be going towards the Luke Priddis foundation. The event is about raising awareness and supporting and nurturing students, parents and families who are living with ASD children. A special guest attended our school, talking to students, staff and parents.

Please come along at 9am to show your support and learn more about this wonderful foundation.

https://www.autismspeaks.org/what-autism/world-autism-awareness-day

Library News

The Easter holidays are nearly here, which means all library books must be returned to the library. There are only a few days left, so don’t forget to put your library book in your bag and bring it to school if you still have it at home.
Remember to keep reading for the PRC over the holidays. Your local library will have plenty of PRC books to choose from.

Have a safe and happy Easter holiday and I look forward to seeing you all next term. I will be drawing the competition in Week 4.

Mrs. Stayte

Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC)

Keep your eyes out for information on this important challenge. I have yet to distribute to the classroom teachers the relevant information and recording logs for each class.

I would love to see every student at GSPS register for this challenge and have a go at completing it. It is not hard, you can choose a huge variety of books from the list. The Challenge ends 21st August so there is plenty of time to read the required number of books.

K-2 students must read 30 books. All teachers from K-2 will record the PRC books read in class. 3-4 students must read 20 books. 5-6 students must read 20 books.

I will arrange for the reading log sheets to be handed out in Week 8.

Good luck.

Mrs. Stayte

Easter Hat Parade/Guessing Competition

The Easter Hat Parade will be held on 2nd April at 2.15pm. The school will be holding an Easter egg guessing competition and raffle. We would greatly appreciate any chocolate egg donations- all children who donate will get a ticket for the draw. Please give them to class teachers by Wednesday 25th. Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Torrence
Positive Behaviour for Learning

At GSPS, our expectations are:

. **BE SAFE**
. **BE RESPECTFUL**
. **BE A LEARNER**

Behaviour Award System

Granville South has a whole-school, cumulative behaviour ward system. All teachers use this system as part of the positive reinforcement they use in the classroom, playground and during other school related activities.

The Granville South Behaviour Award System is based on school commendations. This year the school staff and parents will be working together to refine the awards process and one that will allow the awards to carry over each year to make the gold medal or similar achievable by every student in their schooling life.

The following students have already received 10 commendation awards this year and their Bronze certificate at Monday’s assembly.

**BRONZE AWARDS
CONGRATULATIONS:**

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PSSA Results

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Stage One Assembly

In week 8 1/2 Scarlet presented at the Stage 1 assembly. They performed a song called the 5Ws. It was all about how stories are made up of 5Ws: Who, What, Where, When, Why.

Congratulations to all the students who received merit certificates for literacy achievement or PBL: I am a safe, respectful learner.

The home reader raffle award went to Hamza Skaf in 1/2 Coral.

Best class was awarded to 1/2 Coral.

Over the holidays please keep up reading with your child. Maybe even visit your local library as a great free holiday activity.
Harmony Day 2014

Granville South Public School showed its true colours on March 18th – orange!
In the lead up to the event students and teachers explored what Harmony Day meant to them and discussed the themes of racism and belonging.
As well as enhancing students’ learning of other cultures, Harmony Day each year also provides opportunities for the students to embrace the many things that make them special and to share those things they have in common.
"The day was about community participation, inclusiveness and respect – a day to reflect on where Australia has come from, recognise the traditional owners of the land and to promote our country as place in which all the people see a place for themselves in the future." – Mr Hawkins.

Congratulations to the following students who received a Harmony Day Friendship Award for being consistently positive and supportive.

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Arabic Community Language

This term Stage 3 students who attend Arabic community language are learning about Australia.

Last week they learned the names and the history of some traditional Australian food. They all showed great interest to participate in sharing and tasting some cultural food for the first time. It was an exciting opportunity for Miss Newton’s group of new arrival students from different backgrounds to join in the feast. Student’s favourites were Pavlova and fairy bread, but Vegemite was definitely not popular.

Year Six Shirts

Thank you to the P & C who purchased shirts for all students in Year 6.