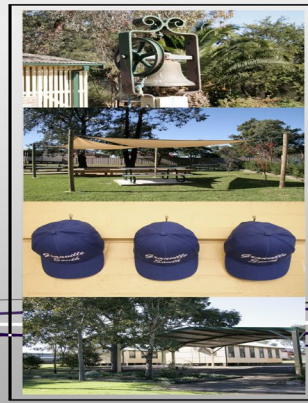




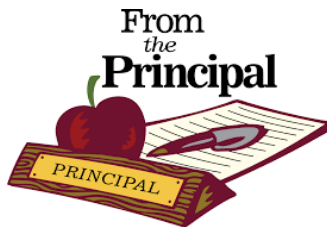
# Granville South *Public School*

Safe – Respectful – Learner



Term 2 – Week 3

Tuesday, 10 May 2022



Dear Parents / Carers,

I am very excited to be bringing back our school newsletter. After all the lockdowns with COVID, I realise that communication between school and parents is so vital. The newsletter will enable better communication as well as giving the school the opportunity to celebrate student successes.

It has been a wonderful start to Term 2. We have had quite a lot of students away due to Eid celebrations, however, it is lovely to see all students back in the classroom and getting on with the job of learning.

I will be taking two weeks leave starting Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. Mrs Natasha Zeremes and Mrs Abeer Karaali will be relieving as Principal in my absence.

Kind regards,

Karen Macphail

## Condolences

It is with a heavy heart that I let you know that one of our past students, Daniel Epifanino passed away after a 19-month battle with cancer. Daniel should have been in Yr 7 this year. Our sincerest condolences are with his parents Michael and Kellie

at this truly difficult time. Daniel will be greatly missed.



In Loving Memory

Daniel Eric Epifanino  
3<sup>rd</sup> November 2009 - 20<sup>th</sup> April 2022

## Staffing updates

So far this year we have had some changes with regards to staffing. I would like to congratulate Miss Justine Harrington who was successful in gaining a permanent Assistant Principal position at Newington PS. Although I am saddened to see Miss Harrington leave, she has proven to be a strong leader, and this is the next natural step in her career path. Newington PS is very lucky to have her.

I would also like to congratulate the following teachers:

- Ms Angel Shahrouk - successful in gaining a permanent teaching position at Granville South PS.

- Miss Lamia El Bacha – successful in gaining a permanent teaching position at Granville South PS.
- Mr Joey Surace – Student Wellbeing Officer working two days a week.

## Canteen

We are excited to have our canteen lunch orders starting up again. Lunch orders will be on Wednesdays at this stage, and if this goes well, we will increase this to a second day.

Information about how to order lunches as well as the lunch menu will go home this week. Please note that all NSW Government schools are required to follow the healthy guidelines.

In having lunch orders delivered this ensures that:

- We meet the healthy canteen guidelines as set out by the Department of Education
- Students have the opportunity to order their lunch on one day of the week which can increase the variety of lunch, or be a reward from parents
- The school is still able to sell Zooper Dooper's and raise money for events such as SRC, Yr 6 events or different excursions.



## Cross Country

Last Friday we held our school cross country carnival. It was so nice to see the sun shining and all our students aged 8 + participating. Congratulations to all students who have made it through to the zone cross country carnival that is being held on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. A note will be going home for those students this week.

## P&C

On behalf of all students, I would like to pass on my sincerest thanks to the P&C who donated \$5000 to the school. This money was used to purchase playground equipment for the school.

Also, a big thank you to Roxanne Goddard and Hoda Kara-Ali who ran the Mother's Day stall last week. A lot of time and effort went into ensuring that there were quality gifts for students to purchase.

Thank You

## NAPLAN

NAPLAN is once again being held this week. All students in Years 3 & 5 will be sitting four tests across the next three or four days. The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child's level of achievement. Each student's level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

## Excursions

Your child may have already received a note regarding a school excursion. Excursions are a great way to complement the learning that happens in the classroom. It is expected that all students attend.

There are many benefits of School Excursions. They include:

- They help reinforce what has been taught in the classroom - Students may get to learn in a new environment with new teachers or instructors.
- Students are excited and energised by the anticipation of leaving the classroom and school environment. Fun school excursions will help students retain the information they have learnt on their trip.
- Exposure to new experiences - outside the classroom students have the opportunity of being exposed to new experiences and observe new things that are not available at school, such as wildlife, different cultures and tours/visits to iconic buildings and areas.
- Social skills - getting out of the classroom gives children an opportunity to spend time with each other in a new environment without the structure of the classroom. School excursions often require students to spend time in small groups, observing, chatting and learning.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the excursion, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

## Stage 3 Camp

After two years, we are finally happy to bring our Stage 3 camp. Students have the opportunity to attend a two-night camp at our Aussie Bush Camp at Kincumber. School camp is a place where

memories are made. The benefits of school camp are as follows:

- Development of social skills
- Development of independence skills
- Development of decision-making skills
- Learning leadership skills.

I understand that sending off your child to a school camp can cause some anxiety, however, please know that your children will be looked after very well.

I highly encourage our Stage 3 students to attend. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school and we will be happy to help.

## Multicultural Perspectives Speaking Competition

Students in Yr 3 – 6 will have the opportunity to participate in our Multicultural perspectives Speaking Competition. A note will be going home this week with more information. It is always such a pleasure hearing the students speak on their chosen topic.

## Sporting Opportunities

We are all very excited to see the return of PSSA. The following sports are being offered:

- League Tag – boys and girls teams
- Newcombe ball – boys and girls mixed
- Soccer – girls and boys

Please note that if you agree for your child to participate in PSSA then he/she will need to attend all games (unless sick) for the 8 weeks. Unfortunately, we have had students who have decided halfway through that they don't want to play anymore. This is not in the team spirit and in fact, it lets the entire team down.

PSSA is at a cost of \$30 for the entire season. This covers both participation and transport.

As we are all aware sun safety is extremely important, even during cloudy weather. Hats are being sold in the school office for \$10.



### Other sporting opportunities include:

- Free gymnastics sessions for all K-2 students, this is thanks to the Australian Governments Sporting Schools initiative
- Free cricket lessons for students in Yrs 3 – 6
- Free after school cricket sessions – a message went out to parents last week. Parents will need to register their child.

### School Assemblies

Our school assemblies are held every second Tuesday from 2:10pm. Parents / carers are more than welcome to attend. Please see the section 'Upcoming Events' to find the exact dates.

### School App

It has come to my attention that some of our parents are still unaware of our school app, **School Stream**. This is the app we use to send out all information such as the following:

- Permission notes
- Events
- COVID alerts
- School updates

Please note that not all the above messages go onto seesaw / dojo as sometimes critical information needs to be sent whilst teachers are in the classroom with students.

**The School Stream app is the main source of whole school information.**

The app is free to download, and instructions are on the back of this note as well as at the following link <https://www.schoolstream.com.au/download/>.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

### Colour Run

Our school Colour Run will be on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May. This event is one of our major fundraisers and all money raised goes directly back to supporting all students. We encourage students to get lots of sponsors in order to raise money. Prizes are awarded depending on how much money is raised.

Parents / carers are more than welcome to come on the day and join in on the fun event. A sausage sizzle will also be held. Students need to pre-order their lunch. If parents would like to buy a sausage sandwich on the day there will be extra to purchase, however, this number is limited.





## Upcoming Events

## Term 2 Week 3

Monday 9/5	Stage 3 Leadership Day
Tuesday 10/5	NAPLAN for Yr 3 & 5
Wednesday 11/5	NAPLAN for Yr 3 & 5 Scripture begins for Yrs 1 - 6
Thursday 12/5	NAPLAN for Yr 3 & 5
Friday 13/5	PSSA begins

## Term 2 Week 4

Tuesday 17/5	K-6 Assembly at 2:10pm
Friday 20/5	PSSA

## Term 2 Week 5

Monday 23/5	Stage 1 excursion
Tuesday 24/5	Colour Run & sausage sizzle
Wednesday 25/5	Sydney Writer's Festival
Thursday 26/5	P&C meeting in staffroom at 9:10am Yr 3 – 6 cricket coaching National Sorry Day
Friday 27/5	PSSA

## Term 2 Week 6

Monday 30/5	School Photos
Tuesday 31/5	Stage 3 excursion
Thursday 2/6	Gymnastics K-2 Multicultural Perspectives Speaking Festival – Stage 2 & 3 finals
Friday 3/6	Ms Shahrouk's last day Zone Cross Country

## Positive Behaviour for Learning Awards

**Congratulations to the following students who will be receiving:**

Naya	1/KM	1st Shining Star
Armon	1/KM	1st Shining Star
Jasem A	2/1S	2nd Shining Star
Nilofar	2/1S	1st Shining Star
Omar K	2G	3rd Shining Star
Aleena	KR	1st Shining Star
Zahra H	6/5E	2nd Shooting Star
Rahil	6/5E	1st Shining Star
Amal C	1/KM	2nd Shining Star
Ibrahim A	KR	1st Shining Star
Asil E	1/KM	2nd Shining Star
Fonise A	KR	1st Shining Star
Issa A	6/5E	2nd Shining Star
Hayat A	3M	2nd Shooting Star
Serena Y	3M	2nd Shooting Star

*Congratulations!*

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