Dear Parents / Caregivers,

INCLUSIVENESS
Harmony Day: Many Stories – One Australia
Harmony Day is about community participation, inclusiveness and respect – a time to reflect on where Australia has come from, while also recognising the traditional owners of this land. Harmony Day aims to engage the Australian community, particularly young people, in celebrating the cohesive and inclusive nature of Australia.

Last Thursday, our Harmony Day celebrations involved all of our students and community. All students who participated in the performances are to be congratulated on the excellent standard which was presented to the school community audience. Congratulations to all students who were awarded Harmony Day merit awards for including others. Thank you again to all parents for supplying the delicious food for everyone to enjoy.

SUCCESS
Annual School Report, 2013
The annual school report is the yearly summary of our school’s progress and achievements in implementing our School Plan. It provides information about the context of the school and its programs. The 2013 ASR is now available for you to read on our website.

NAPLAN
The NAPLAN assessments provide a snapshot of student progress in Literacy and Numeracy for students in Years 3 and 5. Dates for NAPLAN are May 13, 14 and 15. NAPLAN letters will be sent home tomorrow, Tuesday April 1.

Permission to Publish
Thankyou to those families who have returned the permission to publish form. If you have not yet signed the form, please do so this week.
Skoolbag App
Our school now has our own Skoolbag iPhone and Android App to help us communicate more effectively with our parent community.

We are asking parents to install our Skoolbag School App. To install it, just search for our school name “The Grange Public School” in either the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.

Best wishes
Lynne Wilson
Principal

Parent Workshop Tuesday 1st April @ 9am

The focus of this workshop will be ICT. Parents will be given the opportunity to explore www.igrange.weebly.com. This website is a valuable learning tool created by Mrs Plater and is regularly used by students when developing ICT and research skills. Looking forward to see you there!

PaTCH
Parents as Teachers/Classroom Helpers

Workshops are designed to support parents/caregivers working with students in classrooms by promoting deep and rich learning conversations during literacy and numeracy lessons. We encourage as many people to participate. If you are interested please see your child’s teacher or contact us. PaTCH will begin Term 2.

Grange Achievement Award
Taharin Khan

P&C Award
Jayden Ah Chong Malak Fraoucene

Silver Award
Kylie Michael

Playgroup
Dear Parents / Caregivers,

There will be no playgroup on Thursday 10th April, due to The Grange Public School holding its Athletics Carnival for the whole school at Campbelltown Sports Stadium.

Playgroup will resume in Term 2 on Thursday 1st May 2019.

Active After School Sports
Last days for Active After School Sports for Term 1 are:
K-2 Monday 31st March
3-6 Wednesday 2nd April

We will commence the program for Term 2 on:
K-2 Monday 5th May
3-6 Wednesday 7th May

Thank you for your support in this program.
Mrs Whittles, Mrs Butler
Bandaged Bear Day and Easter Hat Parade
9th April

On Wednesday 9th April The Grange will be holding our annual Easter Hat Parade. In conjunction with this we are also fundraising money for the Children's Hospital at Westmead by holding a Bandaged Bear Day.

Students are asked to decorate a hat in the theme of Easter and/or dress up their favourite bear.

We are asking all students for a gold coin donation with all funds going to help sick children at the Children's Hospital Westmead.

Thank you
Bandaged Bear Day Committee

On the 27th March three girls performed a beautiful dance. Their names are Saraa Islam, Riana Ahmed and Suzana Chowdhury. It was a fantastic day. Our performance was about a butterfly. It was a Bangladeshi song. We were so proud of our time dancing. Harmony Day was a great day, so we can't wait till next time.

By Saraa Islam, Riana Ahmed and Suzana Chowdhury.

On Harmony Day some of the Year 5 and 6 girls performed a dance for the school. The first dance was by Shakira and it was called Waka Waka. In the second dance Jorja, Faith, Zion and Teryce also did a dance for the school. It was an islander dance. After that all of us joined in the last part. I would like to thank Faith for the dance moves she taught us and all the help she has given us.

By Fatima

On 27th March, Faith, Teryce, Jorja and Zion participated in a beautiful pacific-islander dance. We were dressed in cultural skirts (rit) and colourful accessories. The song we performed to was a Cook Islander song called 'E Makea'. We really enjoyed performing on Harmony Day.

On Harmony Day Faith, Teryce, Zion and myself all performed a Cook Island dance. We had lots of fun. We put a lot of hard work into this dance. We have been practising for lots of weeks and thinking of creative moves and sorting out costumes with help from Mrs Anderson.

By Jorja
March 27 was Harmony Day. Lennox, Antonio, Flynn, Jerome and Gareth performed a traditional dance called the Haka. Antonio taught the boys the moves for the Haka and performed it very well. We all enjoyed it and were happy with the performance.

Thank you parents for coming.
By Antonio, Flynn and Lennox.

On Harmony Day Alyssa and Maddison Bucknell sang an Aboriginal song and dressed up in traditional clothes. The song was in Aboriginal Yorta Yorta language. We enjoyed performing the song in the Aboriginal tradition.

By Maddison Bucknell.

Author Visit from Oliver Phommavanh

Recently, Thai - Australian children’s author Oliver Phommavanh, visited our school to work with many of our students. He is a primary school teacher who shares his writing passion with kids and engages them with humour. He's also a stand-up comedian and has appeared on national TV and radio. His first book, *Thai-riffic*, was published in June 2010 to critical acclaim, followed by *Con-nerd* in 2011. He now has two further books *Punchlines* and *Thai-nomite* available through Penguin Books.

Many of our students wrote excellent drafts that will be the basis of quality narratives and literary descriptions. Oliver was highly impressed by the standard of teaching and learning in this vital area at our school. A number of the boys and girls shared their quality work with Oliver and the school leaders to celebrate their efforts.

For further information on Oliver see his website. http://www.oliverwriter.com/

Textbook Payment

I enclose $15 payment for my Kindergarten child’s textbook.

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How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

**iPhone & iPad Users**

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. If iPhone, you will see your school appear, click "Free" then "Install".
4. If iPad, change the drop list to "iPhone Apps," your school will then be visible, click "Free" then "Install".
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.

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SARAH REDFERN HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Sarah Redfern High School would like to congratulate all students who have been involved in the Minto Community of Schools events this term. We are very proud to work with our local primary schools and we look forward to more successful events throughout this year.

On 24 February, we held the MCOS Swimming Carnival. Students from The Grange joined in with the High School house group Sterling. The points they received on the day by competing in races, dressing in the house colour of yellow and cheering with the high school students went towards the house point total. A fantastic day was had by both students and staff and we look forward to more students joining us next year. Congratulations to all of the students involved and in particular Jorja T 1st in 11 years freestyle and 1st in the 11 years backstroke and Ameera A who came 1st in 12 years backstroke.

On 26 February, we had 8 students from Stage 3 represent your school in Round 1 of the Endicott Cup. The students competed against other students from Minto, Campbellfield and Sarah Redfern P.S in a spelling bee and public speaking event. All students did a fantastic job and we are very proud of all the effort they put in preparing for the night. We look forward to seeing you again on 28 May 2014 for Round 2 of the Endicott Cup.