Dear Parents,

This week marks the end of a very productive term at our school. Everyone has been extremely busy practising for our exciting performances on Wednesday. Please see the separate note for details. The first day of Term 4 for children and teachers will be Tuesday, October 6.

Calmley Hill City Farm Excursion
Parents of K-2 Students are reminded that this excursion will take place on Thursday Week 1.
Full payment is required by Friday please.

Opportunities
The Grange Public School is committed to offering enriching and engaging activities to develop skills and talents in our students. We are conducting dance group, active after school sports, debating and now chess club after school hours.

Chess Club
We know that many students are interested in participating in Chess Club after school on Thursdays. If your child is interested, please complete the slip on the enclosed note.

Child Protection
Last week was Child Protection Week in NSW. Teachers taught lessons related to child safety. Attached to this Informer, please read the information from the office of the Children’s Guardian which informs you about the Working with Children Check. Please note that volunteers who work in an activity involving their child e.g. on excursions or classroom helpers do not require a Working with Children Check Clearance Number, but still require a Working with Children Check Declaration (obtainable from the school).

Best wishes
Lynne Wilson
Principal
Enrichment Program @ SRHS

The graduation for those Year 6 students attending this program will be held on

- 15th September at 10am

Children are to arrive at Sarah Redfern High School by 9am, transported by their parents. Performances begin at 10am.

Parents are welcome to attend the performances.

Payments due this week

- Year 5/6 Camp
- K-2 Farm excursion

“Tell Them from Me”

Years 4, 5 and 6 have all participated in the “Tell Them from Me” survey.

We are very interested in parent opinions about the school as well.

If you can help out, the survey only takes 15 minutes online. Please see Mrs Raynham or the front office for passwords. You can also use the library computers to complete the school survey at school.

With thanks
Mrs M Raynham

Principal’s Awards

Shanaye Ahmad  Jana Islam
Rabaab Chowdhury
Tamara Michael  Akira Dhalli
Mahima Mohiddin

Grange Achievement Award

Virginia Papalii

PEG Award

Jessica Su

Bronze Award

Rahat Morshed  Aysha Sajid

Silver Award

Chloe Heister  Ar-Rafee Hossain
Flynn Dean-Oddy

Gold Award

Taylan Pierce  Hanine Fraouene

P.B.I. FORTNIGHTLY FOCUS

(Positive Behaviour Learning)

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) sports and excursions; and
2) entering the classroom.

Please discuss with your child at home:

1) How do we represent our school when we are on school excursions and sports day?
2) How do we respectfully enter the classroom?

It is useful to act out these two scenarios with your child, just like a stage play.
**Kinder Enrolments, 2016**

We are now taking enrolments for 2016. If you have a child who turns 5 before 31st July, 2016, they can enrol in Kindergarten.

Before enrolling your child in school, it is important to consider:

- Has he/she attended pre-school?
- Pre-school attendance helps with readiness.
- Is your child a boy who is young?
- Research shows a higher success rate for boys who start school older.

If you are considering enrolling your son or daughter at The Grange in 2016, please come and pick up an enrolment package from the front office. If you have any questions about your child’s readiness for school, please phone to speak to Mrs Nauta or one of our experienced Kinder teachers.

**Orientation dates are:**
- Wednesday 28th October 9.30-10.30
- Wednesday 4th November 9.30-10.30
- Wednesday 11th November 9.30-11.30 (includes BBQ).

**Transition dates are:**
- Wednesday, 18th November, 10 - 11.15am
- Wednesday, 25th November, 10 - 11.15am

Attendance at these sessions will help you to ensure a great start to school for your child.

Looking forward to your enquiries and your child’s enrolment at The Grange Public School.

Mrs Lesley Nauta,  
Assistant Principal, K-2.

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**EARN and LEARN**

As you know, our school has been participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. The program has now finished for this year, so a big thanks to everyone who supported our school. We’re now at the important stage of the program where the Sticker Sheets are collected and lodged as our Earn & Learn claim. We will then be able to get new educational equipment for our school. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. So this week, please send in your Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheets and any loose Earn & Learn stickers you may have. Remember to check your handbag, the car glove box or they may be stuck on the fridge. Every little bit helps. Thanks again for all your support!

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**Gala Day**

Gala Day On Friday, 11th September, students at ‘The Grange Public School’ participated in ‘The Fields PSSA Soccer Gala Day. Students demonstrated great sportsmanship and played very well. Both our junior and senior teams were undefeated. They played against St Andrews, Macquarie Fields, Robert Townson and Curran. The senior team had one draw against St Andrews and three wins. The juniors won all their games. It was great to see our students work together as we had varying levels of experience on both teams. This concludes our winter gala days. Next term, summer gala days will resume with league tag and basketball. Well-done to all our winter gala day teams.

Mrs Whittles
Thursday 24th September
11am - 1pm

Bring the kids down to the Wests Kids Disco!

School Holidays AGAIN?

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Tickets available now from reception
$5 entry and includes free soft drink and great prizes
Hold in the Wests Leagues Club Auditorium

Are you ready to party?

School Holiday Disco Party!
Friday October 2 2015
West Leagues Club - Leumeah

Super Wrestling Heroes

www.superwrestlingheroes.com.au

Presale tickets available at Clubs reception - Phone 04284188

$8 kids special - $3 for $20

PARENTS FREE

TICKETS ATDOOR
Is it a safe place for our kids?
A guide for parents.

As a parent or carer you play an important role in making sure your kids are spending time in places that are safe. This guide will help you look out for ‘child safe’ places.

**What is a ‘child safe’ place?**

Child safe means making sure the place where our kids spend time is safe from neglect, physical, sexual or emotional harm or abuse. A child safe place will have rules that are set up to make sure our kids are kept safe.

**Parents have a right to know who is working with their children.**

It is your business to know who is working with your children. Every day kids around NSW spend time with adults outside of their home. This can be at places like a sports club, youth group centre, or a drama studio. As a parent or guardian you need to understand what organisations should be doing to keep your child safe.

It is the law that people who work with your children including many tutors, nannies, coaches and counsellors have a current Working With Children Check. However, there is much more an organisation can do to keep kids safe.

**Understanding the Working With Children Check.**

In NSW all people who work with your children (as well as a number of volunteers) need to have a current NSW Working With Children Check clearance number.

Some people don’t have to get a Working With Children Check number, such as a parent that volunteers in an activity that involves their own child e.g. a sports coach. The Check provides either a clearance or a bar to work with children.

It is a crime for a person with a bar to work or volunteer with children.

**How do you know they have a Check?**

Parents and guardians are now able to ‘verify’ if the person working with their child (under 18) has a Working With Children Check. When we say ‘verify’, we mean parents can check online.

By checking online you will instantly see if the person is allowed to work with your child. Also, if they become a ‘barred’ person we will let you know. You will however need to know their details, including their name, birth date, application or clearance number.

**What parents can do.**

Employers and organisations can check or verify online that their workers or volunteers have a current Working With Children Check clearance number. So you don’t need to check a person who is employed but if your child has a coach or tutor that you pay directly you can go online to verify a Working With Children Check.
How to verify a WWC online

To verify, follow these simple steps:

**STEP 1**  Ask the person who works with your child for their surname, date of birth and WWCC or APP number.

**STEP 2**  Go to www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/check and click on this blue button:

**STEP 3**  Under Verify, click the Individuals (e.g. parents) Verify button.

**STEP 4**  Complete the form, including the reason why you are checking the person (e.g. sports coach, dance teacher etc)

**STEP 5**  Click Submit.

**STEP 5**  You will receive the outcome by email.

What should I look for when choosing a safe program for my child?

It’s always good to become familiar with the places where your children spend time. A Working With Children Check is important but its only one part of what should be done to make a place ‘child safe’. When choosing a service or program for your child it’s important to ask questions of those in charge so they can tell you what they do to keep kids safe.

For example, do staff have the right qualifications and training? What type of training, ongoing support and advice do workers receive about creating a child safe environment? Does the organisation involve the parents and children in the decisions that affect them? How does the organisation respond if there is a complaint or allegation?

It’s also important to ask your children about their experiences and let them know you are interested in what they do. Talk about safe behaviours and teach them to talk to you so they can tell you if they ever feel scared, worried, upset or uncomfortable.

Some questions that may help to start the conversation include:

- What do you like most about the service?
- What don’t you like?
- Does anybody make you feel happy?
- Does anybody make you feel sad?
- What makes you feel safe?
- What makes you feel scared?

To find out more about child safe organisations go to:


or contact us on (02) 8219 3600