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“A GREAT PLACE TO
LEARN”



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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Ms O'Brien

It was a great pleasure to welcome back our year 12 students of 2011 to celebrate their achievements in the HSC. Granville Boys High School is immensely proud of their academic performance. **Sixty six percent** of applicants to the University Admissions Centre **gained a place at University**. The boys received their just deserts for hard work and persistence. The staff gave time and concern to the students and the students devoted hours to study and revision. This is the best performance by a cohort for some time.

Khazem Elkheir will study Business Law at the University of Technology Sydney where an ATAR of 97.2 is required for entry. Ibrahim Jomaa was successful in gaining a place at the University of Sydney to study Pharmacy while Ibrahim Hosari will study Chiropractic Science at Macquarie University. Atilla Ogun is about to commence a Bachelor of Aviation Management at University of NSW while a large number of boys will study Medical Science, Business, Communications, Information Technology and Construction at the University of Western Sydney. The boys were extremely grateful to the staff at the school and to their families for their support and this makes me especially proud of them.

We welcome 3 new staff to the school this year. We have been very lucky to have a small turnover. Mr Reddy received a promotion to St Clair High School as Head Teacher TAS at the end of last year. Mr Marjoniemi and Mr George were transferred during the holidays to Turrumurra High School and Crestwood High School respectively. Both these men had been at the school for a long time and we are sorry to see them go. Mr George's Year 12 Biology Class scored results above the state average last year and I am sure he will be well received at his new school. New to our school are Mr Heiler in HSIE, Ms Rogers in Arts and Mr Khoury in Science. Ms Richardson in Music and Support has returned as has Mr Chebib in the Learning Services Faculty.

Our new school plans begin this year and we have started our collaborative work amongst the teachers to make sure that innovative teaching and learning occurs all the times at Granville Boys High School. The staff's work as professional learners places them at the forefront of Professional development. We are all involved as Microsoft Peer Coaches and as members of the school teams we have been planning the integrated learning programs.

It was a great pleasure to welcome parents and carers to the induction of Student Representative Council 2012. Proud parents pinned badges on their sons. Our vocal ensemble performed and our singing star Joseph Afu gave a beautiful rendition of the National Anthem. Thanks to Mr Hardcastle, SRC Coordinator and Mr Luck, vocal coach tutor.

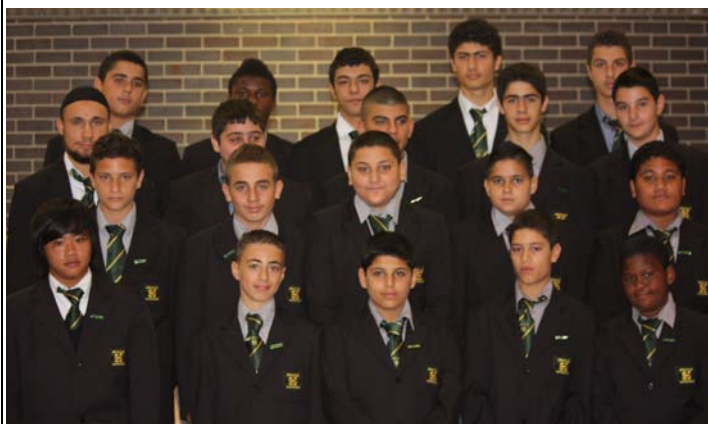
Staff have dedicated themselves to working overtime to develop a range of extracurricular activities as well.

Rugby coaching, gym and League training have commenced in the PDHPE faculty and the Junior Band roll call has commenced. Boys receive tutoring in piano, dance, vocals, violin, Arabic Band and African Drumming. We have commenced Drama classes with a visiting actor, John Shrimpton who recently appeared in "I am Your Man" at the Belvoir Theatre and many boys have booked a spot at the camps that are occurring in Weeks 8 and 9. Swimming School starts for Years 7 and 8.

As well we have had a successful year 6 Open Day and a wonderful Swimming Carnival.

We look forward to great year in a great school!

SRC INDUCTION



SCIENCE REPORT

Mrs Saliba



Science Headquarters

Welcome to another great year of Science here at Granville Boys High School.

This year promises to be **BIGGER** and better than last year. Watch out GUYS!!

A very special welcome to our new 2012 students and their families.

I would like to welcome a new member to the Science faculty this year, Mr Chris Khoury who replaced Mr Fanwell George. Mr George was transferred to Crestwood High School last year at the start of the school holidays. We will miss him dearly but wish him the very best at his new school. The other members of the Science Faculty are, Mrs Kotelawela, Mrs Andraos and Mrs Ioannidis.

The Science faculty requests that parents/carers help optimise their child's learning opportunities by ensuring that students have all necessary equipment in class. On that note, the Science faculty will continue to provide homework booklets for all students in years 7-12. Parents are encouraged to support their sons by ensuring they are working through these homework booklets every night. Please sign in the appropriate space provided to verify that your son has completed his homework. Thank you in advance for your assistance and support.

The Science faculty would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate our 2011 Year 12 HSC and School Certificate students on a great performance. Most of our students in Year 12 have achieved an all time success in Science by gaining Bands 5 & 6 in Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Senior Science. In particular, I would like to congratulate Ibrahim Jomaa (Yr12) for his outstanding accomplishment in achieving a Band 6 in Biology. A Band 6 is the highest band that a student can achieve in the HSC. Our dedicated Science staffs, together with our supportive parents are continually working together in assisting the boys in achieving their potential. We wish all our students well in their future.

Year 6 Open Day

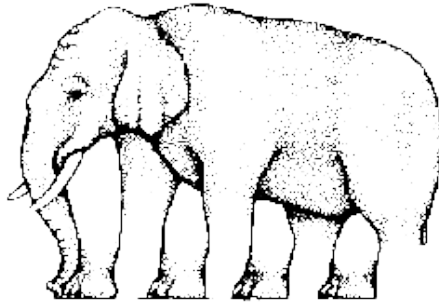
On Monday the 27 February we had some amateur scientists visiting Granville Boys High from our local primary schools for the day. The boys had a great day and can't wait to come back to use the Science laboratories again at GBHS.



Year 6 at GBHS

Some fun Science Facts:

- Our lungs are known to be the lightest of all organs in the body.
- The planet Saturn has a density that is lower than that of water. So, if you could throw it in the ocean, it would actually float!
- Every year, the average person is known to have 430 bugs as dinner, lunch or breakfast.
- Nothing can be quieter than space. Even if a star explodes, you would hear nothing. No air molecules, no vibration thus, no sound.
- The Slow Loris, licks its children with poison, before they are off to search for food. This is done to avoid predators.
- Rabbits and parrots can see behind themselves without even moving their heads!
- Most of the dust in your home is actually dead skin! Yuck!
- Although the Stegosaurus dinosaur was over 9 metres long, its brain was only the size of a walnut.
- Sneezing with your eyes open is impossible.
- The trickiest tongue twister in the English language is apparently "Sixth sick sheik's sixth sheep's sick". Give it a try and see for yourself.

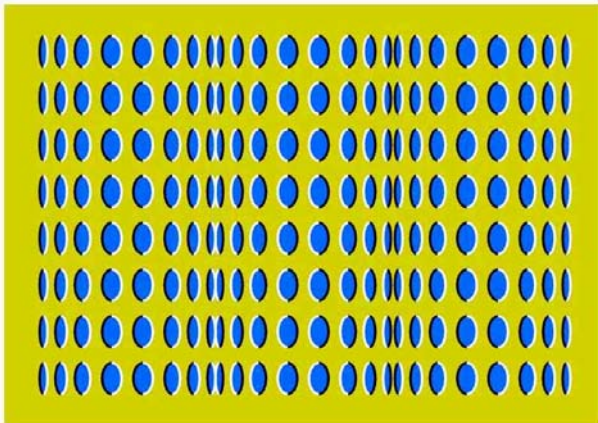


This elephant is missing a leg...or is it? The artist confuses his viewer by changing the way our brain is used to seeing things.

It seems the more you look at the elephant, the more confusing it gets.

This is weird. It looks as though it's moving, but it's not.

The shapes confuse the eye (really the brain) into



believing that they are moving.

For more optical illusions go to

<http://www.sciencebob.com/experiments/illusions.php>

Cool Interactive Websites

This is a website for some science activities for Stage 4 (years 7 & 8)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks2bitesize/science/>

A testing hypothesis activity link for students.

<http://tlf.dlr.det.nsw.edu.au/learningobjects/Content/L8487/object/index.html>

Questions or Concerns??

If any parent or carer needs information on any aspect of the Science courses, you are invited to contact me via the usual school channels.

SUPPORT UNIT REPORT

Mrs Rudek

Welcome to a great and busy 2012 here in the Support Faculty.

We have finally completed The Support Unit's Individual Educational Planning Meetings with parents and students. I would like to thank all the parents who participated in these meetings and assisted their sons to set new goals to aim towards.

As of week 3, all students from year 9 to year 12 were involved in a work placement program which was conducted by the Careers Adviser. This program sees each student take up a position of employment at a local business. Most students have now been placed in new positions in the local community and go to Work Experience every Friday. In 2010 we had a successful year, as students gained apprenticeships and full time work through this program. Students are developing and up-dating their Resumes during class. This is an ongoing process and very important to their work experience placements and future post – school pathways.

We are very fortunate to have the Get Ready Program running this year in conjunction with Granville Youth Centre. Year 9 and 10 students participate in this program each Thursday. Granville Boys High would like to thank the new youth workers Chris Baker and Tanya Hills, who have been so welcoming and enthusiastic towards our students. Some of the activities the boys have participated have been Master Chef Pizza making and managing anger.

Granville Youth Centre is located at 3A Memorial Drive, Granville which is next to Granville Pools. Each Monday they run a Homework Club from 4pm till 6pm. All students can come free of charge and obtain help with their assessment tasks or general homework tasks.



MATHEMATICS REPORT

Ms Ram

2012 has started with great enthusiasm and rush of activities for teachers, students and parents as we all prepare for another year of successful teaching and learning. I would like to welcome all students back to school, particularly the year 7's who are attending high school for the first time and also a warm welcome to the new students across the year who joined Granville Boys in 2012. While visiting classrooms this term, I have observed that students are engaged in learning Mathematics and actively participate in discussions. Most students are very enthusiastic to learn and have demonstrated good organisational skills. Many students seek further help from teachers during their recess and lunch breaks. This is an excellent indicator that students value learning and want to be successful.

NAPLAN

Years 7 and 9 will sit for the National assessment NAPLAN in May this year. This year our focus is year 9's. Teachers issue students with NAPLAN preparation booklets every week. Students are expected to complete the booklet during the week. Teachers have allocated specific times to go over the booklets with students so as to clarify doubts and offer help. Parents are encouraged to help their children complete the booklets. Starting from week 6 of this term, teachers in the Maths faculty will offer help to students during the lunch break. Students who would like to receive extra help must see their Maths teacher for details.

MATHLETICS

This year again, the school has invested a large sum of money to purchase the interactive learning software, Mathletics, for students in years 7 to 10. All students will soon be given passwords that allow access to Mathletics both at home and in school. Teachers will set focus activities, home work, and tests through Mathletics, which gives instant feedback to both the student and the teacher. The lessons set on Mathletics are based on the teaching program planned for the particular classes in 2012. Maths Live games and competitions develop mathematical skills in students through interactive activities and are enjoyed by all students. Classroom teachers allocate a period of their teaching time to encourage learning through Mathletics. Students must remember to bring their laptops on that day. All students must spend some time at home on Mathletics every week. I would like parents to encourage their children to practice Mathematics on Mathletics.

AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

Students across all years are given the opportunity to participate in Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC) each year. The AMC gives students an opportunity to experience doing a test prepared by an external agency and compare their achievements with other students in the state. Certificates of distinction, Credit and Participation are issued to the participants. Westpac awards are also given to students who do very well. Students, who wish to attempt AMC this year, must pay an entry fee of \$5.50 to the front office by the

10th of May, 2012. See the organiser of the competition, Mrs Khan, in the Maths staffroom for details.

HSC TUTORIALS

From past good practices, the Maths faculty has realised that offering HSC help at school boosts student confidence greatly and encourages them to prepare well for assessments and the HSC. Those students who participated in the HSC tutorials in 2011 showed a significant improvement in their HSC Mathematics. Considering how much difference the tutorials made in student achievement, the Maths faculty has begun offering HSC tutorials from week 5 of this term. (23rd February). Tutorials will be held on Thursdays from 3 to 4pm. One or more Maths teachers will be available to help students in their areas of need. Students who would like to take advantage of this offer of help can see their Maths teacher to get a permission note. Year 11 students who would like to take advantage of this opportunity are also welcome.

MEMBERSHIP: MATHS ONLINE

Maths Online is an interactive learning resource for schools. It caters for the learning needs of all students from Kindergarten to Year 12, in all the Maths courses. In 2011, students were able to access it for free; however, in 2012 there is a fee payable to use Maths Online. Parents can purchase a 12 month license for \$197 per student on their own. However, **through the school, students can get access to Maths Online at cheaper rate of \$10 per person. All students are asked to have membership to Maths Online in 2012.** You can access more information about Maths Online by following the links below. Students can pay their \$10 to the front office or to their Maths teacher who will deposit the money for them.

<http://www.mathsonline.com.au/>

<https://www.mathsonline.com.au/purchase>

Maths Online guides you through the Australian Maths Curriculum, lesson by lesson, allowing you to pause, rewind and repeat all or part of any lesson until you fully understand it. It is like having your personal teacher whenever you like it.

Benefits of Maths Online

Gives student the freedom to study without stress, at home, in their own time, at their own pace

Students can catch up on lessons they missed or revise concepts they have not fully understood.

Because maths concepts build upon each other, sometimes it's necessary for students to go back and revise a particular concept before moving on to a new topic, this can be done as every student has access to the entire Kindergarten to Year 12 curriculum.

Students can preview lessons at home before they take them at school.

Students can gain understanding and confidence especially in areas where they struggled previously.

Students can complete the questions to test their understanding. All of their results are recorded so that their progress can easily be seen.

PDHPE REPORT

Mr Abraham

The PDHPE staff would like to welcome back all students for another great year at Granville Boys High School and also a big welcome to all our Year 7 students and families.

This term is particularly very busy as our students participated in very successful and exciting swimming carnival. All students enjoyed the novelty activities being offered to them during the day. I would like to congratulate all our students in Riley for winning 2012 swimming carnival.



Annual school camp

This year the school camp is held at Sydney Academy of Sports at Narrabeen in week 8 for year 7 students and week 9 to year 11 students for 3 days Wednesday to Friday.

This is an excellent opportunity for our students to experiment new activities in new environment as one group.

Swim School Program

This year I'm so pleased to inform you that our Swim school program is being held at Granville Aquatic Centre. The program is designed for our students and will be conducted and run by professional swimming instructors from the Aquatic Centre. It is compulsory for all students in years 7 and 8. All year 8 students will be attending the swim school program in week 8 and year 7 students in week 9 for 5 days from Monday to Friday and the cost for the 5 days is \$37.50 per students.

Sports

Tuesday sports – Years 9, 10 and year 11 students
We are offering a variety of recreational and competitive activities to our students during their sport time on every Tuesday. The activities and the cost as indicated

Competitive Sport	
Sport	Cost
Basketball Opens	\$20 / term
Touch Opens	\$20 / term
Touch Juniors	\$20 / term
Cricket Opens	\$20 / term
Volleyball Opens	\$20 / term

Recreational Sport	
Sport	Cost
Ten Pin Bowling	\$7.00 / week
Laser Skirmish	\$7.00 / week
Fitness	\$5.00 / term
School Sport	Free
Computer Club	Free

Friday sports – Years 7 and 8 students

All students in years 7 and 8 are required to attend the organised sporting activities every Friday according to their timetable.

All students are expected to be in full sports uniform to be able to participate in any activities.

New Gym

The Granville Boys school gym has been running since term 3 2011. Since its opening we have acquired a vast array of equipment including dumbbells, pull up bars, cross trainers, cycling machines, bench press and a variety of accessories like skipping ropes and balance boards. The gym is currently open at recess for pupils to use and is available to students during Tuesday sports time. In addition, staff have been frequenting the gym before school and training sessions have been run by members of the PDHPE department.

2012 will mark an exciting time in the gyms development. The PDHPE department, in coordination with the SRC and other departments, will be actively engaged in seeking additional funds which can be utilised to buy new equipment. This will inevitably enhance the experience of all who visit whether it is students, staff or perhaps one day members of the community.

Zone Basketball Knockout

Granville Boys entered the Zone Basketball competition and were looking to build on a Fourth round berth in 2011. The team was facing Cumberland high school on Wednesday 22nd February and travelled away as Cumberland hosted the fixture. The boys were keen and ready to go in the warm up and their enthusiasm paid dividends as Granville Boys took in early lead within the first five minutes. The boys from Granville showed true class by creating amazing plays with some slick and quick passes to set themselves up 10-3 in the opening minutes. As the game went on our big boys began to tire and Cumberland were finding easy passageways to the basket and took a halftime lead.

The second half started similar to the first half with the likes of Jhio Reyes and Pita Punitua setting up baskets for their teammates. But Cumberland show true class by withstanding the early onslaught from Granville and towards the back end of the game began to dominate possession. Granville Boys showed true character but were outclassed by a well structured and precise team, Cumberland winning the game 46-12.

Zone Volleyball Knockout

Granville Boys was hosting Granville South in the local derby in Volleyball. There has been a history of tight games between the two Granville teams and this game was no different. Granville South got out to an absolute flyer in the first taking the lead 24-17 with 7 set points in hand. But in true Granville Boys spirit the boys, lead by Matthew Samuelu and Michael Masila crawled their way back to take the first set in an amazing comeback 26-24. The second set was tight with Granville South taking it out 25-17. The game was headed for a deciding set and there was some magical play by both teams, points were hard to come by with numerous rallies lasting over 20 shots. In the end Granville South scored some decisive points at crucial moments and ran away with the game, winning the final set 15-10. A great effort by all players involved and we look forward to future sporting fixtures.



Learning Support Mrs Adderley

It has been a very busy start to the year. Mr Abas and I have met with nearly every year 9 student and their parents, it was a great opportunity to explain to parents how their sons could support their own learning independently out of school, as the most successful students are those that are able to independently self manage their learning. I thought that it would be advantageous for all to know.

Student education does not start and end at the school gates, junior students should be putting aside at least an hour a night in order to support their education.

Each night all students should be reading for at least 30 mins.

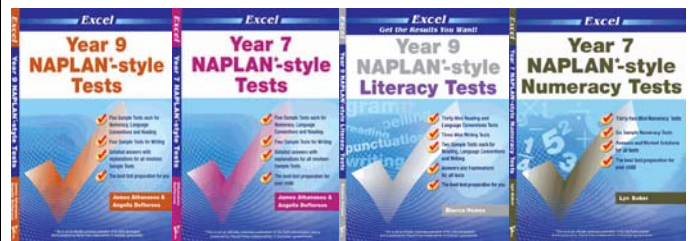
All students should revise the work that they have completed in class each night.

Students should have a timetable for subject specific revision, for junior e.g.

Day	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sun
Subjects	History	Geography	Maths	Science	English	Music

At this time students should go over all the work they have completed in this subject to date.

Naplan is a big focus for student in years 7-9; parents can buy NAPLAN practice books in book shops, some newsagents and some post offices. These are great to have at home for students to work through independently and with you. If your son is working through these books and is having difficulty he is welcome to attend the homework club to receive some help.



Online there is also Excel Test Zone
<http://www.exceltestzone.com.au/>

For senior students a more completed timetable would be required remember a study timetable needs to be achievable, it needs to allow for rest and relaxation as well as socialisation.

HEAD TEACHER MENTOR REPORT

Ms Faddoul

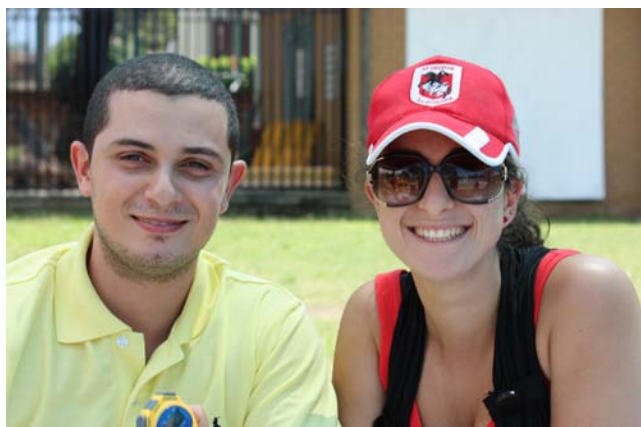
The Head Teacher Mentor is a two year 'above establishment' position that has been extended to the end of 2012 across Granville Boys High School and Auburn Girls High School. The Head Teacher Mentor has been able to facilitate and provide a range of support mechanisms for New Scheme Teachers in their first three years of teaching at both of these schools. Some of these mechanisms include the Professional Learning Seminars, Pedagogy and Behaviour Management Strategies, Classroom Support, help with the Accreditation Process, access to Resources & Training Opportunities and Lobbying and Advocacy.

A big Congratulations!!! To Mr. Hardcastle and Ms. Love in English, Ms. Ioannidis in Science, Ms. Tran in Maths, Ms. Woods, Mr Ghazal and Mr. Wynne in PDHPE, Mr Luck in Music and Mr Bellavia in HSIE for all submitting their evidence for Accreditation at Professional Competence in 2011. We wish them all the best of luck with their future teaching career. This year we have the following teachers working towards Accreditation at professional Competence, they are: Mr Heiler (HSIE), Mr Chebib (Learning Services/ PDHPE), Ms Richardson (TAS: Music) and Mr Khoury (Science).

I will be running a number of Classroom Observation Projects over the course of the year with New Scheme Teachers. This will involve observing other expert teachers and teacher coaches within Granville Boys and attending other schools in our Community to observe teachers teaching different age groups and genders. I will also be delivering a variety of Modules from the online Professional Learning and Leadership Directorates "Classroom Teacher Program" to New Scheme Teachers Submitting and Maintaining Accreditation.

I look forward to working with our communities new and existing teachers and wish everybody the best for a successful year.

**Ms. Faddoul, Head Teacher Mentor
Granville Boys and Auburn Girls High School**



Up Coming Events In Term 1

Week 7:

5 March

- PSP Survey
- Year 7 BBQ for Teachers and Parents

8 March

- International Women's Day

9 March

- 2013 Enrichment Test at Auburn Girls HS

Week 8

12 March

- Year 8 Swim School Week

13 March

- Year 11 Aspirations Launch

14 March

- Year 7 School Camp (3days) at Narrabeen

15 March

- Selective Schools placement test at GBHS Hall

Week 9

19 March

- Year 7 Swim School Week

20 March

- Year 11 D&T Excursion to Powerhouse Museum

21 March

- Year 11 School Camp (3days) at Narrabeen
- International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

Week 10

26 March

- School Photo Day

Week 11

2 April

- International Children's Book Day
- School Photo Day Catch up

PHOTO ALBUM



