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Newsletter
Term 2 Week 5

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Principal's Message
It is hard to believe, but we are already half way through Term 2. And it seems that sports fever has hit our school! This term has provided our students with so many opportunities to get physically active and think about a healthy lifestyle. K-6 students have leapt into the Premier's Primary School Sport Challenge once again this year. The challenge involves primary school classes participating in a 10 week sport and physical activity challenge. It also brings in some extra money for our school to purchase new sporting equipment.

And there is no better way to add up these hours than joining in our Jump Rope for Heart program. All students are having fun whilst getting active during weekly fitness lessons that focus on skipping skills. We are looking forward to showing off our talents at our Jump Off day in Week 9.

Students can add on even more hours if they are taking advantage of our Active After-school Communities (AASC) program, that provides primary school children with access to free sport and other structured physical activity programs after school. This term our students are loving soccer are having many positive experiences as they pick up these skills.
On top of this, we have had a successful Cross Country carnival, students participating in Netball, Newcombe Ball and Soccer PSSA teams and a K-6 Athletics carnival to look forward to.

With so many wonderful sports programs on offer, our students have the opportunity to develop a love of sport and physical activity that inspires them to lead healthy, active lifestyles.

A healthy body means that our children will have the best opportunity to have healthy minds. I know I will be putting this philosophy into action in the upcoming weeks!

Ms Nicole Wade
Relieving Principal

Zone Cross Country Carnival

Congratulations to all of the students who represented Granville South Public School at our Auburn Zone Cross Country Carnival last week. Students pushed through the long 2km or 3km run to show their perseverance, endurance and sportsmanship. A big thank you to Mrs Brown for giving up her time to organise our school zone team. Also thank you to Miss Martins and Miss Newton for accompanying our team on the day and providing them with all the encouragement that needed.

A special congratulations to the following students who have successfully progressed to the regional zone Cross Country Carnival: Jacob Davis, Seham Sadaka Yar Michael, Sajed Rima and Amir Reza.

We know that these talented athletes will represent us well in the Auburn Zone Squad.

Changes to playground duties

In order to make our playground safer, we have added additional teacher duties at recess and lunch. These extra duties mean more teachers are watching students play safely in all areas. It also means that teachers now have a duty almost every single day. As a result, I have had to reduce after school duties at the front lights of an afternoon. We are trialling this change for the rest of this term. Teachers will go out to front lights duty where possible. Please talk to your child about crossing the road safely after school by using the lights, walking straight across the road and standing behind the yellow lines when waiting. A teacher will still be on duty of an afternoon at the back gates.
Mrs Mamo’s Farewell
As you are aware, Mrs Mamo is all set to sail towards her new adventures as the principal of Thornleigh West Public School. On her farewell, we have planned a special assembly followed by a community morning tea. Please join us to celebrate Mrs Mamo’s time at Granville South Public School and wish her luck for her new endeavours.

What: Farewell Assembly and Community Morning Tea
Date: Wednesday 28th May 2014
Time: 10am-11:40am
Where: Assembly followed by morning tea in the staffroom.

Every grade will perform a special item at the assembly to celebrate the educational leadership and kindness that Mrs Mamo has shown over the years. Following the assembly, staff and parents will join together in a splendid morning tea to farewell Mrs Mamo. We look forward to everyone joining us for this special farewell as a way of saying thank you, goodbye and good luck!

Cultural Exchange - Parent Excursion
An exciting parent excursion to Auburn Mosque has been organised for Tuesday 3 June 2014. The aim of the excursion is to have a look at the beautiful architecture and decoration inside the Mosque and to learn about the different places of worship and religions. There will be a guided tour of the Mosque where we will learn about the Mosque and the Muslim faith.

To continue our cultural excursion, we will be going to a Turkish restaurant for lunch to excite our tastebuds and experience another local culture.

Please return your parent note to the office to book in your space for this excursion. More notes are available from the office. Hope you can join us.

Stage 3 TOWN Groups
This year 5/6 Mint and 5/6 Gold have been participating in Taking Off With Numeracy (TOWN) groups for Numeracy for 2 hours each week. TOWN is a whole-class program which focuses on improving numeracy skills of students in the upper primary years. It focuses on a teaching sequence related to developing Place Value, as it underpins the four operations and decimals, as well as important concepts in measurement. Focus is also given to the teaching of Multiplication and Division concepts.

So far the students have enjoyed having the opportunity to work closely in smaller groups, with a different teacher and being involved in some hands on maths activities. This week we have been looking at decimal numbers. Here are some pictures or stage 3 enjoying TOWN!!
Too sick for school?
As the cold weather hits, so do the winter bugs. It’s often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult cancelling work. For safety’s sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice.
School A to Z and the NSW Health have created an at-a-glance chart to help answer your questions about common childhood illnesses and how long sick kids need to miss school. Find it by typing this link into your web browser www.bit.ly/1hytn2E

Primary school
Mental maths strategies
We teach children a range of different strategies to add and subtract numbers. By showing them several methods for solving maths questions, we’re helping them to look for patterns. All this builds a good sense of “number” which means they understand the relationships between different numbers and why different ways to add and subtract work well. The goal is that your child will understand many ways to approach a maths problem and will be able to choose a way that makes the most sense to them. School A to Z has a lot of resources, including help sheets on mental maths strategies, here: www.bit.ly/JkiUsY

Does speaking another language at home confuse children?
Are your children fortunate enough to be growing up in a home where two or more languages are spoken? Many parents worry that bilingualism can cause confusion and even delays in learning for their children, but according the Raising Children Network, that’s not the case at all. A good knowledge of your native language can actually help your child with learning English. Bilingual children who are read books and spoken to in their in their native language find it easier to learn to read and write in English when they get to school. More information is at www.bit.ly/1m0agnk

GSPS Gets a Facebook Page
Parents have been asking for an official Face Book page for GSPS. Type in https://www.facebook.com/granvillesouthps to view page.

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

Download our APP for free. User name = community Password = granvilles. The web address is - www.granvilles-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Commendations
1st Bronze
Abdallah Agha
Omar Jamal-Eddine
Mohsin Akhtari
Serene Ajouz
Ramona Parker
Tiyana Mohamed
Ali Hasan
Mazen El Masri
Landen Mulipu
Abdullah Dauda
Hamid Azimi
Shirin Aaram
Ashiq Arief Hussin
Sorayya Rezai
Jimmar Penoso
Braydon Sinisa
Sammy Wong
Noor Alzahraa Al-Ramahi
Noel Rahman
Zena Youssef
Chelsea Wong
Paul Langi
Maria-Ellena Khouri
Macy Chemiet
Ahmad Kassem

2nd Bronze
Gisele Faraj
Cameron Lamb
Hadieh El Saj
Yasameen Alizada
James Lamb
Erik Lin

Zakariya Rima