Welcome back to term 3!

I hope you all enjoyed a restful Winter Break and are ready for a productive term.

This term we welcome back Mrs Mellish (Assistant Principal Stage 3) and Mrs Merhi (rel. Assistant Principal S3); Mrs Keegan (JELO and ESL); Mrs Hamoui (sharing 3/4W); Mrs Sakalaki (3/4H on Fridays); and Miss Swain back from sick leave!

Our focus for the term is on improving the literacy & numeracy achievement of every student, as well as building strong, self-directed learners who can talk about their learning and their thinking.

Try asking your child:

- What are you learning at the moment and why is it important?
- Tell me about your learning goals?
- What good questions did you ask today?
- How do you know if you’re “on track” with your learning?

Every Day Counts

A day here or there doesn’t seem like much, but... (see table below)

GEPS-Fest going strong!

Thank you to all of our parents who join us each Monday morning to celebrate, be inspired & jump-start our week!

First week back I shared a clip about Austin’s butterfly. Austin was a 6 year old boy, who persevered with drawing a butterfly—like a scientist. He took on feedback from other kids and made 6 drafts. Check out the results! [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hqh1MRWZjms](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hqh1MRWZjms)

Draft #1:

![Draft #1](image1)

Draft #6:

![Draft #6](image2)

Imagine what you can do, with feedback & perseverance!

Louise Reynolds, Principal

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TERM 3 CALENDAR

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P&C MEETING

Will be held on Thursday 30 July in the Community Room at 9 am.

Parents and Friends are most welcome to attend.

Take an active role in your children’s education!

Term 3 - 2015

Students finish: Friday 18th September

Term 4 - 2015

Students start: Tuesday 6th October
4 lucky students presented their writing to Ms Reynolds on why Stage 2 should attend their excursion.

Why do you think that?
What is your opinion?
I think...
I feel...
I agree with you because...
I like what you said because...
I think you’re right when you said
..........and I would like to add...
I agree with you but I also think...

We are learning how to have better conversations about our learning.

Try some of these sentence stems to have a conversation about your learning:

We are working collaboratively

We worked with words and expanded our vocabulary!
‘Off to School’
Sing & Grow Music Program
For children starting Kindergarten at Granville East PS in 2016

This is a great program to develop confidence, social skills, early literacy and numeracy skills, fine motor and gross motor skills and to get to know some of the children your child will start school with, but most of all it is a lot of ‘Music Fun’!

Tuesday Mornings – 9.30am – 10.15am

6 weeks starting on Tuesday 11th August at Granville East PS, in the Hall

Childcare will be provided for younger siblings

If you would like to participate or know someone who would like to participate, please contact

Julie May on 9892-2328
(please leave a message) or email julie.may3@det.nsw.edu.au

STAGE 1 GARDEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

We have been lucky enough to receive a Coles Junior Landcare grant to expand our Stage 1 vegetable garden. I would like to thank Coles and Landcare for their support.

As a result of this grant we would like to add some more colourful garden beds, create a small fruit tree orchard and include a chicken coop in our garden.

To do so, we need some helpers from our wonderful school community to assist. If you like gardening, have some knowledge or skills about gardening, or simply have the time and inclination to help, we would LOVE to hear from you.

Please contact me if you are able to help. I look forward to hearing from you!

Nicole Tainsh
(Rel. Assistant Principal, Stage 1)
Triple P Seminars in the Arabic Language

برنامج التربية الأيجابية باللغة العربية

سيقيم المجلس العربي استراليا بالتعاون مع مدرسة غرافيل إيست جلسات عن التربية الأيجابية للعائلات الناطقة باللغة العربية و لديهم أولاد ما بين عمر 3-8 سنوات

هل أنت والد أو والدة لأولاد أعمرهم ما بين 3-8 سنوات؟
هل لديكم صعوبة بالتعامل مع أولادكم؟

إذا أجبتم نعم على هذه الأسئلة، تعالوا و أنضموا إلى جلسات التربية الأيجابية.

الهدف من البرنامج: يهدف البرنامج إلى مساعدة الأهالي على فهم كيف يتفاعلون أسرهم و يساعدهم كذلك على تطبيق ما يقولون، يفكرون و يشعرون بطرق جديدة حيث يستطيع الأهل تطوير أساليب التربية و بناء علاقة إيجابية مع أولادهم.

مدة البرنامج: 3 محاضرة مكثفة تتضمن معلومات و مناقشات جماعية. مدتها 60-90 دقيقة.

الأماكن محدودة جداً(من 10-12 والد أو والدة). لحجز مكانك الرجاء الاتصال ب جيزيل 03677311

Arab Council Australia in partnership with Granville Multicultural Community Centre will be running the Triple P Seminars Series

For Arabic speaking families

Who have Children between the age of 3 and 8 years

Aims:

Triple P aims to help parents understand the way their family works and assist parents to use the things that they already say, think, feel and do in new ways to assist parents to improve their parenting skills and build positive relationship with their children.

The seminars will be delivered by Fadi Nemme -Triple P Practitioner from Arab Council Australia

Limited places are available and the group will be closed once numbers are filled.

(Groups of 10-12 parents who have children between the ages of 3 and 8 years)

For information and enrolment: call: Gisele: 96377600 or Kim: 0435 494 696

WHERE: School Library in Granville East Public School
WHEN: Thursday 30th July, 6th and 13th August 2015
     From 9:00am to 10:30am

COST: FREE