PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Wow! Term One is almost over and school holidays are just around the corner. Teachers, students and parents have all worked hard to focus on teaching and learning within our classrooms. Classrooms have been involved in quality Mathematics lessons, our playground has been filled with fun equipment led by our PALS leaders and the sounds of drums and recorders can be heard during our Friday CAPA groups. Our Year 5 and 6 students have just become involved in an exciting new way of learning called SOLE. This project involves students working collaboratively in teams to research a high interest question using the ipads. Students are learning inquiry skills, research skills, technology skills and how to work as a team.

Parent-student-teacher interviews have been happening this week and have been an excellent opportunity for families to celebrate their child’s progress. It is lovely to have so many families booking in to meet their child’s teacher and have a chat about how they are going this year.

Term One has been very busy and very exciting. Everybody has worked extremely hard to set our students up for a successful year. As a result, I hope everybody enjoys a well deserved holiday break. I know that I am looking forward to spending quality time with my family and sleeping in!

Have a safe and restful holiday break.

Ms Nicole Wade
**Dates for the Diary**

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**Easter Hat Parade**

Feathers and cotton balls will be making their way into classrooms as students start designing eggcellent hats for our School Easter Hat Parade. The Easter Hat Parade will be held at 2:20pm on Friday 11 April, which is the last day of Term 1. Parents and families are more than welcome to join us for this special occasion. We will be holding an Easter guessing competition and students will be getting their hot cross buns. Can’t wait to see you there!

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**4/5 Indigo's Bali Reports**

Indigo 4/5 have been studying “Bali” and are looking forward to presenting their group projects in the last week of term. To finalise the unit they are going to become travel agents and sell their favourite parts of Bali to the rest of the class.

Below is a picture of some of the class with their Balinese Shadow Puppets and Balinese mask.

These are some comments from our new Bali experts –

"This term we did a project on Bali and we had to plan a holiday. I like this because we learnt new things." James

"Last week we made shadow puppets and put them in the colours they use in their culture." Sydney

"4/5 Indigo have been learning about Bali. We have learnt lots of facts about Bali and learnt some new key words, for example landscape." Macy

**Fiona Rogers 4/5 Indigo Class Teacher**

It has been such fun working with each of the groups and I’m very proud of the visual aids they have created to use in their presentations. Please come into the class and have a look if you can, we would love to show them off!
**Library News**

During the last two weeks all borrowed library books have been returning to the shelves. Thank you to all the students who promptly return their books. The students have noticed lots of new books that will be available for loan at the beginning of Term 2. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the students and the families who have donated new books to the library. This is a very generous gesture.

There was a lot of excitement recently when Mrs Douglas accompanied some lucky students to hear Andy Griffiths speak. He is one of the authors of the highly popular *The 13-Storey Treehouse* (and 26 & 39) books. They were fortunate to get his signature on two of the books and these will be available through the library. In addition to this, the library has been very fortunate to obtain Wendy Harmer’s signature, the author of the popular *Pearlie* series on two of her new books. She also would like the students of Granville South to continue to enjoy reading books.

The class reward competition run over Term 1 was highly contested by all the students and teachers. Congratulations to all the classes for their participation and enthusiasm during their library sessions. Have a safe and relaxing holiday.

Mrs. Stayte

**ANZAC DAY CEREMONY**

On Wednesday 30th April (first week back) at 10:30am, the students and staff of Granville South Public School will be holding an ANZAC Day ceremony at school. As part of this ceremony, all classes will be placing a wreath under the flagpole as a symbol of remembrance.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could donate flowers, greenery or rosemary preferably on the Tuesday to be used in the making of the wreaths. It is anticipated that invited guests from Merrylands RSL Club will also be in attendance.

Miss Smith and Mrs Stayte

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**National Young Leaders Day**

On Monday this week the prefects had the duty of attending The National Young Leaders Day at the Sydney Entertainment Centre with 6000 other young children. We had the pleasure of meeting and listening to many inspiring people who shared their journey of their lives and leadership.

Coe Asston was a young 16 year old, a survivor of Cystic Fibrosis who talked about his long journey in and out of hospital from a very young age until he finally had a double lung transplant. At many times he was told he may not survive. Knowing this he lived his life to the max and even took on the Murray River by jet ski taking 7 weeks to ski from the start to the end of the river. The message he was trying to tell was to never give up and there is always a next time to improve on your situation. He encouraged us to all talk to our families about organ donation.

Andy Griffiths who is a famous children’s author, shared his journey of creativity and imagination that he undertakes when writing stories. He also told us that even leaders have doubts but if you ask questions and work with others to find answers you will be successful. He lives by the motto “Look ahead”. It is the same as our school motto. He told us about his new book ‘52 Story Tree House’. We look forward to reading this book when it is finished being published. He even signed two books for our school library.

The take home message that we would like to share with the kids at GSPS is that we all can be somebody who can make a different. We must remember that being a leader isn’t about winning but influencing others to be the best they can be. All the kids at GSPS can be a leader by standing up to those who are bullying or not treating others nicely at our school.

Seham, Mya, Youssef and Jacob
Commendations

1st Bronze
Sage Zaimeedine
Inigo Nettle
James Lamb
Seham Sadaka
Liam Coupland
Aya Sakar
Fatemeh Hashimi
Melika Azimi
Layla Khazma
Ofa Latu
Sahana Sarma
Zane Faraj
Hassan Jamal-Eddine
Gailashan Krishnamoorthy
Reannah Hamdan
Jessica Chiem
Mia Aguilella

GSPS Gets a Facebook Page

Parents have been asking for an official Face Book page for GSPS. So here it is: https://www.facebook.com/granvillesouthps

Please like our page and check it regularly for updates about school events and the wonderful learning that occurs in our classrooms.

Kik, Vine, Instagram – are they safe?

It’s no contest – kids discover and understand new social media long before we adults do. If your child is thinking about creating a new social media account – or complains that “everyone else is doing it”, you can get the facts a glance from School A to Z’s technology glossary. You’ll also find information about age restrictions and things to watch out for: http://bit.ly/188OerY