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Term 2 Week 8 – 18th June, 2018

Dear Parents,

Reports

Reports will be sent home on Thursday 28th June to our families. This will be followed by Parent/Teacher meetings on Tuesday 3rd July. We encourage all parents to make a time with their child's teacher to discuss your child's achievements and ways to support your child in greater detail at the meeting.

Parents and Citizens Association

Don't forget our P&C Annual General Meeting is on Wednesday 27th June in the school hall. This is a wonderful opportunity to be an active part of helping to establish an exciting and well-resourced school for our children. Please come along and be part of something great.

Congratulations to Mrs Whittles and the Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) team

On Thursday Mrs Whittles was asked to present to an audience of over fifty teachers and school leaders about how PBL has been successfully implemented in our school. Being asked to present as a role model for other schools is a recognition of the hard work and subsequent success of the program under the very skilled leadership of Mrs Whittles supported by her hard working team. Well done!

Peer Support

Next term our school student leaders will be running once again our very popular and successful peer support program. This year's focus will be on team building, respectful relationships and anti-bullying. This initiative empowers each and every student with the skills and confidence to find their own voice when witnessing bullying or being the victim of bullying.

Thank you to all of our families for your support and positive words to our incredibly hard working teachers and staff. Your gratitude and appreciation continues to encourage us all in our role of providing outstanding teaching and learning opportunities for our students.

Gillian Blackmore

Relieving Principal

CALENDAR

WEEK 8

Tuesday 19th June

·NO Canteen

Thursday 21st June

·Live Life Well Breakfast 8.30am

·Playgroup

·School Banking

Friday 22nd June

·Year 6 Fundraiser – Silver Coin Challenge

·Assembly - KC

WEEK 9

Monday 25th June

·State of Origin Mufti Day

Tuesday 26th June

·NO Canteen

Wednesday 27th June

·P&C AGM 6.30pm

Thursday 28th June

·Playgroup

·School Banking

·Reports home



High Quality Education for Future Success



Community Liaison Officer's Report

Thank you for the warm welcome I have received so far. I have hit the ground running and have a lot of exciting new opportunities that I will be able to disclose soon. I am currently working closely with outside agencies to not only benefit The Grange students but also the wider community.

Sometimes it is hard to catch me as I am only here on a Thursday and often offsite in meetings. Please feel free to contact me anytime by shooting me an email on rachel.otoole2@det.nsw.edu.au

I will always reply and would love to hear from you. Perhaps you have an exciting idea to share or you have some questions? What is my role here at The Grange? Basically I explain it as this "I am a human bridge between the school and the community".

I would like to start a casual meet and greet morning tea, starting Thursday 28th June and every Thursday till the end of term. These meetings will be where I can speak to YOU the community and hear from you. In these meetings you can just come to meet other parents or perhaps you would like to help with classroom activities. Everyone is welcome.

Next term we are planning to start educational night meetings, each term there will be one meeting with a different focus. There will be plenty of notice given and these meetings will benefit all that attend.

Next term we are also hoping to have the Benevolent Society start a transition to school program here at The Grange. There will only be 15 spots available if you are interested to put your child's name on the wait list they must be 4years old by July the year before they intend to start school. This will be a free program which will run for 2hrs where parents drop off and we can run another program for parents whilst they wait. More information will be released closer to the date.

Look forward to meeting more parents/care givers of the wonderful children I have meet so far, and remember you can contact me at any time with the above email.



Rachel O'Toole Community Liaison Officer

Assembly Awards

Principal's Awards

Ayesha Imran
Charli Armstrong
Hayley Anderson
Chloe Heister

Grange Achievement Award

Aatif Rahman
Ava Innes

P & C Award

Braxton Cashman-Friday



Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

The focus for the next 2 weeks is:

I am respectful when I look after school property.

I am great on respect when I treat the school's property correctly so others can enjoy it as well.

I am respectful when I use the toilets correctly.

I am great on respect when I use the toilets for its intended purpose and to respect the privacy of others and my own.

Reminder - 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 21st 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.

Celebrate Attendance

Hints and Tips No. 4: Good Attendance



There are a number of sound reasons for you to ensure that your child attends school regularly.

Firstly, attending school every day makes learning easier. For younger students, missing the basic skills often leads to learning problems later on and for older student's absenteeism often interferes with academic progress. Friendships with other students are also easier if your child attends school regularly.

The law in NSW states that all children between the ages of 6 and 15 years are required to attend school. Sickness or injury, attendance at a special religious ceremony or a serious family situation are satisfactory reasons for non-attendance. Please let the school know why your child is not at school and provide an explanation on your child's return to school.

Birthdays, haircuts, pension days, Mondays etc are not satisfactory reasons for absence from school. Also try whenever possible to arrange your holidays in school vacation times.

Please contact your school principal if you need any help or have any questions.



Missing school leaves gaps in your education

Contact Details

Please take the time to update your contact details as it is most important that we are able to contact you in the case of illness or injury.

Silver Coin Challenge

On Friday 22nd June (Week 8), Stage 3 will be holding a Silver Coin Challenge. This challenge will help raise money for the Year 6 Farewell. Students will be asked to donate any silver coins they have at home. Each class will create a snake with all of their combined silver coins. The class with the longest snake will receive a class prize!!

Thankyou

Stage 3 teachers and students



Congratulations to Alyssa Bucknall and Liam Luxford who competed in the area cross country carnival on Thursday. They did exceptionally well and represented our school with pride!

We will be handing out 1st, 2nd & 3rd placing ribbons for our 3-6 students who competed in our school cross country carnival last term. These ribbons will be received at the whole school assembly on Friday 22nd June (Week 8).

Thank you,

Miss Butler

Sport Coordinator

Habits of the Mind

"Think left and think right and think low and think high. Oh, the thinks you can think up if only you try" – Dr. Seuss



Congratulations to all of our habits of the mind award recipients.

Habits at home

How can you support your child at home?

Discuss creativity. Ask your kids when they come up with their best ideas or have their most creative moments, Allyn said. If it's in the car while getting to soccer practice, honor that by keeping a notebook, iPad or even a tape recorder handy, she said.

State of Origin

On Monday 25th June (Week 9) stage 3 will be holding a State of Origin Mufti Day fundraiser. On this day students will be allowed to wear a football or sporting jersey to show support for their sporting team. Students will be required to donate a gold coin to support stage 3 in raising money for the Year 6 Farewell.

Thank you for your support.

Stage 3 Teachers and Students





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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Our school aims to:

“build the capacity of the school community to support the achievement of aspirational goals for students.”

We believe that this goal can be achieved through **clear, transparent communication channels** between the school and you. Various forms of social media are excellent platforms that will support the achievement of this goal.

After consultation with staff and parents, we believe that **Facebook** will be a popular and successful form of communication. Whilst our page is currently not up and running, we are seeking your permission to publish information about your child for our future page. The page will allow us to provide you and the broader community with information about important upcoming school events, share student success and showcase all the amazing teaching and learning that is happening in our school community.

Please find attached to this letter a copy of the Permission to Publish form which will provide further information.

Thank you for your continued support,

Miss Longhurst

Relieving Assistant Principal
The Grange Public School

Mrs Blackmore

Relieving Principal
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Permission to Publish

Dear Parent/ Caregiver,

I am seeking your permission to allow our school to publish and/or disclose information about your child for the purposes of sharing his/her experiences with other students, informing the school and broader community about school and student activities and recording student participation in noteworthy projects or community service.

This information may include your child's name, age, class and information collected at school such as photographs, sound and visual recordings of your child, your child's work and expressions of opinion such as in interactive media.

The communications in which your child's information may be published or disclosed include but are not limited to:

- Public websites of the Department of Education including the school website, the Department of Education intranet (staff only), blogs and wikis
- Department of Education publications including the school newsletter, annual school magazine and school report, promotional material published in print and electronically including on the Department's websites
- Official Department and school social media accounts on networks such as YouTube, Facebook and Twitter
- Local and metropolitan newspapers and magazines and other media outlets

Parents should be aware that when information is published on public websites and social media channels, it can be discoverable online for a number of years, if not permanently. Search engines may also cache or retain copies of published information. Published information can also be linked to by third parties.

Please complete the permission slip and return to the school by **13th June 2018**.

Yours sincerely

Gillian Blackmore
Relieving Principal
The Grange Public School

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Permission to Publish

I have read this permission to publish and:

Tick the appropriate box

☐ I give permission

☐ I do not give permission

to the school/Department of Education to publish information about my child as described above, including in publicly accessible communications.

This signed permission remains effective until I advise the school otherwise.

Child's name:

Parent/carer/caregiver's NAME:

Parent/carer/caregiver SIGNATURE:

Date:



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Botany Bay Environmental Education Centre

Dear Parents,

This semester Stage 2 will be learning about how places are similar and different and how to be sustainable citizens. We have organised an excursion to the Botany Bay Environmental Education Centre where students will be engaged in numerous activities and be given the opportunity to explore the natural and cultural features of Kamay Botany Bay National Park.

The full amount of the excursion will be **\$40 per student**. This amount covers the program run by the education centre, bus travel to and from the centre and entry into the national park.

WHEN: Thursday, the 9th of August.

WHERE: Botany Bay Environmental Education Centre, Kamay National Park (Kurnell)

HOW: Travel will be by bus. Buses will leave school at **8.30am** and return to school by approximately **3pm**. **Please ensure students arrive at school by 8.15am sharp.**

Cost: **\$40** per student. Payment needs to be made by the Friday, the 27th of July.

We feel that this is a wonderful opportunity for your children.

Thanking you,

Paige Stewart (Organising Teacher)

Gillian Blackmore (Rel. Principal)

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Botany Bay Environmental Education Centre

I give permission for my child _____ of class _____ to travel by bus to the Kamay National Park to visit the Botany Bay Environmental Education Centre on 9th August, 2018. I enclose the **full amount** of **\$40** to cover the cost of the bus and entry into the park.

Signed: _____ (Parent/Caregiver)

OR ✂-----

Botany Bay Environmental Education Centre

I give permission for my child _____ of class _____ to travel by bus to the Kamay National Park to visit the Botany Bay Environmental Education Centre on 9th August, 2018. I enclose **\$5.00**, being a **deposit** towards the cost of the bus and theatre ticket. I **understand I will need to pay the final amount of \$35 by 27th of July.**
