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## **Term 2 Week 6 – 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2018**

Dear Parents,

### **P&C Forum**

Tonight at 7pm will be a forum led by the P&C Federation's state secretary to discuss the roles and responsibilities of a P&C, what they are and are not responsible for and how interested school community members may be involved. *This is not a P&C meeting but an information session.* The P&C have experienced a huge influx of new members and this is a perfect opportunity to come and find out what a P&C is all about and how you can be involved. After the forum the current P&C committee will sit with the state secretary to discuss plans for the Grange Public School's P&C's future directions.

### **Where is my child's teacher today?**

All teachers are entitled to 2 hours RFF which is time allocated for teachers to meet with parents, engage in training, mentoring other teachers, research, plan lessons and attend to administration. RFF is not a 'break' for teachers merely an opportunity to work outside the classroom. Whilst your child's teacher is on RFF we have a number of highly trained teachers who take over a part of the teaching load. These teachers have the same expectations and responsibilities for the class as the classroom teacher. RFF teachers plan, teach, assess and report for all learning they deliver and work closely with your child's teacher. We are very fortunate to have Mrs Nash, Ms Woodhams and Mrs Crump working in this role.

### **CALENDAR**

#### **WEEK 6**

##### **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June**

·Last After School Sports K-2

##### **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June**

·P&C Community Forum 7pm

·**NO Canteen**

##### **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June**

·Last After School Sports 3-6

##### **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June**

·Playgroup

·School Banking

##### **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June**

·Assembly

#### **WEEK 7**

##### **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June**

·Queen's Birthday

##### **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June**

·Responsible Pet Ownership

K-2 Hall

·**NO Canteen**

##### **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June**

·ICAS - Spelling

##### **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June**

·ICAS - Writing

·Playgroup

·School Banking

##### **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June**

·Gala Day

·**NO CANTEEN**



Teaching has undertaken huge changes since when many of us were at school. It may surprise some of our community to know all teachers must be accredited through the NSW Education Standards Authority in order to work in our school. Many other professions such as chartered accountants, doctors, engineers, veterinarians and chemists are accredited in order to ensure the high standards of each profession are maintained. Accreditation for our teachers requires teachers to undertake 100 hours of approved professional development, much of which is carried out after school hours or during RFF. At times, specialised training can only be accessed outside of our school and that is why some teachers are away from their classes for either half or full days. We understand that some children are disappointed when their regular teacher is not at school but are generally happy to have a day with a new teacher who does things a 'little differently'. The goal at The Grange Public School is to ensure every classroom has an outstanding teacher in front of each class and as most of you would agree, we are well on our way. We thank you for your support and understanding by helping to prepare your children to be resilient learners who are able to confidently adapt to change.

The Facebook logo, consisting of the word "facebook" in white lowercase letters on a blue rectangular background.

Thank you to many families for your overwhelming support of our new Facebook page. Social media certainly is a contentious issue at the moment. The school have been working very closely with social media experts from the Department of Education who have ensured many safeguards and guidelines are in place so we have a secure and highly effective communication tool. The goals of the Facebook page are to improve communication with our community about key events, celebrate and share the amazing things that are happening at our school which many of our parents don't get to see due to work commitments etc and to seek your feedback on things that are happening in the school, what we are doing well and what we may do better.

### Principal's Awards

Julius Tasarte  
Olivia Morris  
Finn Cutforth  
Zariya Kusnadi  
Aatif Rahman  
Blake Leaovasa-Coombes



### Bronze Ribbon

Rachel Thorson

### State of Origin Day

When: Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July

Wear your favourite Footy team jersey or favourite team colour.

Giant Oz Tag Game Yr 5/6 on the field at lunch time with Miss Butler.

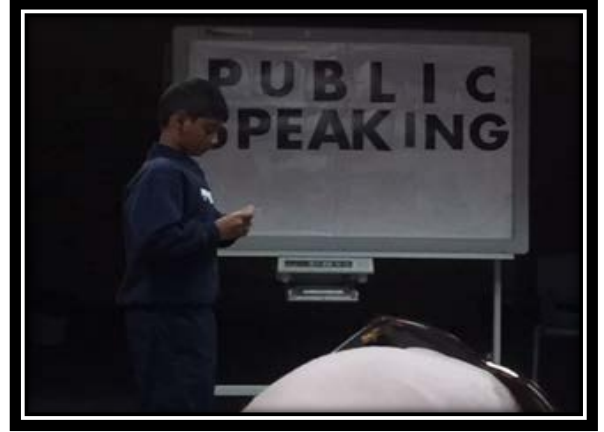
Gold coin donation goes towards the Year 6 farewell.

This is a Student Leadership Initiative.

There have been many questions asked of the staff regarding Facebook and in response we would like to run an information session with the social media experts and staff who are leading the initiative. You are encouraged to come along and ask those 'curly' questions as well as have your say on what you would like to see (or not see) on your school's Facebook page, being mindful this is a page for parents **not** students. We are awaiting a confirmation date from the school's social media 'guru' and will let you know as soon as possible. In the meantime please feel free to come and ask your questions to myself, Mrs Plater or Miss Longhurst.

## Endicott Cup

Once again our school was fiercely represented at the Endicott Cup last week. We saw Coke bottles blown up in science and amazing speeches given during the public speaking. Thank you firstly to our students who never fail to show their grit, perseverance and bravery when competing in this very prestigious competition. Thank you to our staff who give up their Tuesday evenings to support our students and the many hours of preparation put in to ensure our students are always competitive.



This year the PBL team have decided that in order to help support our school goal of '*ensuring every student is known and valued*' we are celebrating each and every child's birthday. Each child is invited to my office in their birthday month and given a gift of their choice. We have had a delay with our suppliers but am happy to say all birthdays from January to June are now up to date (better late than never!). We hope

your child enjoys their gift and the opportunity to feel valued. I have certainly enjoyed getting to know each and every one of our 304 students!

## Parent/Teacher Night

A reminder that parent/teacher interviews will be held in Week 10 Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. Notes will go home soon but I know many of our families have crazy schedules and need plenty of notice so keep this date free.



## School and student safety

Keeping our students, staff and community safe is our first priority. If you are on the school premises after the morning bell please ensure you sign into the front office so we know who is in the school in case of an emergency or evacuation. This is a departmental work, health and safety requirement. Thank you for your support in this matter.

### Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

The focus for the next week is:

**I am great on safety when I walk and run in the right places.**

**I am safe when I...**

Walk safely in walking zones such as the COLA, Basketball court, Canteen areas and all concreted areas.

Run safely on the field only.

## Free Healthy Breakfast

To encourage students at The Grange Public School to live a healthy lifestyle we are providing a **FREE breakfast** to all our students.

**When:** Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2018 - Week 8

**Where:** Basketball Court

**Time:** 8.30am



### **PLEASE BRING:**

- Plastic (non-disposable) bowl
- Plastic spoon
- Tea-towel

Breakfast options will include a bowl of cereal with milk and/or a piece of fruit (apple/banana).

### **Every day counts – School success starts with attendance**



It is important for parents to make attending school a priority.

Allowing children days off for birthdays, to look after younger children, to go shopping, to keep you company or because they were tired from a late night, not only sends the wrong message to your child, it is also against the law.

Children who get used to having days off school for these kinds of reasons develop an attitude that their attendance at school is not very important. This can become a big issue as a child gets older.

Teach your children that being on time is important. Children that are often late to school miss the part of the school day when the teacher explains new activities. The beginning of the day is also when many students are freshest and can concentrate better.

Students that are late on a regular basis may become the target for comment by other students and often as a result isolate themselves from their peers.



Missing school leaves gaps in your education

### **Sporting Schools Program**

Sporting Schools program will **finish for Term 2** on:

**K-2** – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June

**3-6** – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June

**Term 3 program** has not been approved yet.

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

Thank you for your support in this program.

Miss Butler

Mrs Butler

### **UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Winter has arrived and it's time to clean out your wardrobes. If you find any uniforms that no longer fit your children, why not donate them to the 2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniform box in the uniform shop.

Your generosity would be welcomed by all.

Kind regards

P & C Uniform Shop