Granville South Public School
Directors Choice Award Leadership
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Newsletter
Term 3 Week 3

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PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE
There is a buzz in the air for staff, students and families at Granville South Public School. Could it have something to do with children feeling proud when their parents visited classrooms? Could it be that a special birthday celebration is quickly approaching? Or is it the news that a talented artist has been undercover in 5/6 Gold?

Public Education Week
Public schools across NSW proudly celebrated Education Week from Monday 28 July to Friday 1 August this year. Our school embraced this opportunity to include parents and carers in celebrations of public education. Our open classrooms were a huge success and provided us with a chance to show off just how clever we are with Mathematics at our school. We had lots of parents and carers, grandparents, aunts and uncles joining in Mathematics lessons. We even had some younger brothers and sisters building their love of maths by playing with dice, cards and dominoes. I felt very proud as a principal to walk through the classrooms and see such high quality, fun and interactive Mathematics lessons happening in our classrooms. I was even happier to see the big smiles on our children’s faces when they saw their family come and visit their room. Afterwards family members stayed around for a delicious morning tea provided by our teachers. Families got to chat about what they value in education for their children, what they are proud about at Granville South PS and what they would like to see as fresh ideas. It was lovely to spend this quality time talking with some of the parents and carers about what educational legacy they would like our school to be remembered for.
125 Year Anniversary Celebrations

Excitement is building as we get closer to celebrating our 125 year anniversary on Thursday 28 August. The day is shaping up to be bigger and better than we imagined and is definitely not an event to be missed! The day will start with an official assembly under the COLA from 9:45am-11am. The assembly will be an opportunity to see our Dance group, choir and Arabic Dancers perform. There will also be a performance from the Granville South Creative Arts High School band and speeches from past students and principals. Following the assembly, it is time to build up our energy by enjoying a quick multicultural picnic lunch. Food stalls will be open and families can bring a picnic rug to sit and relax with their children. Then the serious fun begins with the fete starting at 11:30am and finishing at 2:30pm. There will be amusement rides, jumping castles, a petting zoo, face painting, craft activities, a side show alley, show bags and plenty more. There will be visits from the care flight helicopter, local police and firefighters, NRL Parramatta Eels and AFL clinics and even a visit from the library Read-a-saurus! It is not every day that a school turns 125 so we are going to do it in style! So much time and preparation from our staff has gone into organising this event so please support the day and bring your family and friends to help us celebrate.

A spectacular artist!
Congratulations to Melika Azimi in 5/6 Gold who used her artist talents to win the ‘Our School Spectacular’ logo competition. Melika’s star shaped design was filled with detailed icons that linked to the theme of legends in music. Melika’s design was chosen over 100’s of entries from local schools and will appear on the official ‘Our School Spectacular’ T-shirts and programs. We are very proud of your creativity and design Melika - Well done!

Get kicking- AFL Auskick program
Get kicking and don’t miss our school AFL Auskick program. The NAB AFL Auskick program provides boys and girls with a fun and safe Australian Football experience that serves as an introduction to a lifetime of involvement in the game. The program runs for six weeks every Monday during school fitness time. Professional AFL players run the activities and bring lots of exciting equipment for the students to use. The program is not just about introducing children to Australian Football – it activates and develops within each child the desire for a healthy lifestyle and an association with our great game. The program costs $28 and starts in Week 4 on Monday 4 August. Don’t miss out!

There are definitely so many wonderful things happening at school. Please read the newsletters, like our Facebook page and listen to messages at morning assembly to stay up-to-date with what is going on. Finally I would like to say happy Eid to the many families and students at our school who have celebrated this event this week.

Warm wishes,

Ms Nicole Wade
Acting Principal
Granville South PS

Kindergarten Transition Program

Is your child starting school at Granville South PS in 2015?

If so, please enrol your child now and register for our Kindergarten Transition Program.

Our Kindergarten Transition Program is the ideal way to help prepare your child and yourself for school.

This valuable 8 week program will be held at Granville South PS:

Tuesday mornings 9:15am - 11:30am

Commencing on Tuesday 28th August.

Our Transition Program will help:

- familiarise your child with our school environment and routines
- allow your child to meet their classmates
- make the transition from home to school a successful experience.

A FREE program not to be missed!

Ask for more details about the Transition to School Program when you enrol your child or call the school office on 96324388.

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Thank you to our Swimming Program Sponsors

A big thank you to the following businesses who have proudly sponsored our school swimming program for Term 4.

Starr Partners in Auburn have very generously donated $350 this swimming program.

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The Good Guys at Auburn who have donated $350 towards the program.

And for this term our major sponsor was Parramatta City Council who generously donated $2800! This was donated to our school P&C and will be forwarded to the school swimming program.

A special thanks to Mrs Walker who has sourced this funding, making this invaluable program affordable for our students.
Helping kids feel good about maths

At a glance
- Talk positively about maths so your child also values it.
- Play games with your child, which involve adding dice or numbers, to show them that maths matters.
- Ask your child how they work out maths problems; it helps build their knowledge and boosts their confidence.
- Help your child to group objects by asking them to set the table or put the cutlery away correctly.
Point out maths in everyday life with your child whenever you can.

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.schoo ls.nsw.edu.au

Commendations

1st Bronze
Abdulaziz Mugharbel
Malak Mugharbel
Samir Beralay
Yassin Rezai
Nisha Nazer
Jessica Ashcroft
Anu Malafu
Mohammed Ajoud
Zainab Beralay
Mylez Molo

2nd Bronze
Noor Alzahraa Al-Ramahi
Rehan Malik
Arif Azimi
Carlos Beattie
Seham Sadaka
David Langi
Melika Azimi
Anau Malafu
Jessica Chiem
Lucrecia Phung

1st Silver
Ahmad El Saq
Fateneh Hashimi
Jazmine Addouj
Loze Taieŋatoto

The use of Facebook in education is now common. It can be a tool to help parents and teachers communicate effectively. It also provides an opportunity for students to share their work and ideas with others. The GSPS Facebook page is a great resource for families to keep up to date with what is happening at school. It's also a good place to comment on the content and ask questions if you have any.

In any case, it's important to remember that social media should be used safely and responsibly. Please ensure that your child is aware of the risks associated with online activity and take steps to protect their privacy and personal information.

Thank you for your continued support of GSPS!