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Newsletter
Term 2 Week 9

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Principal’s Message
Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The saying ‘time flies when you’re having fun’ must be true, as I can’t believe that it is the last week of Term 2. We have had an exciting term with students getting involved in so many fantastic programs. This week was no exception with our students and teachers swapping their uniforms to become princes, princesses, witches, pirates and fairies. Mrs Stayte did a magical job transforming our school for Fairy tale day.

The fun didn’t stop here as students showed off their running, jumping and throwing skills at our school athletics carnival on Tuesday. Students, teachers and parents cheered, laughed and displayed wonderful sportsmanship across the day. There was even enough time for a special relay event where the students showed that they are faster than the teachers! A big thank you to Miss Smith and her carnival team for organising a highly successful carnival.

Last week K-2 students also had an exciting visit from the Pet Program. The students learnt important life saving facts about how to approach animals safely. They even got to pat ‘Halo’ the dog, who visited each K-2 class.
The Year 5 students investigated cells during our Community of Schools high school program. The students used microscopes to view a variety of cells in an exciting lesson taught by two science teachers from Granville South Creative and Performing Arts High School.

Staffing news!

Next term, we will be welcoming back Mrs Natasha Zeremes. Mrs Zeremes will be teaching 5/6 Gold every Monday and Tuesday for Terms 3 and 4. Mrs Zeremes is a permanent Assistant Principal and has many years of experience teaching students in Years 5 and 6. Mrs Walker will continue to teach 5/6 Gold on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Ms Truong for her wonderful work teaching 5/6 Gold on Mondays and Tuesdays this semester. Ms Truong will continue working on Monday and Tuesdays as an additional English as a Second Language teacher. She will be working with students across Years 3-6 by supporting them to build their literacy skills.

I am also pleased to announce that Mr Gawthorne will remain at our school for Term 3 and most likely into Term 4. Mr Gawthorne has done an excellent job relieving as the Assistant Principal for his team of 3/4 Lime students and parents will also be excited to hear that he will continue to have a dedicated teacher who is making a difference to their learning for the rest of the year.

Student Reports

Our teachers have been extra busy preparing every child's Semester 1 report, which will be sent home to parents on Wednesday, June 28th. Every child's report provides parents with information explaining how their child is performing against the Board of Studies outcomes and highlights their strengths and areas for further development. The report will also outline your child's social development, organisational skills, attendance, as well as their involvement in extra curricular activities. Please take the time to read your child's report and celebrate the successes that your child has had at school this semester.

I hope that all of our students, teachers and parents enjoy a deserved two week school holiday. In particular, I would like to wish our families celebrating Ramadan and Eid al-Fitr an extra special holiday time spent with family and friends. Have a wonderful break and I will see you all next term.

Ms Nicole Wade
Relieving Principal
Getting Ready for School...

Do you have a child starting Kindergarten in 2015?

This is the program for you!

Granville South Schools as Community Centres Project is offering you the opportunity for your child to participate in a program to help prepare them for starting school in 2015. Children will develop:

- Social Skills - helping children adjust to a school environment with their peer learners through the ‘Sing & Grow’ Transition to School program.
- Fine Motor Skills - developing those small muscles - so important to ensure children are successful writers.
- Early Literacy Skills - developing a love of reading; exploring speaking and listening; transferring words to meaning.
- Gross Motor Skills - the big muscles needed to run and move and play.

These skills will be developed through play, because, play is children’s work. Unlike Playgroup, these sessions will only be open to children starting school in 2015. Younger siblings are not able to attend.

This program is for parent and child. It will be a great opportunity for you to engage with your child as they learn and will also help you to understand how to help your child.

The ‘Getting Ready for School Program’ will run for 6 weeks - each Tuesday from 15th July until 19th August. This program is open to all children who will be starting school in 2015 and is not specific to any school (it does not matter which school you are enrolling in) and will be of particular benefit to children who have not attended Pre School.

If you would like to register for this valuable program, please collect a registration form from Julie in the SaCC or call Julie on 98922328 or email julie.may3@del.nsw.edu.au by Thursday 26th June.

- Tuesday 15th, 22nd, 29th July and 5th, 12th and 19th August 2014
- 9:30am – 12:30pm
- The program will be conducted in the Granville South Schools as Community Centres Project venue in the grounds of Granville South Public School – corner of Woodville Road and Oxford St. Parking available in Highland Street.
- Parents will participate with children in the sessions.
- Child minding will be available for siblings.

This program is FREE.

For further information contact Julie at the centre on 98922328.

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GSPS Gets a Facebook Page

Parents have been asking for an official Facebook page for GSPS. Type 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. T web address is - www.granvilles-pschools.nsw.edu.au

Commendations

1st Bronze
Nour-Eddine Alameddine
Lamah Rizvi
Amina Al-Rekabe
Ahmad Ajouz
Bilal Alajouz
Alyssar Omrie
Somiah Rezai
Tegan Demirel
Daljiah Ajouz
Ahmed Elsoussi
Anna Taci
Bassima Amoud
Saif Rizvi
Mason Malu
Mohamad Al Ajouz
Noah Sinisa
Rayannah Merheb
Soumaya Mohamed

2nd Bronze
Abby Hamdan
Milad Mola Salehi
Sahana Sarma
Aliya Omar
Ruby Jo
Ahmad El Saaj
Jazmine Addouj
Sage Zaineddine
Daniel Bayani
Azar Khouri
Mya Ibrahim
Shady Al Hussein
1st Silver
Antonio Khouri
Yasameen Alizada