Principal's Message

All parents from K-6 are invited to the morning assembly each morning at 8:55am. This routine is a disciplined start to our school day and an important meeting of students, parents and staff where daily and weekly messages from our school are communicated to our whole school community. The thrill of watching your child receive awards from Mrs Sibir and the teachers through our PBL, Positive Behaviour for Learning system is enormous.

The staff and children are busily preparing for the K-4 Easter Hat parade scheduled for the 24th March. This is a great event each year and a chance to celebrate our cultural diversity. The kids, staff and parents have so much fun during this event.

Mrs Hosari and the new executive of the P&C look forward to another year of continued success with our P&C. The first big event will be the BBQ and Car Wash fundraiser to be held on Wednesday the 16th of March 2016.

The next meeting of the P&C for 2016 is this coming Thursday 10th March 2016 in the Schools As Community Centre room at 9:15am.

Our GTE, Gifted, Talented and Extension focus programs including chess club with specialist Chess coaches and Science club was a huge success in 2015 and will be expanded this year! We welcome Professor Hill to this important program which is expanding in 2016 with additional opportunities for more students to join in and Professor Hill will be working K-6 across the whole school starting in Term 2 2016.

Parents Parking in Highland Street for the 3pm school pickup are once again reminded that double parking, illegal parking and dangerous driving endangers our kids. Please be aware that fines are currently being issued by both Paramatta Council rangers and NSW Police officers in Highland Street in the afternoon from around 2:30pm until 3:15pm.

Parents, families and friends of the school are reminded about the importance of picking up children promptly at the 3pm dismissal. In the interests of the welfare and care of all students this important school rule is fully supported by all staff, students and P&C. Please note that your children will not be supervised by the school or any Department of Education staff after 3pm dismissal.

Please note that Granville South PS is a dog free environment and dogs are excluded from the school at all times. Please note that the canteen can only accept coins from Australia – that is Australian legal tender only so please check that coins which your child brings to school are appropriate. No canteen orders after 9:30am please and students need to be at school promptly at 8:55am every day and ordering lunch before school please and not during morning literacy groups.

Students are politely requested not to bring mobile phones to school please. Special permission for occasional, rare and exceptional phone use by students and the discussion of alternatives to mobile use by students are encouraged, so please see myself as Principal or Deputy Principal Ms Sibir to discuss this important issue.

All students are reminded about the importance of stranger danger. Students are encouraged to never approach a car or any person that they do not know as their family member.

Russell Hawkins,
Principal, Granville South PS.

Looking Ahead

Calendar 2016

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Commonwealth Banking Day  
Wednesday 16th March  
P&C Car Wash/BBQ Day

Week 9

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School Banking

Our school P & C run our school banking program with The Commonwealth Bank Australia. It is collected from classrooms every Tuesday morning. If you would like your child to participate, please go to your nearest Commonwealth Bank to complete a registration form or you can join online. All new student bank books will be posted to you directly.

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.

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 for your help to provide these students 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 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.

Please be aware that although we try very hard to protect our anaphylactic children and staff, we cannot guarantee a completely nut free environment and contact with nuts is a possibility.

Zone Swimming Carnival

Well done to the Granville South swimmers who competed in the zone swimming competition last week. They participated in their events with great enthusiasm and should be extremely proud of their efforts. They all swam well. A special mention to Claudia Wang who gained age champion and to the junior girls relay team who came second. We wish Claudia and the relay team all the best for the upcoming regional carnival. Thank you to Miss Fisk and Mrs Smith for accompanying the children.
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 STAR award system. All teachers use this system as part of the positive reinforcement they use in the classroom, playground and during other school-related activities.

BRONZE & SILVER AWARDS

The K-6 fortnightly assembly will be Wednesday mornings at 9.00am. The 10th February is the first one for 2016. At this assembly class merit awards, shooting Star (Silver) and Super Star (Gold) awards will be presented. Please note: if wet weather the morning assembly will be cancelled.

**K-2 (bronze) Shining Star awards will be handed out at the Friday morning assembly**

**3-6 (bronze) Shining Star awards will be handed out at the Monday morning assembly**

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| 1P | Ishaac Youssef  
Rayanne El Cheikh  
Abdullah Sheif  
Ricky Pokhrel  
Hamza Khan  
Sarah El Fouani |
| 1/2X | Zane Faraj  
Aboud Muniedine  
Sanna Lyons  
Ishaq Ibrahim  
|
| 1/2H | Mutada Jawad  
Feraidon Ali  
Gana Ibrahim  
Faher Houchar |
| 2C | 2/3A |
| 3/4BT | Jasmine Addouj  
Reannah Hamdan  
Pawana Ali  
Loze Tafengatoto  
Roukaya El-Dhabi  
Yasameen Alizada |
| 3/4SJ | Nizam Zakaria  
Nitara Lyons |
| 3/5R | Pawana Ali  
Youssef Qablawi  
Aroz Ahmed |
| 4/5R | Reihanah Bayani  
Zad Youssef |
| 4/6B | Selenah Sadaka  
Sondus Al Ghabi  
Emily Soe |
| 5/6B | Mary Dove  
Ali Ibrahim |
| 5/6G | Mehdi Hydarie  
Amini Latukefu  
James Lamb  
Tavita Crichton  
Amid Hlayhel  
Layal Al Ajouz  
Elissa Badr  
Nusheen Ahmadi  
Safiya Graham  
Selenah Sadaka |
| 5/6G | Fawzy Kalal  
Claudia Wang  
Sammy Wong  
Jackson Sibir  
Aisha Dadbacha  
Samir El Masri |

*Bold: Gold awards

**5/6G**

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CLASS MERITS

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| Walid Addouj  
Elia El-Chab |
| Kyan Heydari  
Liam Petilla |
| Suraia Balkhi  
Mohomad Ajouz |
| Malak Elfata  
Elias Jarrouj |
| Mira Tafengatoto  
Abyaan Alvi |
| Omar Assad  
Sarah Ismail |
| Hala Amoud  
Adam Abdulrahman |
| 2/3A | Merve Yousefi Golenji  
Anna Taei  
Daniel Bayani |
| 3/4BT | Justin Clegg  
Youssef Sadaka  
Marjona Mamasobirova |
| 3/5R | Reihanah Bayani  
Zad Youssef |
| 5/6B | Sajah Naaman  
Elissa Badr |
| 5/6G | Mary Dove  
Ali Ibrahim |

Class Merits to be handed out at Wednesday morning fortnightly assembly.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR RISING STAR WINNERS!

KN - Mena Hawchar
KA - Noah Latu
KF - May Faraj
1/2H - Abhijot Singh
1/2X - Aboud Muhyieddine
1P - Ali Beyrouthi
2C - Hamza Skaf
2/3A - Mervah Yousefi Golenji
3/4S - Zena Youssef
5/6B - Zac Chaouk

Library News

It has been lovely to see some familiar faces and also some very excited Kindy students at school. I look forward to a fun-filled year of learning experiences. Please refer to below for your child’s library day.

Monday -
KF
1/2X
2/3A
3/4SJ (Odd Weeks)
3/4BT (Even)

Tuesday -
KN
1/2H
2C
5/6G (Odd Weeks)
5/6B (Even)

Wednesday -
KA
1P
4/5R (Even Weeks)

Please remember to bring a library bag each week so you can borrow a library book. We have library bags for sale at $3 each.
K-2 students are allowed to borrow one book.
3-6 students are allowed to borrow two books.
ALL books must be returned to the library each library session.
If you happen to lose or damage a book, please come and see me to discuss the matter; I’m usually near the library in the mornings.

Kindy Update!

Kindergarten has settled well into big school at Granville South Public School. This term KN, KA and KF have been learning about seasons and the weather through structured play activities in the afternoons. Students have been engaging with a number of different activities each week to explore seasons and the weather, such as craft, sensory exploration activities, dramatic play and planting. Check out the photos of Kindergarten learning and having fun!
**The Music Bus**

The Music Bus visits Granville South on Wednesdays and Thursdays in the middle session. If your child is interested in learning to play the guitar, keyboard or have singing lessons, please pick up an information brochure from the school office.

**Crunch and Sip**

All our classes enjoy this break around 10am daily and teachers find it helps students with their ability to stay focused. Please provide your child with a fresh piece of fruit or vegetables for their Crunch & Sip break at school.

**GSPS School App**

Download our APP for free: User name= community. Password = granvilles

**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. Bucket hat- $10 and caps $9 for sale at the School office is a positive and growing trend. School hats are the very best protection against skin cancer which develops from an early age. Please remember to write your child's name in permanent marker inside the hat.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.