



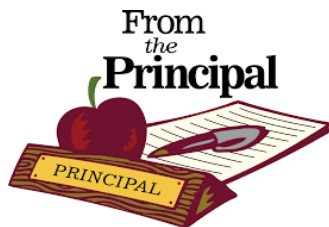
# Granville South Public School

Safe – Respectful - Learner



Term 1 – Week 6

Thursday, 5 March  
2020



Dear Parents / Carers,

What a wonderful start we've had to the year and as we finish Week 6, there are plenty of reasons to celebrate and, of course, lots to look forward to. Some of our achievements and opportunities over the 6 weeks include:

- All Kindergarten Best Start tests completed and data entered
- Student Leaders attending a Student Leader Conference
- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) interest group up and running
- Our new and improved Tech Hub now open at lunch
- The library finally being furnished with some really colourful furniture.
- A successful swimming carnival with seven of our students qualifying for zone swimming on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March
- Dance group and choir already selected and starting practice
- Mrs Julie May starting her playgroup sessions. These are now completely FULL.
- Our Instructional Leaders going into classrooms to run 'number talk' sessions

- K-2 teachers beginning / continuing their professional learning journey on Literacy
- Stage 3 girls AFL
- The return of our K-6 Assemblies
- A successful start to our Year 6 boys mentoring group.

All of these opportunities and achievements are due to the ongoing hard work from our teachers and parents. **Thank you to everyone that have made these happen.**

## Playground Equipment

For safety reasons children are not allowed on the fixed play equipment without direct supervision by a GSPS teacher, even if supervised by a parent.

Part of the requirements in having fixed play equipment on school grounds is that a teacher **must** directly supervise students. All teachers have undergone a briefing on the safety rules around using the equipment. **Therefore, no child (school aged and non-school aged) is allowed to use this equipment either before, during school or after school without a teacher present.**

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

## Punctuality

From time to time I take the opportunity to communicate with parents the immense importance of punctuality for all school children.

Even though the vast majority of our students are punctual every day, I would again like to address this issue and reinforce our school expectations.

At Granville South students are expected to arrive at school between 8.30 (not before as a teacher is not on duty until that time) and 8.55am.

At our school the music bell rings at 8:55am to signal that it is time to line up at the assembly area on Monday or at the classroom every other day. When the music concludes students are expected to be lined up waiting for a day if learning to commence.

If a student arrives after the class has entered the room, he/she must go to the School Office to get a *Late Note*.

When a student arrives late to the classroom it interrupts the teaching of lessons and disturbs the learning of others. In addition, the child will have missed out on important instructions and may experience difficulty settling in throughout the lesson.

By ensuring that your child arrives at school on time and ready to learn you are giving your child the best possible start to a day of learning. You are also helping them to develop good habits that will be of benefit to them in the future.

Thank you for your support in ensuring the punctuality of your children.

## Changes to Scripture (SRE)

This year Granville South PS has risen to 350 students. Unfortunately we do not have enough Islamic Scripture teachers for the high number of students wanting to attend Islamic Scripture. Therefore in Terms 1 & 2 only, Kindergarten and Stage 3 (Yr 5 & 6) will not be able to attend Islamic Scripture. The students will remain in class and the supervising teaching will be covering topics such as values. If we are able to secure more accredited Islamic Scripture teachers then, of course, this will change.

A reminder that the following scripture (SRE) is available at GSPS.

- Catholic: provided by Catholic Education Catholic Diocese of Parramatta
- Islamic: provided by ISRE, Islamic Special religious Education
- Protestant: provided by Holroyd Christian Ministers' Fellowship SRE Board

## Speech Therapy and Occupational Therapy

Granville South PS has once again decided to use school funds to employ a Speech Therapist, Liz one day a week and also an Occupational Therapist, Miss Erin one day a week. This is of enormous benefits to students, teachers and parents. Liz and Erin are in the process of screening all Kindergarten children and identifying students needing extra support. During their day Liz and Erin will be working in the K-2 classrooms to work with the students and also upskilling the teachers so he/she can support all students in the class.

## International Women's Day

To celebrate International Women's Day our Stage 3 girls will be participating in an AFL Ambassador Day to be held at the school on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March. We are very excited to say that renowned sports women, Louise Stephenson (GWS Giants) will be talking to the girls and then taking the girl's through some AFL skills and activities.



## Thank you Kelloggs

A very big thank you to Kelloggs who have donated a large quantity of breakfast cereals so that we can start our very own breakfast club. This will be targeting students who may not have had time to eat a nutritious breakfast at home and research tells us that a nutritious breakfast sets children up for a positive day of learning. Our breakfast program will run on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.



## End of year Presentation Day Awards

Every year in December the school holds its annual Presentation Day Award Ceremony. To ensure parents and students understand how students are chosen for these awards the school does have a set of very clear criteria.

The procedures have been established to ensure that the awards are made in accordance with the principles of procedural fairness and no eligible student is disadvantaged.

**The final determination of each award will be made collaboratively by the current teachers and the school executive after considering all available data. Multiple awards may be given where appropriate.**

Please see our School Stream app our School Website to view the criteria. We also have copies in the office if you would like.

## PBL Awards

Rayanne E	6/5H	3rd Shining Star
Youssef Y	6/5H	2nd Shining Star
Aliya O	6/5H	2nd Super Star
Yusuf H	4D	1st Super Star
Aymen E	6/5K	2nd Super Star
Adam A	6/5K	1st Super Star
Sarah I	6/5K	1st Shining Star
Sanaa M	1M	1st Shooting Star
Mia Y	1M	2nd Shining Star
Mahdi T	1M	3rd Shining Star
Liam	1M	3rd Shining Star
Mohammad Elias	1M	3rd Shining Star

## Upcoming Events

### Term 1 Week 6

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March Zone Swimming Carnival  
 Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March PSSA

### Term 1 Week 7

Monday 9/3 Yr 6 Merrylands HS Open Day  
 Tuesday 10/3 Yr 6 Top Blokes  
 Friday 13/3 PSSA

### Term 1 Week 8

Tuesday 17/3 Yr 6 Top Blokes  
 Thursday 19/3 K-6 Assembly @ 2:10pm  
 Harmony Day and Picnic  
 Stage 3 Women in Sport Roadshow  
 K-6 Assembly at 2:10pm  
 Friday 20/3 PSSA

### Term 1 Week 9

Monday 23/3 NAPLAN practise  
 Tuesday 24/3 Yr 6 Top Blokes  
 Friday 27/3 PSSA  
 Yr 6 CPR skills  
 Stage 3 Water Safety talk

## Student Leaders attending their leadership day in the city.



6/5H have been writing explanations to inform their audience about social media platforms. Great ideas and writing students!



Cultural Studies – flying to a new country



Great learning Yasmin!

Fun at the swimming carnival.





Awesome work Jayden!

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## Every Minute Counts!

**8.45am** Your child has arrived in time to settle well and has the best start possible.

**9.00am** Your child has probably arrived just after most children as the school day **starts** at 9.00am.

**9.01am** Your child is **late** and has missed the beginning of the school day, being a few minutes late often unsettles children.

**9.05am** 5 minutes late a day means 3 lost days a year.

**9.10am** 10 minutes late a day means 6 lost days a year.

**9.15am** 15 minutes late a day means 9 lost days a year.

**Arriving after the register closes is recorded as an unauthorised absence.**

If your child is late they are missing out.

If your child is regularly late it will affect their learning at school.

**Give your child the best start to the school day by arriving at 8.45 am.**