

Term 3 - Week 1-

Wednesday, 26 September 2018



Dear Parents/Carers,

I can't believe that I am saying *Happy Holidays* again already. What a busy and productive term we have had. A few things that are happening / or have happened this term:

- A phenomenal performance by both our school choir and school dance group at 'Our Spectacular'.
- The reintroduction of our Star Awards Day for our students who have consistently demonstrated being a safe, respectful and responsible learner in Term 3.
- Approval to resurface our basketball court.
- Approval to go to tender for new playground equipment.
- Number talks happening in all classrooms.
- Literacy consultants working with Stage 3 teachers.
- Receiving a grant of \$8500 from Granville Diggers.
- Mrs Julie May running another successful Jump Start program.
- Our new school uniform being phased in.
- Year 6 attending a successful program run by Creating Chances.
- Some Stage 2 and 3 boys attending the Rock and Water program.

- Students attending our first ever Premier's Spelling Bee finals.
- Students attending the Regional Athletics carnival.
- A fantastic Year 5 STEM day at Granville South HS.
- A great book week parade.
- 60 students attending the School Swimming Program.
- Year 4 visiting Granville South HS to watch their performing arts concert.
- A fantastic Stage 3 excursion.

Teachers are always looking to improve their learning and, at times, you may hear that your child's teacher has been absent for a day or two. This may be due to the teacher being at professional learning. This term alone, the following professional learning has been conducted:

- PDHPE Mrs Pollack
- Building Numeracy Leadership Mrs Petrunic, Mrs Wood, Miss Newton and Miss Gmaz
- Trauma training Mrs Karaali, Miss Williams and Miss Harrington
- Anaphylaxis training all staff
- Student wellbeing Miss Harrington and Mrs McLean
- Effective Reading in Early Years Miss Martins, Mrs Pollack and Mrs Downie
- Leadership Miss Harrington, Mrs Abunucerah and Miss Newton
- Deputy Principal Conference Mrs Zeremes
- Assistant Principal Conference Mrs Karaali

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- Early Action for Success conference Mrs Petrunic and Mrs Wood
- School Administrative Manager conference Mrs Hails
- Social Media update Mrs Zeremes and Mrs Petris
- WHS Mrs Zeremes
- Managing Actual and Potential Aggression all staff
- iPLAY (physical education) all staff
- Stage 2 Writing Miss Gmaz, Miss Cehic and Mrs Massey
- Working with students with Autism Mrs Zeremes and Mrs Karaali
- Guided reading Miss Harrington, Miss Shahrouk and Mrs Massey
- L3 training Miss Fisk, Miss Morris, Mrs Petrunic, Mrs Wood and Mrs Abunucerah
- Supporting refugees Mrs Ozluk

Remember that learning doesn't stop in the holidays. Take the opportunity to play some board games with your child/ren, do some cooking (incorporating mathematics) and ensure that your child/ren is reading every day.

Warm regards,

Karen Macphail

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Upcoming Events

Term 3 Week 10

Monday 24/9 Swimming Scheme continues

Tuesday 25/9 Rock and Water

Thursday 27/9 No Assembly

Friday 28/9 Last day of school for Term 3

Term 4 Week 1

Monday 15/10 Students and teachers return to

school

Tuesday 16/10 Kindergarten (2019) transition starts

Wednesday 17/10 Stage 2 excursion
Thursday 18/10 3-6 Assembly

Term 4 Week 2

Tuesday 23/10 Kindergarten (2019) transition

Invictus Games

P&C Meeting @ 9:10am

Wednesday 24/10 Stage 3 Sustainability Expo

Thursday 25/10 K-2 Assembly

Friday 26/10 PSSA

Term 4 Week 3

Monday 29/10 Life Education Van arrives

Tuesday 30/10 Kindergarten (2019) transition

Thursday 1/11 3-6 Assembly

Friday 2/11 PSSA

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Important dates for end of year:

Year 5 leadership speeches – Monday November

Year 6 Farewell – Monday 10th December Presentation Assembly – Wednesday 12th December at 10am

Sports Presentation – Friday 14th December at 10am Movie Day – Monday 17th December

Last day of school – Wednesday 19th December



Staffing news

Mr Bunting has advised me that he will not be returning for the remainder of the year. 3/2B parents have been notified and we are extremely lucky to have secured Mrs Lamia El Bacha to teach 3/2B for Term 4. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Anissa Haddadi for teaching 3/2B for the last 5 weeks. She has done a wonderful job and we hope to see her back on a variety of classes in Term 4.

Year 7 - Selective High School 2020

Intention to apply for Year 7 entry to a selective high school in 2020 (current Year 5 students).

Selective high schools cater for high achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level. Notes were given to Year 5 students earlier this week.

Applications for selective high school placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and assessment scores. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday 14 March 2019.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2020, you need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from mid-September 2018 at https:// education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-highschools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7.

The application website opens at that link on 9 October 2018 and closes on 12 November 2018. You must apply before the closing date.

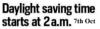
There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Unit for assistance after 9 October 2018.

You must submit only **ONE** application for each student.

The note can be found on our website and skoolbag app. You can also contact the school to receive another note.

Daylight Savings

Day Light Savings is during the school holidays. It starts this year on Sunday 7th October. Remember to wind your clocks forward an hour on the Saturday night before you go to bed.





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No hat, play in the shade.

A kind reminder to everyone that we are following and monitoring, more than ever. Our "No Hat – Play in the Shade" policy. Please ensure that your child has their school hat with them every day.



Approaching children that are not your own.

Please always go to your child's teacher if you have concerns regarding another child. I kindly ask that you:

- **DO NOT** approach the other child's parents; this can sometimes make the situation worse.
- **DO NOT** approach the other child involved. This is not appropriate and can lead to you not being allowed in the school grounds (Inclosed Lands Protection Act 1901).

If you let us know of your concerns we will always deal with any matters promptly.

Share Our Space

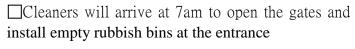
As we have done for the last two holidays our school will open the oval for community members to use during the October school holidays.

How will it work?

☐Signage will be placed at the entrances to notify the times of access, and non-permitted activities
☐Bunting will be strung to separate the play area from school buildings
Facilities would be open from 8am-opm,

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A Security Guard will be on site while the school is open

☐ The Security Guard will lock the gates at 6pm

Tell Them From Me – parent feedback

Parent / carer feedback is extremely important to us as it aids us in always improving what we as a school do. We are kindly asking parents / carers to spend 10 minutes completing a survey which will provide anonymous feedback to the school in a number of areas. I encourage all parents / carers to spend the time in having your say about the school. The link is:

https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/sgvp6



Kindergarten 2019

Our Kindergarten Orientation program is just about to start. If you have a child starting school next year please contact the office now to complete the enrolment form. If you know a friend or family member that has a child ready for school next year please ask them to contact the school office to arrange for an enrolment pack.

Some facts that might help:

- children must be in compulsory schooling by their 6th birthday.
- Children can start Kindergarten at the beginning of the school year if they turn 5 on or before 31 July that year.

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- Students should start school at the beginning of the school year.
- Contact your local school discuss enrolment procedures.

When you come to enrol your child please remember to bring with you:

- · His/her birth certificate or identification documents
- · Proof of child's address (current council rates notice, residential lease, electricity bill)
- · Immunisation history statement from the Australian **Immunisation Register**
- · Any family law or other relevant court orders, if applicable.



Skoolbag

Do you want to keep updated with what is happening at our school?

Do not forget that our school has an app called Skoolbag, which is an iPhone and Android App to help us communicate more effectively with our community. Please download this free app so that you can keep updated with what is happening around the school. The lovely ladies in the office are more than happy to help with this if you need.

Download Now

Update contact details

Have you moved or changed your telephone number? If you have moved residence or if your contact details have changed please let the school office know as soon as possible. By doing so, you will ensure that we can get in touch with you, or a nominated contact person, should your child become ill, or an emergency arises.



Playground activity leaders in schools **PALS**

The P.A.L.S. program encourages all children to participate in activities regardless of their gender, size, or ability. The three objectives of the program are:

- to increase physical activity,
- to decrease conflict and reduce the incidence of playground bullying, and
- to provide a leadership opportunity for students.

Students in Year 5 with leadership qualities have been trained to act as playground activity leaders for younger students. Student leaders are provided with the opportunity to learn and practise:

- playground safety
- the qualities of a leader and different leadership styles
- communication skills

- how to lead games in a collaborative and inclusive way
- conflict resolution skills

These students will plan and lead fun and safe activities on the playground at lunch time on Mondays.

Star Reward Day

Granville South Public School will celebrate positive behaviour for learning (PBL) with a Star Day on Thursday. Students who have demonstrated exceptional behaviour all term will enjoy various activities including inflatable obstacles and a disco.

PBL is an evidence-based and data-driven program which focuses on developing students' strengths and teaching positive behaviour. If you missed out this term, there will be another event next term for students who demonstrate positive behaviour all of Term 4!

This term the students at Granville South are focusing on wearing hats and keeping our playground clean. Students can play in all areas of the playground with a hat. If students do not have a hat they must play under the COLA.

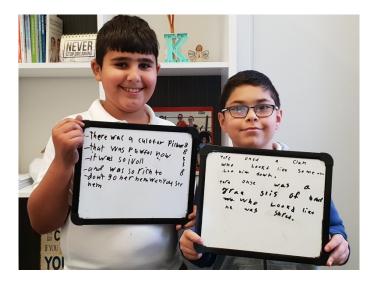
Keeping the playground clean helps keep our school clean. If every person puts their own rubbish in the bin, we would have a rubbish free playground!

Students can play in a **safe** manner by wearing a hat in the sun, especially as the weather starts to warm up.

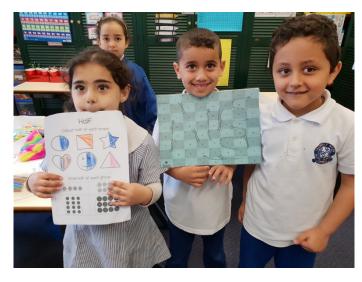
Students can be **respectful** by keeping their playground clean.

Students can be a **learner** by reminding others to do the right thing.

We hope that students remember to wear their hats and keep the playground clean.







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Fruit and Vegetable Month

As part of Healthy Fruit and Veg month Mrs Downie and 2PD cooked some very yummy mini quiches.

Cheese and Zucchini Mini Quiches

Ingredients:

- * 1 cup grated cheese
- * 1 grated zucchini
- * 6 eggs
- * Pastry
- * Half cup milk
- * Half cup cream
- * Olive oil spay

Steps:

- 1. Thaw the pastry.
- 2. Spray the muffin trays with olive oil spray.
- 3. Grate the zucchini into a bowl.
- 4. Crack the eggs into a bowl and whisk the eggs together.
- 5. Pour the milk and cream into the egg mixture. Mix all the ingredients together.
- 6. Use a circle cutter and cut out the pastry. Then place the pastry into the muffin trays.
- 7. Put a table spoon of zucchini into each pastry.
- 8. Put a table spoon of cheese into each pastry.
- 9. Spoon the egg mixture into each muffin filling it up.

- 10. Sprinkle left over cheese on top.
- 11. Place the tins into the oven and cook the quiches until they are golden brown and the egg mixture is cooked. Cook for 20-25min.
- 12. Eat and enjoy!







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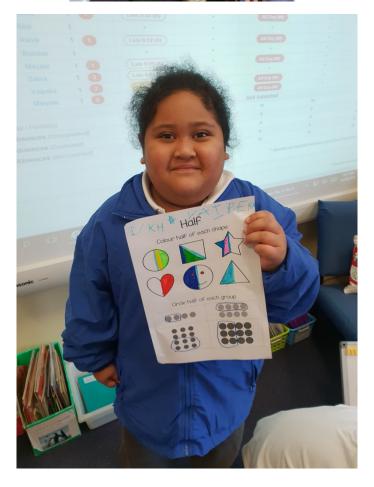


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