



# The Grange Public School Informer

**Excellence, Innovation, Opportunity, Success**

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## Term 4 Week 6 – 12<sup>th</sup> November 2012

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

### **SUCCESS**

#### **Southwest Sydney Region Achievement Awards**

Last Wednesday night, I attended the awards ceremony accompanied by the Principals from our Minto Community of Schools.

Mr Craig Redfern: Campbellfield

Ms Nicole Cameron(Relieving): Minto

Mr Mick Aslanis: Sarah Redfern

Ms Julie Raciborska: Passfield Park Special School

Mrs Karen Endicott: Sarah Redfern High

Our Community of Schools was thrilled to receive the Director General's Award for our work in the middle schooling area of Years 5-8. Many of your children have participated in The Endicott Cup, the Gifted and Talented Program and the Campbelltown Academic Challenge at SRHS. Other initiatives have been combined professional development days and collaborative planning by teachers and Principals. We are all very proud recipients of the award.

### **SUCCESS**

#### **Aboriginal Awards**

Approximately 10% of our student population is Aboriginal. The following students will receive Regional Awards at our Presentation Day on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

Sporting Awards: Tyrone Trieu, Brandon Trieu

Attendance Awards: Paige Mills, Maddison Bucknall, Alyssa Bucknall, Landon Murphy, Brandon Trieu, Tyrone Trieu and Jake Bucknall.

Congratulations to these students.

#### **Opportunity Class placement**

Congratulations to Ali Haidar and Ayan Latif who have been accepted into the OC class at St Andrews Public School for year 5. The Grange will miss these two responsible students.

#### **Zone Public Speaking**

Last week our school was represented by Vicknesh Ravikumar, Anthony Cucchiaro and Saraa Islam at the Zone Public Speaking Competition. We are very proud of their achievements. Saraa gained 1<sup>st</sup> place in Stage 1. Congratulations Saraa!

#### **Word Mania Challenge**

During the last 4 weeks our students contributed over 5300 minutes to the Word Mania Challenge. Congratulations to Jonathan Nguyen on making the semi-finals, making him one of the top 30 in the state. Well done!

## Calendar

### **WEEK 6**

#### **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November**

Kindy 2013 Transition

#### **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November**

Pyjama Day

Whole School Assembly

### **WEEK 7**

#### **Hamper Donations:**

tins, jars & packets

#### **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November**

Kindy 2013 Transition



### **SAFETY**

This week, one of our pre-schoolers was running in an out of bounds area, tripped and broke two bones in his arm. Parents, please ensure that your little ones walk when inside the school grounds.

High Quality Education for Future Success



### Teacher Professional Learning

As educational practices change, teachers in all schools are continually participating in professional learning to update their knowledge and skills. Unfortunately, this means that they are often away from class. I apologise to parents for the changes to normal routine over the past few months.

Some of the ongoing courses teachers are currently engaging in are

- Targeting Early Numeracy (TEN) K-2
- Every Student Every School
- Best Start K-2

Thank you for your patience. Your children are benefiting every day from best practice teaching in Literacy and Numeracy.

Best wishes  
Lynne Wilson  
Principal

### The Schoolkids Bonus

The Schoolkids Bonus is paid in two instalments in January and July each year. Eligible families will receive up to \$410 for each primary school student and up to \$820 a year for each high school student.

Families receiving Family Tax Benefit Part A, as well as young people in school receiving Youth Allowance, and others receiving certain income support or veteran's payments are eligible for the Schoolkids Bonus.

To ensure you to receive the payment, you may need to update your details with Centrelink.

To find out more about the Schoolkids Bonus and other Government payments you may be eligible for visit [humanservices.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus](http://humanservices.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus).



### Principal's Awards



Natalie Turnbull

Joel Tom

Vicknesh Ravikumar

Zac Hewat

Briannah Priestley

Mary Anne Francis



Alfred AhChong

Lauren Foley

Batoul Al-Maarrawie

Jenae Hudson

Noah Delaney



Level 2

ASif Bhuiyan

### The Grange has got Talent

During this week and next we will take registrations for The Grange has got Talent. Cost 50c per person. We are encouraging acts like dancing, singing, magic tricks, clowns and more! Auditions will be held week 7 (next week).

The Grange has got Talent

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December

Cost: 50c entry per person

Everyone is welcome to come and watch the show.

Pearline, Mrs Cordina & Committee



**GRANGE  
GRINNERS ARE**



**Great  
Learners**

### SCHOOL VALUES PROGRAM

The school values focus for the next two weeks will be on: packing up; lunch, recess and the end of the day.

Students will be taught and encouraged to: return equipment, chair under desk, tidy desk, rubbish in bin.

The expected way of behaving will be clearly outlined and modelled.

Students will be given clear directions about expected behaviour : following teacher directions about packing routines.

Students displaying expected behaviour will earn themselves a "Grange Grinner Award".



## Saturday School of Community Languages 2013 Enrolment Procedures

The Saturday School of Community Languages provides opportunities for high school students to study their background language to HSC level.

The Saturday School of Community Languages provides continuity of study from the Community Languages Program K-6 or from study of the language through the NSW Community Languages Schools Program at a community school.

Information about courses offered at the Saturday School of Community Languages as well as application for enrolment, are available at [www.sscl.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.sscl.schools.nsw.edu.au)

## ANNUAL TALENT QUEST

Sing, dance, act, play an instrument or show your hidden talent.

**\$8000** in trophies, prizes & gift vouchers.  
Solo, groups & bands. Age groups 5yrs & below  
6-10yrs & 11-18yrs.

**Sun 25<sup>th</sup> Nov**

Entry forms at The Wizard of Oz Funland,  
2/11 Hollylea Rd, Leumeah. ☎ 46267777

[www.thewizardofozfunland.com](http://www.thewizardofozfunland.com)

**'MACARTHUR HAS TALENT'**



## LIBRARY BORROWING

It is almost that time of year when we need to do the annual stocktake. This week will be the last week to borrow from the library so now is the time to check for any outstanding books.

Thank you  
Deborah Plater  
Teacher Librarian



## P&C

### MEETING

Our next meeting is on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 10am in the staffroom. All welcome.

### REMINDER

Don't forget to ask for the school dollars when shopping at The Good Guys Campbelltown.

### RAFFLE DONATIONS

We are looking donations to be used for our Christmas raffle. If any family knows of a business that could help, please let Mrs Stewart know.

Each week will be asking our Grange families to send in different items to be made up into Christmas Hampers.

1<sup>st</sup> donation Week 7: 19<sup>th</sup> November -tins/jars/packets

2<sup>nd</sup> donation Week 8: 26<sup>th</sup> November - chips/lollies/biscuits/chocolates

3<sup>rd</sup> donation Week 9: 3<sup>rd</sup> December - Christmas themed items



Each week we will tally up the items in each class and the one with the most donations will win a prize.  
Please check "Use by Date" to ensure all items are current.



## FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Family Fun Night on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December

Disco/Karaoke, sausage sizzle, drinks and ice blocks and lucky door prizes.

Please mark your calendars!

Please return the tear off to purchase tickets. Tickets will be sent home Week 9.







## Pyjama Day

This Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> November Parliament will be holding a Pyjama Day.

Children participating need to make a gold coin donation if they wear pyjamas to school.  
Nothing too brief! Students must wear joggers or closed in shoes and they have to wear underwear under their pyjamas. Thank you for your support  
Sydney & Committee

## The Music Bus

The Music Bus as a mobile music classroom that can visit schools weekly to give children lessons in keyboard, guitar and drums.

The cost of tuition is \$15 per week for a 30minute lesson.

The Music Bus provides all instruments, but it is recommended that your child has access to a home instrument to gain maximum benefit.

We are seeking expressions of interest from parents who would be interested in their child participating in 2013.

If interested, please complete the slip and return to school.



### Expression of Interest

I would be interested in my child \_\_\_\_\_ learning an instrument on the Music Bus in 2013. I understand that the cost is \$15 per lesson.

Signed: Parent / Caregiver \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

FAMILY PASS: \$15.00 each..... No. \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Immediate family only)

INDIVIDUAL PASS: \$5.00..... No. \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

GRANDPARENTS: Gold coin donation..... No. \_\_\_\_\_  
TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated number of family members attending (for catering purposes) Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Children \_\_\_\_\_