PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE
Welcome back to Term 2! It is easy to come back with a smile on my face, knowing that I will be greeted by the talented staff, amazing students and fabulous parents of GSPS. I hope everyone has rested and enjoyed their holidays because Term 2 is short, but jam-packed. We have NAPLAN, cross country and athletics carnivals, excursions, jump rope for heart and student reports.

Introducing Mr Bunting
Across the holidays we have gained a new permanent classroom teacher at Granville South PS. I would like to give a warm welcome to Mr David Bunting who will be taking the RFF program this year. Mr Bunting is extremely excited about working with every class K-6 and meeting all of the wonderful families at our school. Please say hello to Mr Bunting and make him feel welcome to our community.

School Improvements
We are continuing to make improvements around the school to ensure we have the best school grounds. This term the P&C have fundraised enough money to install new bubblers under the COLA. These bubblers will provide students with a much needed drink after running around during sport and playtime. A big thank you to the P&C for their efforts organising these bubblers.

The wash sheds will also be getting a facelift this term. Not only will they be treated to a fresh coat of paint, but we will also be getting new bubblers installed. This is great for our students.

The community garden will be revitalised this term. The parent group and Environment Club will be working hard planting new vegetables, herbs and flowers around the school. Keep an eye out for ways you can get involved.

Once again, welcome back to what promises to be nine weeks of quality learning and fun!
Ms Nicole Wade
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 is anticipated that invited guests from Merrylands RSL Club will also be in attendance. Please join us for this ceremony.

Miss Smith and Mrs Stayte

GSPS Cross Country Carnival

The Cross Country Carnival will be held on Tuesday 6 May in Week 2. K-2 will have their carnival from 10am-11am. Years 3-6 and all 8 year old students will be running from 11:20am-1:20pm.

What to Wear: Sports uniform, sunscreen and running shoes.
What to Bring: A hat and water bottle.

The age groups are 8 and 9 years combined, 10yrs, 11yrs, and finally 12 to 13 years combined. The distance run is 2km for 8/9 yrs and 10yrs and 3km for 11yrs and 12/13 yrs. The first 5 place getters in each age category will progress to the Auburn Zone Carnival.

All parents are welcome to come and watch the Cross Country Carnival.

Dates for the Diary

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Easter Hat Parade

Our Easter Hat Parade was a huge success. Students looked magnificent in their coloured masks and Easter hats. We even had a surprise visit from the Easter Bunny! Thank you to Miss Campbell and Miss Torrance for organising such a fun event.
NAPLAN Week 3 May 13-May 15

What is NAPLAN?
The National Assessment Program—Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. All students in these year levels are expected to participate in tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

What will be tested and how?
NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy.

How can I help my child prepare for the tests?
NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are already learning through the school curriculum. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to reassure your child that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day.

TEACHERS LEARN HOW TO SAVE A LIFE!
Our staff were very busy on Monday 28 of April learning how to save lives! We all participated in first aid and CPR training. Look at some of our teachers in action!

BOOKS TO BOOST BRAINS
Literacy skills often progress suddenly in leaps and bounds. The secret is to keep kids of all ages reading over the weekends and school holidays. Even 20 minutes a night can make a huge difference to their reading, comprehension and general knowledge. It’s also a great way to settle their minds down before sleep (for adults too!). If your child hasn’t found a book that grabs their imagination, why not try them on a series book from the Premier’s Reading Challenge list? Here are top suggestions for all ages, including young adult: https://bit.ly/1dLSGCO

Commendations
1st Bronze
Aya Al Bayati
Mia Tafengatoto
Sydney Malu
Rahul Naidu
Swatip Dahal
Khaled Ayouz
Lachlan Van Polen
Emne Ayouz
Daniel Kouaider
Zakaria Kouaider
Meryem Ozgu
Ramin Alizada
Levi Henderson