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**Term 1 Week 6 – 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2018**

### Principal's Message:

What a fantastic couple of weeks we have had at The Grange Public School! We started the fortnight with our highly successful Community Afternoon Tea. As part of the school's commitment to ensuring our school community are informed and consulted about what is happening at the school we trialled the afternoon tea as a way to get to know our community and inform them of what is happening in the school. There were stalls from local community service groups such as the police and Campbelltown City Council library services as well as our educators and specialty team groups, including the school's Learning and Support Team available to discuss any questions or concerns parents may have. The afternoon also allowed us as a school to seek parental voice about school assemblies, social media and communication. All of the feedback and suggestions have been taken back to the school executive team and is being used to inform the writing of the 2018-2020 School Plan. There will be additional opportunities for our community to have their say in the direction of our school in Term 2 so keep an eye out for your invitation to attend our focus groups.

As always these events do not happen by themselves so there are many people to whom we are grateful. Firstly, members of the P&C very generously supplied and prepared the afternoon tea which was outstanding and very much appreciated by all. Particular thanks to Kylie, the P&C president for her continued support and passion in leading her amazing P&C team in supporting all students at The Grange Public School. Secondly, a huge thanks to the staff who spent a significant amount of time and energy preparing relevant and useful resources to support the parents of our students, in particular our school counsellor Christian and our SLSOs Linda and Dianne who went above and beyond all expectations to assist and ensure a wonderful afternoon.

### CALENDAR

#### WEEK 6

##### Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March

·After School Sports K-2

##### Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March

·Zone Swim Carnival

·**NO Canteen**

##### Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March

·Sports in Schools 3-6

·After School Sports 3-6

##### Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March

·Playgroup

·School Banking

##### Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March

·Assembly 3-6 – 3/4Z

·P & C AGM Nominations due

#### WEEK 7

##### Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March

·**NO Canteen**

##### Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March

·Sports in Schools 3-6

·P & C AGM 6pm

##### Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March

·Selective High School Test

·Playgroup

·School Banking

##### Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March

·Assembly K-2 – 1/2T

·Gala Day

·**NO Canteen**



## Endicott Cup:

I had the privilege of witnessing our students compete in The Endicott Cup at Sarah Redfern High School on Tuesday evening. Our students were very impressive in all areas, particularly spelling. Thank you to the students who were gallant competitors and their teachers for their hard work in preparing our students so well.



Summer and Alicia being 'drama llamas' in theatre sports



Akira competing in the Spelling Bee

Gillian Blackmore  
(Relieving Principal)



## Principal's Awards

Oliver Williams

Suvhaya Shrestha Kaitlyn Prim

Arabella Moa-Singh

Anjelica Batti Levi Geering

Jayan Zarrar

Zoe Prilis Litia Brown

Scarlet Reberger

Bronze Ribbon

Scarlet Reberger



## Sporting Schools Program

Sporting Schools program will **finish for Term 1** on:

**K-2** – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March

**3-6** – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March



**Term 2 program** has not been approved yet.

I will inform you as soon as I have the funding approval.

We will run this program for 4 weeks.

Thank you for your support in this program.

Miss Butler

Mrs Butler

## Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

The focus for the next 2 weeks is:

**Being Great on Safety by "Wearing my hat"**

All students are expected to wear their school hat if playing on the field or on the basketball court. If they do not have a school hat, they can play under the COLA area. School hats can be purchased for \$12 from the uniform shop or the office.







Community  
Afternoon  
Tea





Last week Alyssa Bucknall participated at the COS swimming carnival.

She competed in the 50m 11year old girls Breaststroke race and won first place. Her qualifying time has earned a place at this weeks Zone Swimming Carnival

Congratulations on an exceptional effort and win, you have surely done The Grange Proud!

We all wish you best of luck in this week's Zone Finals!

#### **Hints and Tips for Good School Attendance:**

The importance of arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day



- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parent

## **Maths Corner**

How can I help my child at home with Maths?



#### **Lower primary students:**

- Identify and explain visual patterns on clothing, wrapping paper and furniture.
- Encourage your child to draw, create and describe their own patterns. Use them for borders or greeting cards or on material.
- Build a tower of blocks that is taller than a favourite toy. Ask your child to count the total blocks to measure the height of the tower.
- Use a wall measuring chart to measure the height of people in your family.

#### **Upper primary students:**

- How does your favourite sport tally the score? What maths is presented on the tally?
- How do other sports tally the score, for example, tennis, golf, cricket, netball, football?
- Can you identify your starting point on a bus/train timetable?
- What is the earliest and latest time to travel on this route? What is the difference?
- How long does it take to travel the entire route?



### **Thomas Draper:** ACROSTIC POEM-FIRST CONTACTS HISTORY UNIT Library

Stage Two are completing a history unit regarding the arrival of the Europeans in 1787. The students have been discussing how the Aboriginal people may have felt seeing the tall ships enter Sydney Cove. We have studied a painting by Gordon Syron which depicts the Aboriginal people watching from the shore as the Europeans row towards the land. The students were asked to write four words that describe how they felt as the ships approach the shore. They then chose one word to write an Acrostic poem in MS Word or Google Docs to reflect the mood and story of Syron's painting. This is Thomas' amazing effort. CONGRATULATIONS.



### **Bandaged Bear & Easter Hat Parade**

On Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2018 The Grange Public School will be holding our annual Bandaged Bear and Easter Hat Parade. On this day children will be allowed to bring a Bandaged Bear or Easter Hat that they have made at home or both if they wish. The Bandaged Bear parade is an alternative to Easter Hats for those parents who prefer.

The parade will begin at 9.15am under the cola. All classes will have the opportunity to show off their Bandaged Bear and/or Easter Hat. The Easter Raffle will commence directly at the end of the parade.

The School raises funds for the Children's Hospital at Westmead. Students are encouraged to bring a gold coin donation on the day in support of the Children's Hospital at Westmead.



Thank you for your support.





Don't forget to download our school's SkoolBag app to ensure that you are kept in the loop on:

- \* School newsletters
- \* Notices
- \* Events
- \* Cancellations
- \* Reminders
- \* ...and more!

**INSTALLATION  
INSTRUCTIONS**

Just download the "SkoolBag" app on your phone, open the app and add our school!

### P & C NEWS

Order forms for Billie G's Cookie Dough are **due back** to the office on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2018**.

Expected **delivery** date is **27<sup>th</sup> March, 2018**.

Thank you for your support.

**AGM** is to be held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March @ 6.30pm in the staffroom. Nominations close Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March. To be able to vote you will need to be a financial member. **Membership for the year is \$2** and payable at the office.

Memberships are due before Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March to the office. **No Memberships** will be accepted at the AGM meeting.

Hope to see everyone there.

### P&C COMMITTEE NOMINATION FORM

1. President \_\_\_\_\_
2. Vice President (2) \_\_\_\_\_
3. Secretary \_\_\_\_\_
4. Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_

(Nominations can be for 1 or more positions)

Nominated by: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's class: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_