

The Grange Public School Informer

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Term 2 Week 2 – 30th April 2012

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 2, another busy and enriching term for our school community.

Excellence : Anzac Ceremony

Last Thursday, the school conducted our annual ANZAC Day ceremony. We were fortunate to listen to Ms Susan Weddell who was formerly in the Women's Army Corps (WRAC).

Ms Weddell gave her time to speak to each class in turn about the meaning of ANZAC Day.

At the conclusion of our ceremony, Kindergarten children laid flowers and the Captains laid a wreath at our flagpole as a mark of respect.

Request for School Crossing Supervisor

We have received a response to our letter to the Roads and Traffic Authority about a school crossing supervisor on Benham Road.

We have been informed that "the crossing facility will be investigated against such criteria as pedestrian and vehicle counts to see if it meets the requirements for the appointment of a School Crossing Supervisor".

We will await the outcome.

School Cross Country

On Wednesday, all students will participate in our Cross Country Carnival at Passfield Park which is in Kitson Place behind the school. All parents are invited. **Please complete the permission note sent home on Friday and return tomorrow.**

Calendar

WEEK 2

Wednesday 2nd May

School Cross Country

Friday 4th May

Assembly

WEEK 3

Tuesday 8th May

Netball Clinic

Thursday 10th May

Mother's Day Stall

Friday 11th May

Gala Day – CANTEEN CLOSED

WEEK 4

NAPLAN Yr3 & Yr5

Tuesday 15th May – Language

Conventions Writing

Wednesday 16th May – Reading

Thursday 17th May – Numeracy



Textbooks

This term, Maths textbooks and Handwriting texts where applicable will form part of homework each week. Please support your child in completion of set tasks as homework set will consolidate work completed in class.

Homework Policy

As part of our school evaluation process, we will be evaluating and updating our homework policy. We will be seeking views from parents about homework and look forward to your feedback.

School Uniform

Thank you to all parents who have ensured that children are wearing full school uniform. We often receive compliments from visitors at our school. Coloured jackets and coloured tracksuit pants are unacceptable as they are not part of our uniform.

Best wishes for Term 2,
Lynne Wilson
Principal

Active After School Sport

**Active After School Sport
will commence for Term 2 on:**

Monday 30th April for Kindy - Yr2

Wednesday 2nd May for Yr 3 - Yr6



P&C

Welcome back to another term. Hope everyone had a great holiday. Coming up we have the **Mother's Day Stall**
on **Thursday 10th May**.

Gifts range from .50c to \$6.00.

There will also be a raffle with the prize being Beauty Products. Tickets will be 50c each and will be on sale before school - Monday Tuesday & Wednesday and at the stall on Thursday.

Thank you, P&C

Stewart House Donation Drive

Stewart House, located on the northern beaches of Sydney provides a holiday for children who are underprivileged. Each year someone is nominated from our school. It is the Charity of Choice for NSW Public Education.

If you are able to contribute a gold coin, please return the envelope provided by **May 11th**.

Any clothes you no longer wear can be brought by the **18th May**, using the bags supplied.

SCHOOL VALUES PROGRAM

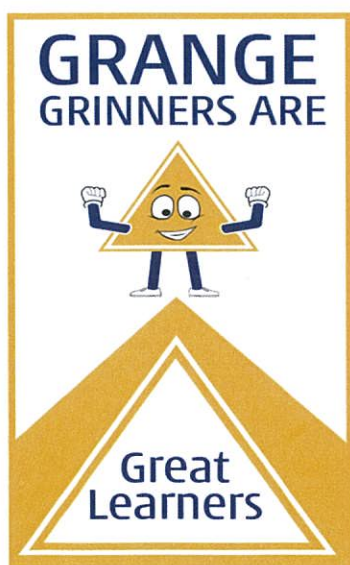
The school values focus for the next two weeks will be on: moving around the school without disturbing others.

Students will be taught and encouraged to: walk quietly when moving to classrooms and other activity areas.

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

Students will be given clear directions about expected behaviour : Be aware of others' learning.

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



ANZAC Day 2012

On Thursday morning we had an ANZAC service which started in the hall and ended at the flag pole. It was a day where all the children respected the soldiers who sacrificed their lives for our country. During the assembly someone special came and talked to us about ANZAC Day. Her name was Mrs Weddell and she served in the army for many years. At the end of the assembly the whole school went to the flag post. We played a special song called "We Will Remember" and we listened to The Last Post and Reveille. After the assembly, Mrs Weddell went to all the classrooms and told all of us more information about ANZAC Day.

We should all be grateful to the soldiers who sacrificed their lives for us and our country.

Lest we forget.

By Ana and Raymond

Anzac Day is a very important day because of all the soldiers that died to protect us. We are all proud of them. We still remember them all. In Gallipoli it is so sad for the brothers and dads that died. We wear poppies to remember them. Thousands died. They had hundreds of medals.

By Jessica 1/2 Topaz



On ANZAC Day I watched my Aunty and my Dad walk in the march. My Aunty is going to try to have some little medals for me and Ella and Tanika. My Poppy died, so my Dad and Aunty have to do it for my Poppy. My Aunty and my Dad have to wear one medal each. Then when the march was over, we went out to lunch.

By Shanay 1/2 Topaz

On ANZAC Day we remember all Australians. They go to all countries, to fight. That is why we have never had a war in Australia. On ANZAC Day I went to the march in Campbelltown. I got to be on the news. When I went to the big march we had one minutes silence to remember all Australians who died for us. Kids went in the march from schools. It was a big day.

By Ella 1/2 Topaz

On ANZAC Day I learnt that war is sad and thousands of soldiers died and gave up their lives for our country. My great grandfather joined the army.

By Tina 1/2 Topaz

On ANZAC Day I learnt that thousands of Australian soldiers died for our country in World War 1, so there wouldn't be a war in our country. I learnt that you could only play two-up on ANZAC Day.

By Lakshe 1/2 Topaz



Year 6 Shirts



At present we only have 10 orders for the year 6 shirts. This is the last opportunity for year 6 to have a special shirt to remember their last year in primary school. Final orders will be placed this Friday. Cost \$12

LOST Property

At present we have many items in lost property.
Some are brand new with no name.
Please label ALL clothing and check the lost property bin if you have lost something.



Family Support Program Workshops

Bookings & Information 4628 0044

CAMPBELLTOWN TERM 2, 2012

KEEPING KIDS IN MIND

A post-separation parenting workshop. Learn how to deal more effectively with the emotional and practical issues of parenting after separation. Explores loss and grief in parents and children, communication with your ex-partner, anger, assertiveness, power grabs and impact on children.

CatholicCare, 35a Cordeaux St, Campbelltown

5 Thursday Evenings 7pm-9:30pm
19, 26 Apr, 3, 10, 17 May

Workshop Fee: \$50

LIFT

A therapeutic group for men and women experiencing anxiety and/or depression. Participants are able to explore feelings in a safe and friendly environment, challenge negative thinking patterns and discover how to build and improve relationships.

CatholicCare, 35a Cordeaux St, Campbelltown

5 Friday Mornings 10am-12:30pm
27 Apr, 4, 11, 18, 25 May

Workshop Fee: \$100

TEENS & PARENTS: BUILDING BRIDGES

This 2 session workshop will explore many ways a family can handle parent-teen issues. Parents can attend the entire workshop, or individual sessions.

Airde High School, Briar Rd, Airde
2 Tuesday Mornings 10am-12:30pm

Session 1: Managing Conflict - 12 June
Session 2: Responsibility and your Teen - 19 June

Workshop Fee: \$10 per session

To Book Call ABCentral 4629 3245 or 4628 0044

MORE HARMONY NO HARM

Topics covered include understanding and managing strong emotions, effective communication, assertiveness skills and positive behaviours for healthy relationships over 7 sessions.

CatholicCare, 35a Cordeaux St, Campbelltown
Women

7 Thursday Afternoons, 2:30pm-5pm
Starting 24 May-5 July

Men
7 Thursday Evenings, 5:30pm-8pm
Starting 24 May-5 July

OR
Airds Men Shed, 86 Greengate Drive, Airds
7 Monday Mornings, 10am-12:30pm starting 23 April-4 June
For Bookings Contact ABCentral on 4629 3245

Workshop Fee: \$70

123 MAGIC & EMOTION COACHING

This time tested workshop provides easy to follow steps for disciplining children aged 2-12 years without yelling, arguing or hitting.

CatholicCare, 35a Cordeaux St, Campbelltown
3 Thursday Evenings 7pm-9:30pm
31 May, 7, 14 June OR

3 Friday Mornings 10am-12:30pm
8, 15, 22 June

Workshop Fee: \$30

PARENTS, KIDS & ANGER

For parents of children two years & above. Explore ways to recognise your feelings and needs and those of your children, be assertive, express anger in more constructive ways and help your children deal with anger.

CatholicCare, 35a Cordeaux St, Campbelltown
3 Thursday Evenings 7pm-9:30pm
21, 28 June, 5 July

Workshop Fee \$30

MY KIDS AND ME

A workshop for parents who have had children removed from their care. Assists participants to identify parenting skills, strengths and resources and to develop relationships with their children.

CatholicCare, 35a Cordeaux St, Campbelltown

6 Tuesday Mornings 10am-12:30pm
24 April, 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 May

Workshop Fee: \$50

GRASSROOTS PARENTING

This program for parents of children 0-12 give parents an understanding of children's behaviour, provides strategies for effective discipline, encourages positive behaviours and builds resilience and self esteem in families. Each of the 8 sessions is self contained. Pick which sessions you would like to attend.

Session 1: Seedlings - 27 Apr

For parents of babies, 0-1 years old

Session 2: Sprouts - 4 May

For parents of toddlers, 1-4 years old

Session 3: Preparing The Soil - 11 May

Understanding children's behaviour and parent traps

Session 4: Planting The Seed - 18 May

Communication building, and getting children to listen

Session 5: Pruning & Training - 1 June

Encouraging desired behaviours

Session 6: Getting To The Root of The Problem - 8 June

Strategies for challenging behaviours in children

Session 7: Encouraging Blooms - 22 June

Building family resilience and handling conflict

Session 8: Nurturing The Gardener - 29 June

Looking after yourself and building assertiveness skills

CatholicCare, 35a Cordeaux St, Campbelltown
8 Friday Mornings 10am-12:30pm

Workshop Fee: \$10 per session

