Welcome back to term 4!
I hope you all enjoyed a lovely Spring Break and are geared up for a happy and busy term of learning.

At Granville East Public School we provide quality teaching and learning programs that are designed to meet the individual needs of your child. Also coming up in Term 4:

**GEPS Connects:**
GEPS Connects will continue with further student centred learning conversations. This is a forward looking process that is designed to show parents what their child can do; what their child needs to do next to progress; and how parents can help at home. Following the Semester 1 conversations, parents, students and teachers were asked for feedback on the process. The survey results were very encouraging and showed strong support for GEPS Connects from all major stakeholders.

**Parent workshops:**
The Specialist Team will be again running a series of workshops in Term 4. The first, on Cyber Safety, was held on Monday. See our top tips for Cyber Safety later in the newsletter. Parent workshops are advertised via the App, and flyers are also sent home with students. Stay tuned for upcoming workshops!!

**National School Chaplaincy Programme (NSCP) 2016 – 2018:**
Our school intends to apply for funding for a welfare worker under the NSCP. Schools approved to participate will be funded for three years. The minimum qualification requirements for a chaplain are either a Cert IV in Youth Work or Pastoral Care or equivalent qualification. Community consultation is also an important part of the process! Please contact the school if you would like more information.

**Kindy Transition for 2016:**
Our transition program will start Thursday 22 October (next week!) This is a 7 week program to prepare students and families who are starting school in 2016. From 9–11am each Thursday children will participate in a variety of learning activities in kindergarten classrooms. Simultaneous programs will run for parents in the library and for pre-schoolers and toddlers in the community room. The parent program will include information on maths, literacy, occupational therapy, healthy eating, technology and more!

**Stage 1 robotics**

**HELP NEEDED!**
Our canteen desperately needs extra helpers. If you have any spare time during your week and you would like to support the canteen please give Amal a ring on 9637 4446.

**GEPS UNIFORM SHOP**
The GEPS uniform shop also relies on our parents support. The uniform shop is open every Friday from 8:45 to 9:30am. If you are able to spare your Friday mornings and help out in the shop please let the office know on 9637-1562.

**CALLING ALL PRESCHOOLERS**
Is your child turning 5 on or before 31 July 2016?

**ENROL NOW!**
You will receive a FREE Transition to School program to help your child succeed at school.

**Have you UPDATED our App??**
KB has been busy practicing their writing in Literacy! In class, “We are learning to” write sentences using describing words.

Miss Bayliss
Cyber Safety Top Tips for your child (and you!):

When selecting a password...

**Do**
- make it at least eight characters in length
- combine letters, numbers and upper and lower case letters.
- change your password regularly

**Don’t**
- use pet names, birthdates, family or friends’ names
- share passwords with others, even with friends
- store them on the device

More great tips from the Cyber Safety Workshop:

- Keep devices out of children’s bedrooms, so you are able to monitor the apps and websites they are using.
- Know what apps your children are using, if you are uncomfortable with an app, say “NO”.
- Set reasonable limits on technology time.
- If your child is being bullied online, report it to the website or app where it is occurring. They have a legal obligation to follow it up. If it continues, take a screenshot of what is happening and go to https://www.esafety.gov.au/ to report it to the eSafety government body.
- **Think Before You Post!** Keep your information safe from strangers by changing your settings from public to private.
- Use strong passwords (https://strongpasswordgenerator.com/) and keep your passwords secure (https://howsecureismypassword.net/)
- Never meet a stranger you have met online in person without your parent or guardian.