

The Grange Informer

Learning Our Way To The Future

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are very lucky to have teachers who are open and available to talk about your child's learning. Quick questions can be answered before or after school. However, for a lengthier chat, please ensure you make an appointment to see your child's classroom teacher. When the morning bell rings, our teachers priority is getting students into their classrooms. Additionally, if you have any further questions or concerns please contact the Assistant Principals, who are more than happy to support you.

- K-2 Assistant Principal– Mrs Anderson
- 3-6 Assistant Principal– Mr Seeney
- Learning and Support Assistant Principal– Mrs Whittles
- Instructional Leader Deputy Principal– Mrs Nauta

If you can not resolve your concerns after communicating with teachers and supervisors, please contact the school office to make an appointment with the Principal.

This week we are very excited to be holding the **School P&C Fete**. There has been an enormous effort to coordinate exciting stalls, food stands, games and rides. This is a wonderful opportunity for our community to connect and share in the wonderful Grange spirit. The Staff and I are looking forward to seeing you all there on Saturday.

As part of the school's ongoing commitment to ensuring our school community are informed and consulted about what is happening at the school, we will once again be holding our "Parent Expo" as a way to connect with our community and inform them of what is happening in the school. This is a great opportunity to meet the staff at The Grange Public school and also local community service groups such as; the police and Campbelltown City Council library services as well as our educators and specialty team groups.

Parent Expo– 12 March 3:10– 4:10

Yours In Education

Jodie Paterson (Principal)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

TERM 1

Every Monday

Parents Social Group 9am-10am

Every Tuesday

NO CANTEEN

Every Thursday

Uniform shop 8.30am-9.30am

School Banking



Tuesday March 5

P & C Meeting 6pm

Saturday March 9

Family Fun Fair

10am-4pm

Tuesday March 12

Parents Expo

310pm-4.10pm

Friday 15 March

Gala Day

NO CANTEEN

Wednesday 3 April

Live Life Well Breakfast

8.30am-9.00am

Wednesday 10 April

Easter Hat Parade

9.30 am



Just a couple of reminders for everyone in our community to ensure the safety of all our students and staff.

To assist us with moving our children quickly to class in the mornings, we are asking all parents and carers to drop your children at the designated points outside the building. We are very pleased with how settled our children are and able to quickly wave their parents good-bye. If you are waiting until your child moves to class we ask that you wait at the back of the line, so teachers and children can make their way to class.

We would like to remind all parents and carers that if you need to see children during the school day, you must come to the office and sign in as a visitor and collect a visitor tag before proceeding to classrooms. If you are dropping lunch to your children, please leave it at the office and we will ensure they receive it. This is simply to ensure we know who is on the school site at all times to ensure the safety of all of our students.

Additionally, The school has three gates which are open from 8:30 to 9:30 and then re-opened at 2:45. If you wish to enter the school grounds at other times during the day, we ask that you use the pedestrian gate located next to the staff carpark. For safety reasons, the staff carpark is not to be accessed at any time by parents or students.

Mobile Phones at School: Although it is not recommended to have mobile phones at school, we know some students do bring them for security reasons. If your child brings a phone to school, we ask that they drop it off at the front office when they arrive at school and collect it at 3pm when the bell goes. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.



Australian Government

21 MARCH Harmony Day



Harmony Day is a celebration of Australia's cultural diversity. This year, The Grange PS is celebrating Harmony Day on Thursday 21 March. Our students will watch a range of cultural performances and participate in a food festival, craft activities, stories, games and lots more! Students are asked to wear traditional dress, an article of clothing from a country of their choice or the colour orange which is the official colour for Harmony Day.

We invite all students to participate in the FOOD FESTIVAL by bringing in ONE PLATE of their favourite traditional food to share. This can be either SAVOURY or SWEET. Please DO NOT include nuts or seafood. Please indicate ingredients by attaching the slip from the note that was sent home earlier. Copies of the note will be sent home this week.

The aim of the day is for students to develop a greater understanding and appreciation of different cultures through food, dance, crafts, sport and celebration. Please come and join us on Thursday 21 March to help celebrate Harmony Day!

BANDAGED BEAR & EASTER HAT PARADE

On Wednesday, 10th April 2019, The Grange Public School will be holding their 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 9.30am under the COLA. All classes will have the opportunity to show off their Bandaged Bear and/or Easter Hat. 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. The P & C's Easter Raffle will commence directly at the end of the parade.

Thank you for your support

Ms Ellen Musumeci



MATHLETICS

Mathletics is a global community of 4 million students in over 17,000 schools and homes around the world. Targeted practice activities, interactive and video tutorials form the basis of dozens of Mathletics courses. In addition, the famous *Live Mathletics* area matches students against others from around the world in real-time arithmetic races. We are lucky enough that the P&C have funded this program again for 2019.

Each child enrolled at The Grange PS is given a unique username and password so they can access the activities organized for them by their teacher. It also gives you an opportunity to see what your children are doing in the area of Mathematics at any time.

HEALTH CARE PLANS AND STUDENT INFORMATION

Each year we request information about any health issues your child may be suffering. It is also important that you let us know if your child's health care needs change or if a new health condition develops. Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health -related issues should be provided to the school by parents.

Please also remember to notify the school office of any changes to your contact details or the contact details of your child's nominated emergency contact. Any information you provide the school will be stored surely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your son or daughter's health needs or as otherwise required by law.

YEAR 7 2016 – EXPRESSION OF INTEREST HIGH SCHOOL FORMS

All of our Year 6 parents were given a Year 7 expression of interest form earlier this term. This is the first step to ensure that we secure a high school placement for your child in 2018. It is important that this form is returned to your child's class teacher before 16 th March 2019. If you have any questions or need assistance to complete it, please contact Mr Seeney before this date.

These forms will then be distributed to the respective High Schools for consideration. Once the High Schools have made their decisions, they will contact you with information. This can take a little while. When you have been notified of a high school placement, please let us know here so we can update our records. More information will follow shortly.

NEWSLETTER UPDATE

This year, the school newsletter will be produced Week 2, Week 6 and Week 10 of the term. The newsletter will be sent out via the Schoolbag app and also attached to the school website. Please note, should you require a hard copy of the newsletter, please speak with your child's teacher or contact the school office and we will arrange one for you. Regular information is also placed on our school Facebook page to ensure our families are updated with the most accurate information.

<https://www.facebook.com/TheGrangePublic/>



EFFECTIVE LEARNERS

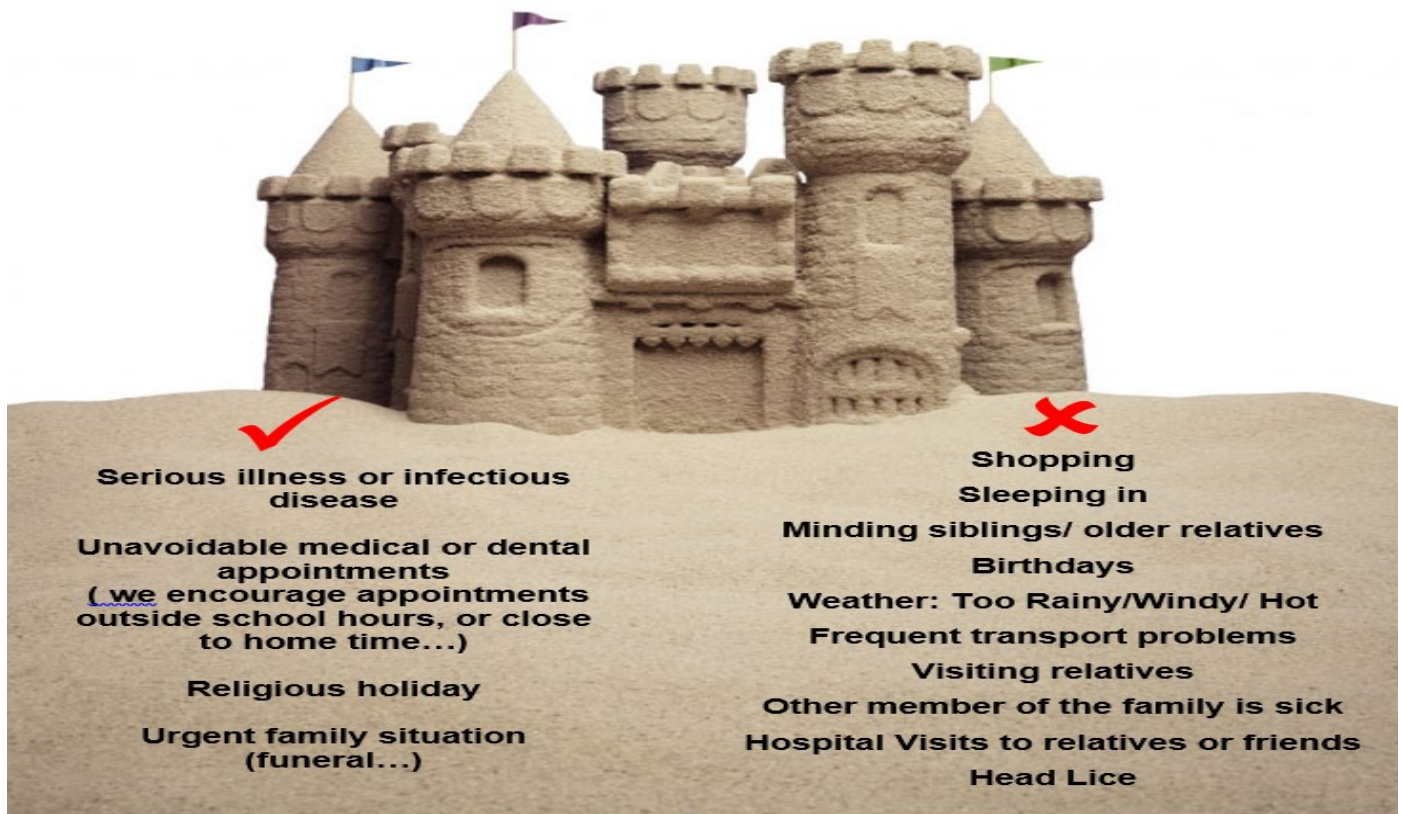
Congratulations to our students who have been demonstrating important learning dispositions for future-focused effective learning.

Thinking Interdependently: This is when students learn the skills to allow them to work happily and effectively together. It involves being able to work in, and learn from others in reciprocal situations.

*Sharing and working together
in K/1Emerald. Look what we
can achieve!*



WHEN IS IT OK TO STAY HOME



Serious illness or infectious disease

Unavoidable medical or dental appointments
(we encourage appointments outside school hours, or close to home...)

Religious holiday

Urgent family situation (funeral...)

Shopping
Sleeping in

Minding siblings/ older relatives
Birthdays

Weather: Too Rainy/Windy/ Hot
Frequent transport problems

Visiting relatives

Other member of the family is sick
Hospital Visits to relatives or friends
Head Lice

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: Wednesday 3rd April 2019

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).

LIVE LIFE WELL

Each newsletter there will be practical tips and advice of how we can be healthier from Live Life Well @ School. At The Grange Public School we encourage all students to participate in Crunch & Sip each day. Students bring vegetables or fruit (cut-up if necessary) to school each day plus a bottle of water to drink throughout the day. This gives students the chance to 're-fuel' to enhance physical and mental performance.

Don't forget to pack Crunch&Sip® every day...

Crunch&Sip® is a set time for your child to eat vegetables or fruit and drink water in the classroom.





Sarah Redfern High School OPEN NIGHT

Years 4, 5 & 6

Wednesday 6th March 2019

3.00 - 6.00pm

School Library

*Take a tour of our outstanding
facilities and meet our expert teachers*

- Interactive educational experiences
- Talk with members of our staff team
- 21st Century Learning Environment
- Learn about our award winning Middle School
- Year 7 2020 Selective Class Applications Available
- Performances by our talented students

1 Monaghan Street, Minto - Tel: 9820 1566 - www.sarahredfe-h.schools.nsw.edu.au



The Grange P.S Family Fun Fair

Saturday 9th March 2019

10am to 4pm

Benham Road, Minto

Amusement Ride wrist bands available for presale from the school \$25

(\$30 on the day or \$7.00 per ride)

Stalls - If you wish to hold a stall please contact Liz 0468949094 or Lauren 0434405249

EFFECTIVE LEARNERS

Listening with Understanding and Empathy
“Listening is the beginning of understanding.”



Congratulations to our students who have been demonstrating more mature Habits of Mind which are important dispositions for future-focused effective learning.

Listening with Understanding and Empathy: This Habit of Mind is developed to help our students place themselves in other people’s shoes. Practice of this habit helps children to appreciate what someone might be feeling and experiencing.

This Habit of Mind also explores listening to the point of view of a person and empathising with them during that time.

HOME TIP

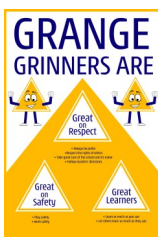
During Home Reading time, explore and discuss with your child what point of view is being expressed by a particular character. How can we listen in the story to hear this point of view?

You could ask questions around characters, for example: *I wonder what it would be like to be Alice experiencing the Mad Hatter’s Tea Party for the first time?*

THE GRANGE PUBLIC SCHOOL AWARD SYSTEM

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| 5 Grange Grinners | 1 Merit Certificate |
| 5 Merit Certificates | 1 Principal’s Award |
| 2 Principal’s Awards | The Grange Achievement Award |
| 3 Principal’s Awards | P&C Award |
| 4 Principal’s Awards | Bronze Ribbon |
| 6 Principal’s Awards | Silver Ribbon |
| 8 Principal’s Awards | Gold Ribbon |
| 10 Principal’s Awards | Bronze Medallion |
| 12 Principal’s Awards | Silver Medallion |
| 14 Principal’s Awards | Gold Medallion |
| 16 Principal’s Awards | Grange Cup |

Congratulations To Our Awards Recipients



Gold Ribbon

Fatima El Marsi
Rachel Thorson

Silver Ribbon

Ziggy Paratinga
Levi Geering

P & C Award

Aaliyah Fala-Rameka
Quinn Thorson

Bronze Award

Gabrielle Y'Gay
Ziggy Paratinga
Denzel Paratinga
Julius Tasarte

Grange Achievement Award

Aidan Paterson
Asifkhan Mohammad
Isabella Williams
Ahmad El Masri
Ayaat Aimeen
Ameen Syed
Adele Cox
Affan Khan

Principal Awards

Shayaan Hosssian
Ziggy Paratinga
Jimar Noman
Mya Murad
Darium Arslan
Faith Alexander
Rylee Carter
Josh Alexander

Silver Medallion

Scarlet Reberger

SKOOLBAG APP.

Keep up to date with the latest school information and download the SKOOLBag app.



ONLINE PAYMENTS

Did you know you can make Payments online?

The Grange Public School has an online payment system linked to the school's website, making it easier for you to pay for all school related expenses. The Grange Public School payment portal is a secure payment system.

To make a payment log onto the school's website; www.thegrange-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/ and follow the prompts to make a payment. If you wish to use cash, please drop your child's money and note into the drop box in the office.

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8 Benham Road

Minto NSW 2566

Phone: 0296033766

Make a Payment

Enter your payment details below. Fields marked with an asterisk (*) are mandatory.

Student Details

Student Registration Number

If this 9 digit number is on the Statement issued by the school it will be to the right of the student's name

* Given Name

* Surname

* Enter both Class/Year & Ref Number, or Date of Birth:

Class or Year

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| Week 6 | 4th March PSG Community Room 9:00-10:00am | 5th March Zone Swimming P & C Meeting 6:00pm | 6th March Sport in Schools 3-6 students 2:00-3:00pm K-2 Sport | 7th March Zone Swimming Finals Banking Uniform Shop Open 8.30— 9.30am | 8th March Whole School As- sembly 9:00am CIS Lesley Nauta LIBRARY 10:00am Years 3-6 Sport 9th March Saturday Family Fun Fair |
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| Week 7 | 11th March PSG Community Room 9:00-10:00am | 12th March SSW Swimming Parent Expo 3.10-4.10 | 13th March Sport in Schools K-2 students 2:00-3:00pm | 14th March Banking Uniform Shop Open 8.30— 9.30am | 15th March Years 3-6 Sport Gala Day NO CANTEEN |
| Week 8 | 18th March PSG Community Room 9:00-10:00am | 19th March | 20th March Sport in Schools 3-6 students 2:00-3:00pm K-2 Sport | 21st March Banking Uniform Shop Open 8.30— 9.30am Harmony Day | 22nd March Whole School As- sembly 9:00am CIS Lesley Nauta LIBRARY 10:00am Years 3-6 Sport |
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| Week 9 | 25th March PSG Community Room 9:00-10:00am | 26th March | 27th March Sport in Schools K-2 students 2:00-3:00pm | 28th March Banking Uniform Shop Open 8.30— 9.30am | 29th March Gala Day [backup] Years 3-6 Sport |