



Term 4 – Week 2

Thursday, 31  
October 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to another Term, we have a big 10 weeks ahead of us with lots of exciting events to come.

I would like to thank staff for their fantastic start to the term, it has been great to walk through their classrooms and see students happy and engaged in their learning.

Last week our school had a very special visit from our Executive Director, Dr Sylvia Corish. She, alongside our Director, Educational Leadership, Mr John Kennedy met with staff, observed learning in 6/5H, saw the dance group perform and sat in on Kindergarten data chats. They were both amazed and impressed by what is happening and Granville South and also by the positive feel of the school.

I would like to congratulate Shady and Merveh for making it through to the Sydney West Athletics carnival. It was held last Thursday and although they didn't make it through to State, they both did extremely well and should be proud of their achievements.

On Tuesday Reannah and Indira participated in the Metropolitan South Public Speaking Finals. Both did extremely well in their prepared speech and their impromptu speech. I am so proud to inform you that Reannah won the competition and will now be heading to the

State Primary School Public Speaking Competition in November. This is a phenomenal achievement.

A few things to remember this term:

- All students are to be wearing school hats during any time outside; this includes break times, class activities or excursions. School hats can be purchased at the school office for \$12.
- Kindergarten (2020) Transition has started and is already two weeks in. If you know someone who has a child due to start Kindergarten next year please encourage them to come up to the school office as soon as possible.
- Save the dates – as you would be aware there are lots of events at the end of the year. I have included a save the date section so that you can lock some of these dates in.

Warm regards,

Karen Macphail

Principal

## Upcoming Events

## Term 4 Week 2

Wednesday 23/10	Footy Colours Day
Thursday 24/10	Stage 3 Sustainability Expo Julie May's speech program 3-6 Assembly Teacher professional learning evening 3 – 6:30pm.
Friday 25/10	PSSA Stage 2 – Athletics Program

## Term 4 Week 3

Monday 28/10	CANTEEN IS CLOSED Monday Morning Mingle at 9am
Tuesday 29/10	Kindergarten Transition
Thursday 31/10	K-2 Assembly Julie May's speech program
Friday 1/11	PSSA Stage 2 Athletics Program

## Term 4 Week 4

Monday 4/11	Monday Morning Mingle at 9am
Tuesday 5/11	Kindergarten Transition Year 6 High School transition Year 5 Leadership program Sydney Symphony Orchestra excursion
Thursday 7/11	Julie May's speech program Yrs 3 – 6 Assembly Teacher professional learning evening 3 – 6:30pm.
Friday 8/11	PSSA

## Save the dates

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Presentation Day Assembly

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December – K to 5 Movie Day and Yr 6 Fun Day

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Year 6 Farewell (evening event)

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Students finish for 2019.

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January – Students in Years 1 to 6 return to school

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February – Kindergarten 2020 starts

## Year 7 Selective High School 2021

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2021, 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 late-September 2019 at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>.

The application website opens at that link on **8 October 2019** and closes at **10pm on 11 November 2019**. **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 8 October 2019.

## 2020 Plans

We are currently looking at student numbers for next year and starting to plan classes and staffing. A note has gone home regarding your intentions for 20120. Can you please ensure this note is returned as it allows us to plan accurately?

## Canteen 2020

At this stage there will be no canteen available at the school in 2020. Mrs Youssef has decided to finish her contract at the end of the year. I am kindly asking parents to complete this very short survey below regarding 2020 plans.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8SB5TLX>



## Student Leaders

In a few weeks our Stage 3 teachers will be working with our Year 5 students in preparation for our annual Student Leader election. All Year 5 students have the opportunity to fill in an expression of interest and if they meet the criteria, each student will perform a short speech in front of the school.

Becoming a student leader is fantastic privilege and we do hold very high expectations of anyone filling these positions. If anyone would like a copy of our Student Leader Policy, I am more than happy to provide it to you.

## Kindergarten 2020 enrolling now

**We are current finalising in area enrolments for Kindergarten 2020.**

**If you have not submitted an enrolment form please do so ASAP.**

Please note that as of Term 4 the Department of Education has brought in a new enrolment policy that has changed the guidelines of accepting students who are out of our local catchment area. If you are unsure of what school is local to you please go to

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/school-finder>



## End of Year School Development Days

Staff participate in Professional Learning each week after school and on Staff Development Days. With approval, the school can nominate to vary a Staff Development Day with additional Professional Learning Sessions during the term.

The staff agreed to the variation of the SDD on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December with two, three-hour twilight Professional Learning sessions on October 24<sup>th</sup> and November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The change to the timetable will not impact families as students finish Term 4 on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>.

## PSSA

Welcome back to another summer season of PSSA. This season sports available are softball, t-ball and basketball. Well done to our teams in their first week of PSSA, last Friday. They played their hardest and displayed great sportsmanship and teamwork with each other and the opposing teams. A reminder that it is a privilege to participate in PSSA. Students are representing our school and in order to continue playing they must display safe and respectful behaviour in and out of the classroom.

Just a reminder that as the weather is getting hotter, students **MUST** wear a school hat to all games and bring a water bottle with them. Students will only be allowed to play if they are wearing a school hat.

## OZ-TAG

Oz-tag gala day notes were distributed last week. A reminder that students who have received a note must return their note and money by 7<sup>th</sup> November. Full school sports uniform, hat and lunch is required for the day as there will be no canteen.

## PBL Awards

Student	Class	Award
Rima A	2/1M	2nd Shooting Star
Hamza Y	2/1M	2nd Shining Star
Lela A	2/1M	2nd Shooting Star
Rabih M	2/1AD	1st Superstar
Ava C	2/1AD	3rd Shining Star
M'hamed A	2/1AD	3rd Shining Star
Dilara A	KM	2nd Shining Star
Elijah D	KM	2nd Shining Star
Umar Y	2/1AD	1st Shining Star
Frashta M	2/1AD	2nd Shooting Star
Maisam H	KB	1st Shining Star
Elias H	KB	1st Shining Star
Mohamad A	KB	1st Shining Star
Joshua S	KB	1st Shining Star
Moses K	2/1N	3rd Shining Star
Imran O	2/1N	2nd Shooting Star
Mohamad I	2/1N	3rd Shining Star
Ali J	2/1N	3rd Shining Star
Lamis E	2/1N	3rd Shining Star

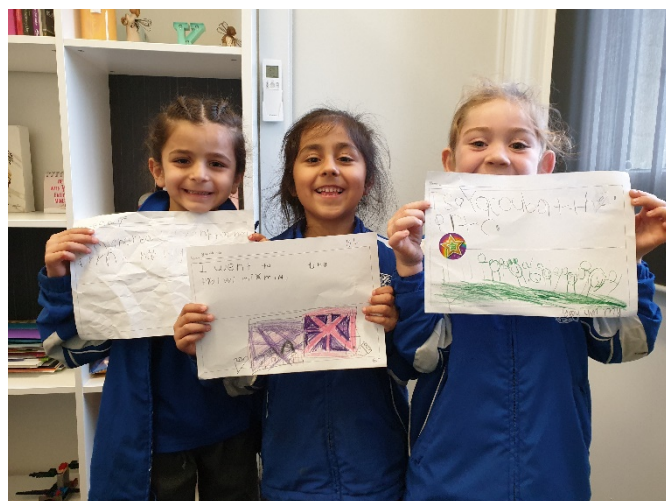


Ahmad E	2/1N	1st Shooting Star
Nadia Abbas	4/3M	1st Shooting Star
Yonathan K	4/3M	2nd Shooting Star
Hadeel A	4/3M	2nd Shining Star
Afu F	4/3M	1st Shining Star
Sofiah G	4/3M	1st Super Star
Ayat K	6/5N	1st Shooting Star
Zac B	6/5N	1st Super Star
Elhama E	6/5N	3rd Shining Star
Hasan A	6/5N	2nd Shining Star
Shady A	6/5N	3rd Shining Star
Summer T	KM	2nd Shining Star

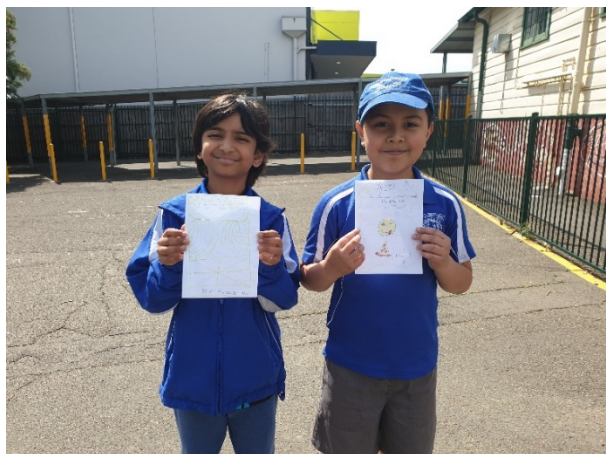
## Around the School



Congratulations to our General Assistant, Fred, for receiving an Auburn Network award for his hard work and dedication.



Omar, Yacoub and Ayman showing off their writing skills.



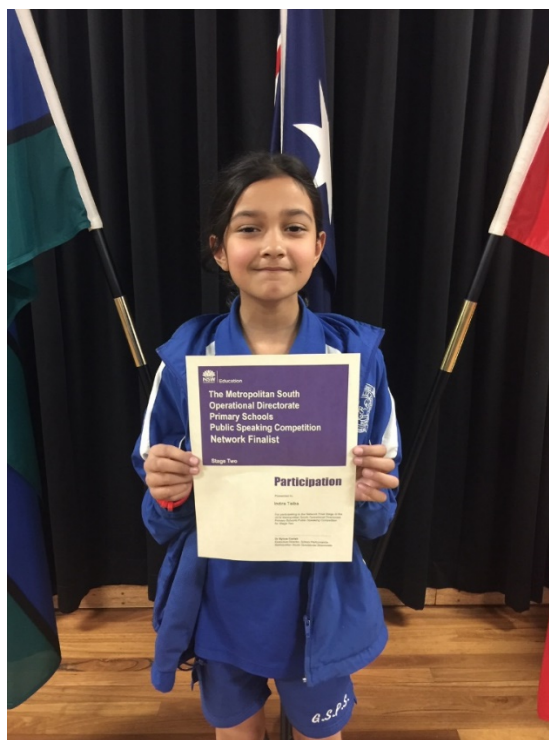
Abyaan and Tyrell sharing their fantastic poetry.



Dr Sylvia Corish, Executive Director, participating in a Kindergarten data chat.



Artwork from 2/1S is proudly displayed in Mr Kennedy's Strathfield Office.



Congratulations Indira for making participating in the Primary School Speaking Competition Network final.



Congratulations Reannah for winning the competition finals.