



GRANVILLE EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL

OUR CHILDREN

TERM 2- WEEK 10

THURSDAY 5TH JULY 2018

Congratulations—you made it!

Thank you to students, staff & parents for another productive term of learning at GEPS.

It was wonderful to sit in Celebration Assembly today and hear of the many **achievements** our student have made this term: achievements in writing; mathematical problem solving; perseverance; ability to self-regulate ; growth in independence, learning English and collaborating in class.

It was also a privilege to outline our journey in terms of our **Learning Conversations program**. Here is a snippet of our story:

In the Past:

5 years ago we had traditional student reports come home at the end of term 2 and 4. They were 4 or sometimes 6 pages, with lots of ticks and lots of writing, printed on green paper. The teacher comments were often either "teacher talk" like *able to tessellate shapes* or *one-to-one correspondence when reading*; or they were in "teacher code" like *is working towards developing the ability to enable others to learn*—meaning he is a chatter-box!

Teachers spent so much time on these reports and we would sometimes find them scattered in the playground, abandoned—or parents would report that they just look at the ticks, not the comments.

We thought **there has to be a better way...**

Then something happened:

We called for a volunteer group of teachers and student leaders and an outside consultant to help us find a better way. We had to research and come to a meeting with a sketch of our **dream** reporting structure. I remember sitting in the community room with the others comparing our dreams... and

that's how Learning Conversations was born!



So now:

Over 93% of parents have attended a Learning Conversation this semester. Some students have shared digital portfolios of their learning, others have demonstrated their reading, writing and maths skills. Kids are proud of their learning—one boy invited his entire family to come up and see him present! Another girl did the entire conversation in Turkish for her mum, with the interpreter helping the teacher understand!

Parents are also proud of their child's learning—we often see a post on Facebook about the Learning Conversation!

In the future:

These conversations are building student voice and agency. They enrich our whole school belonging and connectedness.

Imagine a future where *every* student and *every* family engages in deep, purposeful conversations about learning every term! Where families are gathered around a student talking about their learning, and I almost have to pull them away when the bell rings!

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Thank you to families for attending these conversations and to teachers and students for collaborating on learning.

I wish you all a very relaxing winter break.

L Reynolds, Principal

Term 3 2018
Tuesday 24th July—
Friday 28th September

TERM 3 CALENDAR

Monday 23 July	School Development Day (pupil free)
Tuesday 24 July	ALL STUDENTS RETURN!
Monday 6 August	MCA program
Wednesday 8 August	Stage 3 Camp



Have you Downloaded our App???

You'll only get access to current information if you UPDATE to the latest version. It's FREE!

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Username: **community**
Password: **granvillee**

OPEN DAY



Why not consider

GRANVILLE SOUTH CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS HIGH SCHOOL

as **YOUR** future High School

Come to our Open Day on

Saturday 18th August 2018 from 10am to 2pm

Tours of the school Archive Access
Student Performances Faculty Displays
Sausage Sizzle (small cost) Souvenirs for sale
Raffle

School Security Hotline

Ph: 1300 880 021

SRC

What's been happening in our

What we have done and raised so far...

**Biggest Morning
Tea**

\$199.00



Harmony Day

\$129.00

We have all worked together to celebrate, fundraise and make our school even better!!

Always a big thank you to the SRC team, parents and the GEPS for your support!

and there is more to come!



Miss Singh, Miss Gadd and the SRC team 2018

5/6M



This term 5/6M has been learning about how 21st century technology, media, education and travel has made our world a smaller place. We are more connected to each other especially with our Asian neighbours. We chose *future living future world* as our big idea because our world will continue to make stronger connections with our international neighbours. We now have a better understanding of our place within our world.



Year 2 have been investigating geographical literacy—writing texts that show the connections between people and places in and around our school!

The Village by Hussein H (2A)

Natural Features

There are sticks around the trees and on the ground. There is grass with some dry patches. There is dirt under the grass for the plants to grow.

Manmade Features

There are classrooms around the village. There are silver seats for people to sit down and eat their food. There are rubbish bins for people to put their rubbish in. Some rubbish is on the ground.

How to care for the Village

Do not step in the gardens because the plants will die. Mr Damien mows the lawn to keep the grass nice and short. Do not pull the plants out of the ground because it hurt the plant and no more plants will grow from that plant again.



The Village by Malak A (2W)

Natural Features

In the village there is a square space with a little apple tree. On the tree there is a little red apple. There is a lot of short grass on the ground. Most of the area has dirt and mud because of the hard rain. There are some seeds from the tall trees. There are a lot of gardens in the Village.

Manmade Features

In the Village there are a lot of small classes so kids can learn. There are steps to each classroom because the classes are a bit high. There are metal benches so you can sit and eat. The bags are in the classrooms. The classrooms are made out of hard brick. There are bins so you can put your rubbish in the bin and you don't have to litter.

How to care for the Village

Throw your rubbish in the bin. Do not pick the pretty flowers and plants. Don't play with the grass. Do not swing on the branches of the big tree in the middle.

The COLA *by Max L (2W)*

Natural Features

In the COLA bushes lead to the green. The tree bark is very tough. Sticks fall off because the trees are very old. Leaves fall off mostly in Autumn and make a leaf-tornado near the canteen. Plants grow a lot in Spring. Nuts fall down on to the ground and if you touch them you will get itchy. The hedge is very bushy so you should not go in there.

Manmade Features

Manmade features are usually used for something such as shelters, steps and railings. These three go together to make a kiosk called a canteen. There is also a path that is made out of bricks.

How to care for the COLA

Don't litter or hit the equipment. When there is an emergency go to Miss straight away. Remain calm when it is an emergency. Don't kill anything like birds, snails, worms, slugs or other animals.



The COLA *by Odae A (2A)*

Natural Features

In the COLA there are big, long trees and dark orange crunchy leaves that fall off the trees. There are even green bushes.

Manmade Features

In the COLA there are silver seats and there is a canteen. There is a shelter in the COLA and there is a roof on top of the canteen.

How to care for the COLA

If you put rubbish on the floor the birds will eat it and get sick. Put rubbish in the bin. Don't run in the garden so the plants can grow.

FREE
EVENT

because
of **Her**,
we can!

BURRAMATTA NAIDOC **2018**

SUNDAY 15 JULY, 12PM - 6.30PM
PAVILION FLAT, PARRAMATTA PARK

discoverparramatta.com/naidoc

Featuring
Casey
Donovan



EVENT SUPPORTERS





CUMBERLAND
COUNCIL

NAIDOC Week

8 - 15 July 2018

Because of Her, We Can!

As pillars of our society, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women have played - and continue to play - active and significant roles at the community, local, state and national levels.

Their achievements, their voice, their unwavering passion give us strength and have empowered past generations and paved the way for generations to come.

Join us this July for NAIDOC Week in Cumberland with a range of different programs and activities celebrating our local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women.

All programs are FREE unless otherwise advised.



BECAUSE OF HER, WE CAN!

8-15 JULY 2018

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NAIDOC WEEK - WHAT'S ON IN CUMBERLAND

Dreamtime Stories Yarn-Up

Friday 6 July 2018, 1pm - 2pm

Guildford Community Centre, 90 O'Neill Street Guildford
Yarn Ups are a casual get together for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders aged 50yrs+.

Transport and lunch is provided.

Bookings required: contact Teneille Bush on 9632 2765.

Yarn-Up with Aunty Cleonie and Rebecca Chatfield

Tuesday 17 July 2018, 5.30pm - 7.30pm

Exhibition Gallery, Auburn Library, 1 Susan Street, Auburn
Join us for a session of dreamtime stories and learn about Aboriginal history, culture, dance and songs.

Register online at bit.ly/2KtPG2u

Cumberland NAIDOC Week Afternoon Tea

Because of Her We Can:

Celebrating the Unsung Heroes of Cumberland

Wednesday 18 July 2018, 12pm - 3pm

George Mempham Hall, Toongabbie Community Centre
224 Targo Road, Toongabbie

Join Cumberland Council and members of the local community for afternoon tea to celebrate NAIDOC Week with a Welcome to Country, performance and cultural talk.

Guest speaker: Corina Marino

All ages and cultures welcome.

Register online at bit.ly/2MvEPIYG

NAIDOC Week Tent at Fun 4 Kids Event

Friday 13 July 2018, 10am - 3pm

Central Gardens (Pinaroo Area), Merrylands West
(Enter via Paton Street and parking available onsite and on street)

Join in with free, fun and interactive educational activities at the NAIDOC tent including Aboriginal storytelling and cultural talks, arts and crafts activities, cultural performances, digeridoo, dance and weaving workshops and entertainment for children 0 to 12 years.

Darug Language and Culture Class

Thursday 19 July, 10am - 1pm

Guildford Community Centre, 90 O'Neill Street Guildford

Join us for an exciting Darug language and culture class with Aunty Julie Clarke-Jones. Come along to learn about the history, language and the culture of the Darug people.

Register online at bit.ly/2lwnd7m

Building Cultural Capacities Training: Working with Aboriginal Communities

Friday 20 July 2018, 8.45am - 4pm

Cost: FREE

Holroyd Function Centre, 16 Miller Street Merrylands

A workshop for Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal workers who want to improve the way they interact and work with Aboriginal communities, facilitated by Sigrid Herring (Aboriginal Educator and Trainer).

In this workshop you will learn about the following:

- Introduction to Aboriginal cultures and cultural concepts like connection to Country, kinship systems, attachment and family life
- History as experienced by Aboriginal people from 1788 to present
- Identity and what it means to be an Aboriginal person and community member in a dominant culture
- Acculturative stress and the contemporary trauma context for Aboriginal people
- Cultural resilience and strength
- Strategies for working effectively with Aboriginal people and their communities

Register online at bit.ly/2Ksuyqc

Free NAIDOC Week After-School Craft

Merrylands Library

Thursday 5 July, 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Granville Library

Tuesday 24 July, 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Regents Park Library

Wednesday 25 July, 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Lidcombe Library

Thursday 26 July, 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Guildford Library

Tuesday 31 July, 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Auburn Library

Wednesday August, 3.30pm - 4.30pm

For enquiries, contact Kirsty Plumridge, Children's and Young Adults Librarian on 8757 9372 or email kirsty.plumridge@cumberland.nsw.gov.au

General enquiries relating to NAIDOC Week programs

For enquiries, please contact Beatrice Sesay, Community Participation Officer, Cumberland Council on 8757 9791 or email beatrice.sesay@cumberland.nsw.gov.au

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Have a great holiday break!

...Remember Granville Library is **FREE** and open Mon-Th 9am-9pm; Fri-Sat 9am-6pm!



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