Granville South Public School
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Newsletter
Term 1 Week 9

A SPECIAL FAREWELL MESSAGE
Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I hope your school year is going well. It has gone fast and holidays are not too far away! My little Bailey is now 4 months and keeping me very busy. My little girl Matilda is four and enjoying going to preschool. She told me the other day that she is going to be a teacher like mummy. This made me so happy and proud.

It is with great sadness that I write to let the students and parents know I will be leaving Granville South Public School. I have been successful in gaining the principals position at Thornleigh West Public School and start Term 4. It has been a very hard decision as GSPS is my second home. I currently travel a few hours a day to and from GSPS. My family need me to be close and this is the right decision for our future.

I have had the privileged to lead GSPS for 7 years. It is a vibrant school where student education and wellbeing is the focus. GSPS has allowed me to embed new thinking and cultural creativity, giving educational opportunities to ensure we have shaped all levels of public education.

I am going to miss the students who greet me every morning with a huge smile and say “I love you Mrs Mamo”, the staff who are willing to take risks to ensure they are the best teachers and the parents who have trusted me to teach their children. GSPS will always hold a special place in my heart.

Chantal Mamo

A special farewell assembly and community morning tea will be held in Term 2 to say farewell and thank you to Mrs Mamo for all of her hard work leading GSPS across the years.
PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE
This fortnight, our teachers have led the way by modelling that learning is life-long! Our teachers have been super busy learning about the best ways to teach students Mathematics.

During Week 8, over 24 teachers from Granville East PS, Granville PS, Sefton Infants PS and Guildford PS observed our Mathematics practices as part of an Instructional Rounds model. The team of teachers visited our classrooms and observed the way we are currently teaching Mathematics. The team found that teachers are providing great modeling of new concepts to students and provided students with a variety of Mathematics experiences. Part of the IR process is to suggest the next level of work for a school to continue to improve in our selected area. The IR team suggested that GSPS focus on:

- Increasing students’ understandings of fundamental number concepts.
- Encouraging opportunities for students to communicate during Mathematics lessons. Teachers need to make time in every lesson for “talk time”.
- Designing mathematical activities that involve students in solving open-ended Mathematics problems and investigations. Teachers, students and parents will all need to work together to achieve these goals!

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the teachers at GSPS who work hard everyday to improve student outcomes. They are excellent role models as they are teaching our kids that you always continue learning, no matter how old you are!

Ms Nicole Wade

2 Turquoise’s special visit from a possum!

The possum’s name: No 1

Yesterday Mr Downie saw the possum first. Then Mrs Turner saw a picture on "a computer tablet" of the whole family of the possum. Then we were watching there’s a little possum on the top of the roof. We couldn’t believe it. The whole class saw the possum. Mrs Turner is quick and ran and told the kids to go to the next door and then we saw the possum climbing the tree.
**Harmony Day 2014**

A sea of orange hands carrying messages about cultural diversity were planted in gardens by students during our Harmony Day assembly. Students and teachers explored what Harmony Day meant to them and discussed the theme of belon

The Arabic Drumming Group shared their talents with the school community and the whole school sang 'We are Australian' led by the choir. Congratulations to t

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A big thank you to Mrs Stayte and Mrs Douglas for organising this event.

**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.

**STAFF CAR PARK IS A NO GO ZONE!**

The school car parks are only for our staff. Do not park or enter the school car park for any reason. The car park gates are being locked of an afternoon at 2:30pm and will remain locked until 3:30pm. This is to make sure that children are safe when leaving the school grounds of an afternoon. We are trying to stop the risk of students being hit by a car during home time. Please support us to look after the safety of your children!
COOL KID OF THE WEEK
This week’s cool kid is Serene Ajouz from 3/4 Magenta

GSPS Gets a Facebook Page
Parents have been asking for an official Facebook 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.

Commendations

1st Bronze

Jacob Davis
Loze Tafengatoto
Zakariya Rima
Hadieh El Saj
Gisele Faraj
Yasameen Alizada
Antonio Khouri
Cameron Lamb
Mahmoud El-Hafez
Erik Lin
Mary Haidari
Milad Mola Salehi
Jo Thomas
Shayma Ajouz
Ayah Chauok
Shady Al Hussein
Merveh Yousefi Golenji
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