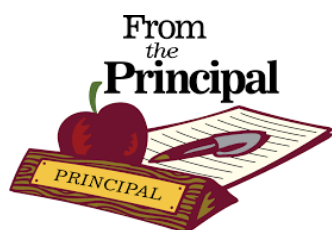
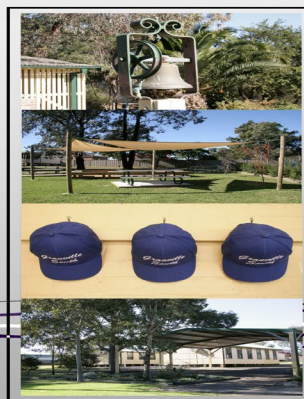




Term 1 – Week 6

Thursday, 4 March
2021



Dear Parents / Carers,

What a wonderful start we have 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 last 6 weeks included:

- All Kindergarten Best Start tests completed and data entered
- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) interest group up and running
- A successful swimming carnival for competitive swimmers only with three of our students qualifying for zone swimming on Thursday 4th March
- Our Instructional Leaders building teacher capacity and running professional learning
- Our four new APs (Miss Morris, Miss Martins, Mrs Nofal and Miss Harrington) being amazing leaders and mentors to classroom teachers
- The return of our K-6 Assemblies
- Mini star kids day for all students who showed consistent positive behaviour
- Parramatta Eels visiting Stage 2 students
- PSSA back up and running
- SRC being presented with their badges

- 6/5H attending science and robotics lessons at Granville Boys High School

Opportunities over the remainder of the term include:

- Excursions for Year 2, Stage 2 and Stage 3
- Easter Hat parade for K-2
- School cross country
- Stage 3 Unleashing Positive Potential Leadership Day
- Leadership Day for Student Leaders and Stage 3 SRC
- Star Kids Day
- Women in Sport's Roadshow - Tilly McDonald from the GWS Giants Netball team coming out to talk to our girls
- Start Smart lessons for Stage 1 – 3 students (financial literacy)
- Harmony Day celebrations
- Parent / teacher interviews

We are certainly making up for opportunities that were lost in 2020. All of these opportunities and achievements are due to the ongoing hard work from our teachers. **Thank you to everyone that have or are making these things happen.**

Kind regards,

Karen Macphail

Upcoming Events

Term 1 Week 6

Thursday 4 th March	Zone Swimming Carnival K-6 Assembly
Friday 5 th March	PSSA Clean Up Australia Day

Term 1 Week 7

Monday 8/3	International Women's Day
Tuesday 9/3	Stage 3 Excursion
Wednesday 10/3	SRC lunchtime meeting Yr 6 – 7 high school forms sent home
Thursday 11/3	Selective High School Test Vision screening for Kindergarten Basketball 3 - 6
Friday 12/3	PSSA Vision screening for Kindergarten

Term 1 Week 8

Monday 15/3	Year 7 High School EOIs due in
Thursday 18/3	K-6 Assembly @ 2:10pm 3 – 6 Basketball Years 1 – 6 Start Smart sessions K-6 Assembly at 2:10pm
Friday 19/3	PSSA

Term 1 Week 9

Monday 22/3	Year 2 Zoo excursion
Tuesday 23/3	School Cross Country
Wednesday 24/3	SRC lunchtime meeting
Thursday 25/3	Stage 2 excursion Student Leaders and Yr 6 SRC attending leadership day
Friday 26/3	PSSA

Swimming Carnival

Unfortunately, last week, our swimming carnival for non-competitive swimmers was cancelled due to bad weather. This decision turned out to be the right one as on the day there was a lightning and thunderstorm, which would have meant that we return to school straight away.

For all students that paid \$10 this money will go into a credit and can be used for any future school events such as excursions, PSSA, gala days or athletic carnival.

Congratulations to Lillea K, Rabih M, Omar A who have made it through to the zone swimming carnival that is being held today, Thursday 4th March.

Scripture (SRE)

On Wednesday afternoons, students in Years 1 - 4 will be attending scripture lessons. Unless notified otherwise your child will participate in the same scripture as they did in 2020. All students not attending scripture lessons will be attending non-scripture where topics such as values will be covered.

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

This year we will continue to use school funds to employ a Speech Therapist, Miss 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 either with groups of students or in the K-2 classrooms to work with the whole class.

Family Contribution School Fees 2021

The Family Contribution Fee, although voluntary, will make a difference to our school finances. In 2020 your contribution assisted us with some of the money that we spend in purchasing new books and resources for our classrooms.

The cost of the **VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION** is \$25 for one child, \$45 for two children, \$60 for three children and a maximum of \$75 for four or more children. In order to keep the levy at this very reasonable level, **all parents are encouraged to pay the levy.** Without this funding the school finds it extremely difficult to maintain the high standard of education being provided by the dedicated staff at this school.

Teacher absence

Throughout the year, your child's teacher may not be on class due to professional learning, illness or long service leave. We always endeavour to get familiar casual teachers to take classes; however, this may not always be possible. As a last resort we may need to 'split' a class, this means that we provide students with work and they will complete the work in another class for the day. If teachers are going to be away for more than a week, a note will be sent home explaining how we are going to ensure continuity of your child's learning.

When teachers are not teaching the class due to attending professional learning it may seem like an inconvenience on the day, however, the benefits of teachers being upskilled will only have a positive

impact on the students. All teachers attend two planning days each term so that the entire stage team can meet with our Instructional Leaders.

Riding scooters or bicycles to school

There are a few students who are now choosing to ride to school, so therefore, we are in the process of getting bicycle racks for students to store their bikes safely. **PLEASE NOTE that bicycle riders are required by law to wear an approved helmet securely fitted and fastened.** In NSW there are no exemptions from wearing an approved bicycle helmet. If students ride to school without a helmet we will be calling parents to come and pick up the bike or bring in a helmet so the student can ride home safely.

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.



High school enrolment – expressions of interest for Year 7, 2022

In the next week, all Year 6 students will receive an information pack about high school along with an Expression of Interest (EOI) form.

Every child is entitled to be enrolled at the government school that is designated for the intake area within which the child's home is situated, and that the child is eligible to attend. Your local high school will be written on the top of the form.

If the current residential address listed on the EOI form is incorrect, you will need to provide evidence of your new address to the front office.

Please complete the form and return it to your class teacher by Monday 15th March 2021

If you require support, please call the office.

Translated documents are available through:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school/translated-documents/enrolment-eoi-yr7>

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school/enrolment/high-school-enrolment>

PBL Awards

Congratulations to the following students:

Name	Class	PBL Award
Hayat A	2S	2 nd Shining Star
Mia-Rose B	2S	1 st Shooting Star
James L	2S	2 nd Shining Star
Aleksandar T	2S	3 rd Shining Star
Tonya A	3/2S	2 nd Shining Star

Tamer T	1PD	1 st Shooting Star
Hannah M	1PD	1 st Shooting Star
Nadia A	6/5H	3 rd Shining Star
Bilal A	6/5H	3 rd Shining Star
Xavier S	2S	1 st Super Star
Zahra H	2S	3 rd Shooting Star
Omar Al	2S	3 rd Shooting Star
Sarah A	1PD	2 nd Shooting Star
Ava C	4/3E	1 st Super Star
Yila Z	4/3 E	2 nd Shining Star
Nour E	4/3 E	1 st Shining Star
Nixon T	4/3 E	2 nd Shining Star
Masoumah A	1/KM	2 nd Shining Star
Raven G	KR	1 st Shining Star
Batool A	KR	1 st Shining Star
Abu Bakr M	2S	2 nd Shining star
Mahmoud Al	2M	3 rd Shining Star
Summer T	2M	1 st Super Star
Liam W	2M	2 nd Shooting Star
Zand O	2M	2 nd Super Star
Yacoub Y	2M	2 nd Super Star
Mia Y	2M	1 st Shooting Star

Around the grounds



Mohomad participating in a chemistry lesson at Granville Boys HS



Bassem, Bilal and Ishaac participating in a chemistry lesson at Granville Boys HS



Leilah participating in a chemistry lesson at Granville Boys HS





KR students enjoy looking at books



Congratulations and farewell Mrs Demiralp and Miss Hamdan



2021 SRC

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight = **4** weeks  = Over **1** year missed



1 day per week = **8** weeks  = Over **2.5** years missed



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Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss days per year

5 mins per day



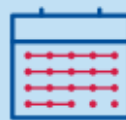
= **3** days



30 mins per day



= **18** days



Patterns of lateness can have a serious impact on your child's education.

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