



The Grange Public School Informer

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Term 1 Week 11 – 2nd April 2012

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Opportunities

This term, with your support, the school has provided a wide range of activities designed to enrich your children's learning experiences. Some of these include Rugby League clinics, Little Athletics clinic, Harmony Day, Pet Care for K-2, Karate demonstration, Mayoral reception for Captains and Vice Captains, HOPE program for selected students, Gala Day, Athletics Carnival and Cybersmart Workshop for Years 3-6.

The greater variety of experiences children have, the more they can bring and contribute to the achievement of higher learning outcomes. It may be in talking and listening about the events, or reading and writing about them. So thank you again for your consent and financial support.

P&C

Congratulations to the 2012 P&C Committee who were elected at the Annual General Meeting last week. We thank last year's committee for their amazing commitment to our school.

President: Jo-Ann Shearer

Vice President : Kathleen Murphy

Treasurer : Linda Michael

Secretary : Wendy Kent

Uniform Shop : Linda and Kathleen again have generously given their time to operate the uniform shop. Thank you to *Kylie Flick* and *Kelly Davison* who will assist them. It was wonderful to see the number of mums who attended the AGM. Thank you.

Calendar

WEEK 11

Tuesday 3rd April

Cybersmart Workshop

6.30-8pm

Wednesday 4th April

Rugby Union Gala Day

Thursday 5th April

Last day Term 1

Easter Hat Parade

Term 2

WEEK 1

Monday 23rd April

Teachers return

Tuesday 24th April

Students return

Wednesday 25th October

ANZAC Day holiday

Thursday 26th April

ANZAC service at school 10.30am



Want to know what your children can be exposed to online?

Cybersmart Workshop: Tuesday

Children in years 5 and 6 will participate in the workshop on Tuesday, followed by a staff session.

Parents are urged to attend the workshop if possible between 6.30 and 8pm (so far only 5 parents have replied) in the Library.

Please complete the tear off slip, if you are able to attend and return it to school.

Textbooks

All classes will be using their Mathematics homework or Handwriting textbooks from day 1 next term.

I will be contacting all parents who have not yet paid this week. There are some student assistance funds available for those in need.

Easter Hat Parade

We're looking forward to seeing many of you at the parade on Thursday morning at 9.15.

Older students are invited to make an Easter hat or a crazy hat to wear on the day.

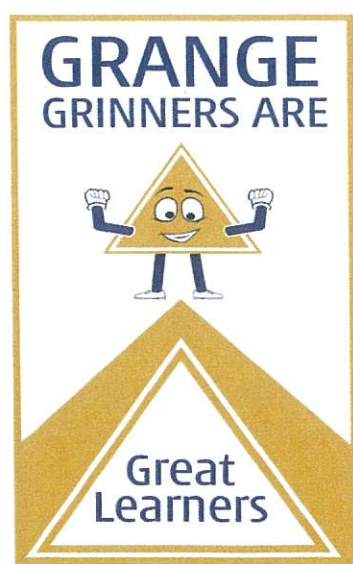
Please note :

NAPLAN Test Dates

May 15, 16, 17 for students in **Years 3 and 5**

Have a Happy Easter and enjoy the break.

Lynne Wilson
Principal



Principal's Awards

Tina Horton



Kitty Hewat





One Day Kid's Club
Monday 23rd April 2012
8.30am - 3.30pm (Pupil Free Day)
St James Anglican Church Minto



For children in kindergarten to Year 6

Limited to 50 children

Children to bring their own lunch (Morning & afternoon snacks and drinks provided) Cost \$5 per child

There will be bible stories, games and crafts

To book in please ring Rev Chris Hanger on 9603 4425

Leaders are trained in Child Protection and we will have at least 1 leader for every 8 children.

A registration form will need to be filled in on the morning for each child by a parent or an adult appointed by a parent.

St James Anglican Church (cnr Pembroke Road & Redfern Road, Minto) Opposite Minto Primary School

SCHOOL VALUES PROGRAM

The school values focus for the next two weeks will be on: the 5L's

Students will be taught and encouraged to: practice the 5L's of listening.

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

Students will be given clear directions about expected behaviour :
listening to teacher directions.

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

ANZAC Day

Anzac Day is a special day in Australia. We remember all the people who have been in wars.

The Anzac tradition—the ideals of courage, endurance and mateship that are still relevant today—was established on 25 April 1915 when the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps landed on the Gallipoli Peninsula.

It was the start of a campaign that lasted eight months and resulted in some 25,000 Australian casualties, including 8,700 who were killed or died of wounds or disease.

The men who served on the Gallipoli Peninsula created a legend, adding the word 'Anzac' to our vocabulary and creating the notion of the Anzac spirit.

Rosemary, laurel & poppies

Rosemary and laurel especially have been associated with Anzac Day. In Ancient Rome, laurel was worn by emperors, while victorious generals and early Olympians were crowned with a laurel wreath. So it has come to symbolise bravery and victory. As a round wreath, laurel represents eternity, making it even more apt as a commemorative wreath.

Rosemary is an ancient symbol of remembrance. It has added significance for Australians on Anzac Day as it grows wild on the Gallipoli Peninsula. Sprigs of rosemary are traditionally worn on Anzac Day and sometimes Remembrance Day



Our ANZAC ceremony will be held on

Thursday 26th March at 10.30am.

The School Captains will lay a wreath of laurel and the Kindergarten students will place flowers in memory of the ANZACs.



We ask that all Kindergarten children please bring in a few flowers from their garden that morning.

Lest we forget

Free Support for Parents

We all know that parenting is challenging. Every parent struggles from time to time with everyday issues or more complex ones.

The State Government funded helpline, Parent Line NSW provides a unique free support service to parents across NSW. Highly skilled professional counsellors are available 24 hours a day 7 days a week to take calls from parents and carers about any parenting issue. A link to the website is located on our school website

www.thegrange-p.school.nsw.edu.au and go to "Parenting Information Links" tab.

Phone: 1300 130 052 Email : info@parentline.org.au



FREE Triple P 2-12 Years Seminar

The Power of Positive Parenting

TRIPLE P SEMINARS in May 2012

Friday 25th May

Seminar 1: The Power of Positive Parenting

Friday 1st June

Seminar 2: Raising Confident, Competent Children

Friday 8th June

Seminar 3: Raising Resilient Children

Robert Townson Public School is hosting the three seminars which are facilitated by local Child Adolescent Health Psychologists. These seminars are **FREE** to parents and **morning tea will be provided**. It is recommended parents attend all 3 seminars.

Parents from Robert Townson, St Andrews, Kearns, Eschol Park, Minto, Sarah Redfern, The Grange, Narellan, Leppington and Claymore Public Schools are invited to attend the seminars.

All seminars - **9.30 am-11.30 am** @ Robert Townson Public School (in Library)
Shuttleworth Ave
Raby, NSW 2566

For bookings please contact:

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Health
South Western Sydney
Local Health District

School Values question winners

Rafiul Morshed
Mahmoud El-Masri
Patrick Colvin
Maddison Bucknall
Jayden Maarseveen
Linda Said

P&C **Easter Raffle**

We need your support with donations for the Easter Raffle. Please send donations in a bag marked with your family's name as one lucky family will win a prize. Donations and tickets may be taken to the front office by Tuesday 3rd April and the draw will be on Thursday at the Easter Hat Parade.

Many Thanks
P&C



Cybersmart Workshop

I/we will be attending the Cybersmart workshop on Tuesday evening.

Signed Parent/ Caregiver _____ Child's name _____ Class _____