PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE
We have had a wonderful first week back at school with students, teachers and families excited about the year ahead. Students have had big smiles on their faces and have been happily talking about their new teachers and classrooms.

I hope everyone has enjoyed a restful holiday break as 2014 promises to be a big and exciting year. K-6 classrooms this year will be teaching from the new Australian English curriculum. We will be strengthening the way we teach numeracy and investigating the new Australian Mathematics curriculum. Technology will become an even bigger part of student learning with over 60 iPads joining our classrooms. Our library will be getting a make-over to become a 21st century learning space for our students. I am just thrilled thinking about the amazing teaching and learning that will be happening in our classrooms this year.

Class Structure
Students have made a smooth start to the year in their new classes. It is important for parents to know that these classes may change if we continue to get new students enrol in our school in the first two weeks. We will finalise our 2014 classes by the end of Week 3. I appreciate your patience during this period and will publish a list of classes and teachers once finalised.
**Staffing News**

I would like to welcome two new permanent teachers to the GSPS family. Firstly welcome to Miss Martins who will be working with students from K-6 as the Learning and Support Teacher. Miss Martins has expertise working with a range of students to support student learning. I would also like to welcome Miss Newton to our school. She will be working with students from K-6 as the permanent English as a Second Language teacher. Miss Newton will be providing extra support to students who come from a non-English speaking background. Both Miss Martins and Miss Newton are very excited about getting into the classrooms and playground to meet you all.

A big welcome back is in order for Mrs Brown who is returning 3 days a week from maternity leave. Mrs Brown is super excited about being back at GSPS and we are equally excited to have her back with us.

An expression of interest for a relieving Assistant Principal is currently being advertised for Terms 1 & 2. I expect that the successful teacher will start at the beginning of week 4 this term.

I would like to say congratulations to Mrs Douglas, who was successful in gaining the permanent Assistant Principal position at GSPS. Mrs Douglas is a passionate teacher and I have no doubt that she will do an outstanding job leading our staff, students and community in quality teaching and learning practices. She will be an asset to the school leadership team.

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**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

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**Morning Assemblies**
The beginning of the school year is an excellent time to get your children into good routines. This term we are focusing on getting students to school on time so that they can be there for morning assemblies. Morning assemblies are an important for students and families as you hear messages about upcoming school events, excursions, information about student and parent groups. We also often use this time to celebrate the achievements of students with certificates throughout the year. Please set your child up for a settled day by being at school by 8:55am.

**Guess who is having a birthday?**

2014 will be extra incredible as something we all care about is having a special birthday. You guessed it... Granville South PS is turning 125! We are planning to celebrate this special occasion with a fabulous school fete. Keep your eyes and ears open as we will be asking for your ideas and help to make this a successful event.

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I am looking forward to sharing a productive year with the students, staff and families at GSPS.

Nicole Wade
**Kindy Start Big School!**
Close to 50 excited kindergarten students started big school today at Granville South. They looked very smart in their school uniforms as they waved goodbye to their families this morning. We had some tears but these were quickly wiped away as the students realised how much fun big school was going to be. Thank you Miss Smith, Mrs Pollack and Miss Torrance and our excellent support staff for doing a wonderful job making big school welcoming and fun for our kindy kids.

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**Student Leaders 2014**

Congratulations to Seham Sadaka, Mya Ibrahim, Youssef Badr and Jacob Davis who were successfully elected as our 2014 school leaders. We know that these four students will be wonderful ambassadors for Granville South Public School.

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**2014 GSPS School Leaders**

**School Captain:** Seham Sadaka  
**Vice Captain:** Mya Ibrahim  
**Prefects:** Youssef Badr  
Jacob Davis
WANT TO PLAY SOCCER !!!
(2014 Season - April to August)

Under 6's to under 16's take place on Saturday mornings. All age & Premier League matches are on Saturday afternoons.

To register with Guildford McCredie Uniting Soccer Club
come to
Granville Park
Cnr Woodville Rd & Claremont St, Merrylands
on
Sat 1st Feb, 8th Feb or 15th Feb 2014, 9am to 11am

OR

register on line at http://www.mccredie.org.au/soccer
For further details call 9682 7779

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Full Payment is required with registration (also copy of birth certificate if a new player to our Club)

School Swimming Carnival
The school swimming carnival will be held on Thursday 6th February at Granville Pools. Students who are turning 8 years or older and who can swim competitively will be invited to attend this carnival. To ensure safety, only students who can confidently swim 50 metres in specific strokes will be able to attend the carnival. If you have any questions, feel free to talk with Mrs Walker who is organising the carnival.

P&C Association News
The P&C Association is a group of parents, teachers and citizens who work together to promote the school, support the purchase of resources and are actively involved in school events and curriculum. All parents and carers are invited to join the P&C.

P&C Association AGM
The P&C will be holding its AGM on Wednesday 19 February at 9:15am in the staffroom. All parents and carers are invited to attend this meeting. The following executive positions will be declared vacant: President, Vice Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer.

Chocolate Drive
There are still a large number of chocolate boxes that need to be sold. If you can support the P&C by selling more chocolate boxes it would be greatly appreciated. Money raised goes back into the school to buy items that makes school a better place for your children.

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