Dear Parents,

**Evaluation and Planning**
As stated in previous Informers, our School Strategic Plan for 2015-2017 has the following focus areas:
1. Developing Successful 21st Century Learners.
2. Student Wellbeing and Engagement
3. Developing School Capacity

During this term, we will be evaluating our programs and processes related to these areas and will be asking for parents to participate and give us your feedback.

**Staff Development Evening: Habits of Mind**
This Wednesday, all staff will be meeting to listen to James Anderson from Melbourne who will be presenting the introductory session for Habits of Mind. These are an identified set of 16 skills.

This program will be implemented at The Grange in 2015 and supports our strategic area of developing successful 21st century learners. We will communicate more information about the program in the new year.

**Day for Daniel**
Please read the information in this Informer and support our day on Friday.

**Summer Family Fun Day: December 5**
Passes are currently being sold at school. Please see the accompanying flyer.

**School Merit Award system**
Please send in your child’s awards so that they can be updated for the end of the year. Attached is a copy of the system we have at The Grange.

Best wishes everyone.
Lynne Wilson
Principal

**Please read this: SLICE DRIVE. Tomorrow is the last day to order.**
## The Grange Public School Award System

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## Sporting Schools Program

Sporting Schools Program will commence for Term 4 on:

K-2 Monday 26th October
3-6 Wednesday 28th October

The program will run for 5 weeks.
At present our numbers are full, so only those students already enrolled are to attend.
Thank you for your support
Mrs Whittle and Mrs Butler

## REMINDER

Year 5/6 Camp payment is due this week.

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## Principal’s Awards

Taylan Pierce  Lily Stewart
Ishmat Zahan  Sumaiya Rahim
Taniel Wright  Chad Geering

**Grange Achievement Award**

Connor Bellamy  Adrian Moa-Singh
Hayley Morris  Sajid Salam

**P&C Award**

Austin McQuillan

**Bronze Award**

Katelyn Bostock

**Gold Award**

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### Supa Slice Drive orders are due tomorrow.

Please hand orders into the office in the morning as they will be processed during the day.

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## P.B.L. Fortnightly Focuses

(Positive Behaviour for Learning Program)

Our school follows the three values: *Grange Grinners are great on safety, respect and learning*. Over the next two weeks of school (this term and next term), we will be focusing on:

1) working at desks; and
2) what to do when work is completed.

Please discuss with your child at home:

1) *Can you describe in 25 words what a safe, respectful learner looks like when at their desk?*
2) *What do you do in your class when you have completed your work?*

It is useful to *act out these two scenarios* with your child, just like a stage play. This strategy will help them to see exactly what the ‘great’ behaviours looks like.
Yesterday I patted the sheep at the farm. I saw the horse and the pig. I felt happy when I went to the farm. I milked the cow. I saw the dog chase the sheep. I saw the camel.

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Day for Daniel
Friday 30th October

On Friday 30th October, TGPS will be participating in a “Day for Daniel” – in remembrance of Daniel Morcombe. All students are asked to wear “RED” to school as this is the colour associated with this special day. Teachers will be discussing “Stranger Danger” with students.

Spider Drink Day
Stage 3 will be holding a “Spider Day” on Friday to raise money for the Year 6 Farewell. Each spider drink will be $1.
Whooping cough information for schools

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children.

Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.
- Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for information for childcare and schools about whooping cough.
The Grange

Summer Family Fun Day

Saturday 5th December 2015

2pm to 7pm

Benham Road, Minto

Amusement Ride wrist bands available for presale from the school $20

($25 on the day or $5.00 per ride)

Stalls - If you wish to hold a stall please contact 0468949094 or 0424145996

Family Fun Day: December 5

Rides Order Form

I wish to purchase __________ wristbands for unlimited rides for my children. I enclose $________
to cover the cost. I understand that wristbands will be distributed on December 4.

Signed Parent ___________________________ Date __________________________

Parent name ___________________________

Eldest child’s name ___________________________ Class __________________________