Dear Parents,

Success: Live Life Well Breakfast
It was great to see our school community come together for our Live Life Well at School breakfast last Thursday. Teachers reported a high level of concentration in classrooms following the breakfast. Thank you to Ms Butler and Ms Longhurst for their superb organisation and planning. We intend to continue to hold the breakfasts each term.

Innovation: Outside Professionals Working in Our School
A number of students in our school are of concern to us because they demonstrate difficulties in receptive or expressive language or fine motor skills. Because funding received through our Early Action for Success program, we have engaged the services of speech pathologist Rebecca Garnsey and Occupational Therapist Lisa Martin, for four hours each Monday during Semester 1.

The ladies are working with nominated students and will be holding a workshop for parents next Monday morning at school at 9am. Parents involved will receive an invitation this week.

School Plan 2015-2017
As stated in the previous Informer, the school has developed a three year plan where we will focus on three strategic areas.
- Developing 21st Century learners
- Student welfare and engagement
- Building school capacity

Developing 21st Century Learners
Our purpose is to ensure students have the skills they will need for the future. 21st Century knowledge, understandings, skills and values must be at the heart of our teaching and learning programs.

We are working with our students to develop their creative skills, be informed, adaptable, independent thinkers who have well developed communication and social skills. The aim is to develop students who communicate locally and globally.

WEEK 8

Monday 16.3.15
- 6.30pm School Council AGM
- 5.30-6.15pm Meet the teacher Evening 1/2 Topaz

Tuesday 17.3.15
- NO Canteen

Wednesday 18.3.15
- Teacher professional learning half days at school.

Thursday 19.3.15
- School Banking
- Stage 3 excursion “Courage to Care”
- Playgroup

Friday 20.3.15
- Whole School Assembly

WEEK 9

Tuesday 24.3.15
- NO Canteen
- Harmony Day

Wednesday 25.3.15
- Stage 1 Transport Excursion

Thursday 26.3.15
- Playgroup
- School Banking

Friday 27.3.15
- 9AM P&C AGM in staffroom
- Gala Day Yr 3-6
- NO CANTEEN
The new Australian Curriculum facilitates the development of these skills in the general capabilities that are taught across the curriculum:

- Literacy and numeracy
- Critical and creative thinking
- Ethical understanding
- Information and communication technology capability
- Intercultural understanding
- Personal and social capability

School Parking
Parents are reminded that the school car park is NOT to be used by parents to drop children off and pick them up for obvious safety reasons. Enclosed with this Informer is the notice showing penalties for parking incorrectly. Please observe the signs at the front of the school.

Best wishes everyone,
Lynne Wilson
Principal

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**Clean-up The Grange**

**WHEN:** Friday 20th March at 2.30pm

Each class from Year 1-6 will be responsible for cleaning up a section of our school grounds.

Please bring a pair of gardening or disposable gloves if possible.

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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, we will be focusing on:

1) students will behave during formal assemblies;
2) sports and excursions.

Please discuss with your child at home:

1) *What does ‘great’ behaviour look like at formal assemblies?*
2) *How do we represent our school when we are on school excursions and sports days?*

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.
HOLIDAY HEROES
Heaps of fun these school holidays!

The Grange Holiday Club
8 Bream Rd Mount NSW 2566
0402 274 422 (07:00-18:00)

Monday 20 April 2015
$53.85
Monday 27 April 2015
$53.85

Tuesday 21 April 2015

Wednesday 22 April 2015

Thursday 23 April 2015

Friday 24 April 2015


For the safety of our students, please obey the parking signs.

SCHOOL ZONE PARKING OFFENCES

Current as at 1 July 2014

Means that in the area in the direction of the arrow, you must NOT STOP your vehicle at any point on the road or kerb, unless there is a medical or other emergency.

Maximum Penalty
$415 + 2 Demerit Points

Means that you have no more than 2 minutes for drop-offs or pick-ups of passengers or goods and the driver must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.

Penalty
$173 + 2 Demerit Points

Means that in the direction of the arrow or arrows you are not allowed to stop your vehicle unless you are driving a bus.

Penalty
$311 + 2 Demerit Points

DOUBLE PARKING

You are NOT PERMITTED to stop or park your vehicle alongside another vehicle that is already parked parallel to the kerb.

Penalty
$311 + 2 Demerit Points

- STOP in a NO STOPPING zone: $311 + 2 Demerit Points
- STOP on or near a Children’s or Pedestrian Crossing (within 20m on approach & 10m on departure side of crossing): $415 + 2 Demerit Points
- STOP on pathway in built up area: $173 + 2 Demerit Points

Please Note: fines subject to change without notice.

These penalties apply to offences in school zones only while the zone is active.
VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you for your contribution which will help the school purchase paper for worksheets.

Child's name______________________________ Class____________

Please find attached:

- $15 for 1 child
- OR
- $30 per family.

Parent Signature______________________________ Date__________________
HARMONY DAY

Next Tuesday, 24th March 2015, The Grange Primary School will be holding our annual Harmony Day Celebrations. The theme for 2015 is ‘It’s Our Birthday!’, celebrating 15 years of Harmony Day. At our school we have many families who have been Australian for many generations and many who have come from overseas. Harmony Day provides students and their families an opportunity to share with the whole school their culture. We strive to provide a sense of belonging and inclusiveness within our school community.

Parents are invited to participate in our Harmony Day Celebrations by attending our Special Harmony Day Assembly at 9.15am. We will begin with a parade where students have an opportunity to showcase the traditional/national costumes of the culture with which they identify. Following this assembly we will be having our annual Cultural Food Luncheon. This is a chance for you and your child to share the food that is traditional to your family’s cultural background.

We ask all students to bring a dish that can be shared and sampled by their fellow class members. Please complete the slip below and return to your child teacher before Friday, 20th March, 2015 informing what food your child is able to bring on the day. NOTE: The Grange Primary School is a ‘NUT FREE’ school.

Children are asked to wear clothes that represent their family’s cultural background. Students may also wear the Harmony Day colours, yellow or orange. We appreciate your helping in making this day a success and look forward to seeing you at our special Harmony Day assembly.

Thank you

Mrs Anderson

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Cultural Food Luncheon - Return to class teacher.

My child ____________________________ of class _______________ can bring the following dish to the Cultural Food Luncheon:

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☐ My dish does not contain any nut products.

Signed: _____________________________