Deputy Principal’s Report

In Term 4 of 2013 a team of staff, student and parent representatives formed the School Culture Review team. The School Culture Review team undertook an analysis of the data provided from the school culture surveys 2010 -2013 and the relevant school policies, through weekly after-school meetings. This process determined the additional data required, the collection sources and methodology with recommendations made to the executive team based on the groups’ findings.

During initial meetings of the School Culture Review team, data from the School Culture review survey was discussed and analysed with the establishment of a strategy for the collection of additional data. The purpose of collecting additional data was to provide information to enhance the committee’s understanding of the issues and concerns relating to key areas identified in the initial analysis of the School Culture Survey.

The School culture review team identified the need to establish focus groups to enhance our understanding of the issues identified in the School culture survey and to conduct inter-school visits to observe different strategies and procedures. The observations and ideas provided in focus groups and from inter-school visits were an integral part in developing recommendations as a result of the school culture review process.

Focus groups were established that comprised of staff, parents, and students. The staff focus groups were conducted in cross faculty groups that were randomly selected. Student focus groups consisted of students that were randomly selected. The student focus groups were conducted in groups with students from Stage 4, Stage 5, and Stage 6. A parent focus group was conducted.

Members of the School Culture Review team conducted school visits to five high schools. Members of the School Culture Review Team made observations at the schools, observed policies, procedures and structures and interviewed senior executive, executive and staff members.

The School Culture Review team has developed ten recommendations to the school’s executive. The executive have decided upon four recommendations to be investigated with the view to commence implementation in 2014 or 2015. Further information will be provided of these strategies in future newsletters.

We held an evacuation and lock down practice at the school on Thursday the 13th of March as part of the department’s policies and procedures on work health and safety. It is important for our staff, students and visitors to be informed of these processes in the event of a critical incident. A review of this practice will be undertaken by our school Health and Safety committee. A Health and Safety officer has been appointed following school consultations on Health and Safety directions. Ms Zahra will undertake training early next month as a requirement of this new role.

Finally, it is the expectation of the school that students wear their uniform with pride. This involves caps being worn in the correct manner with trousers extending down to the students feet.

Mr M. Toaetolu
Deputy Principal

Sports Report

Granville South Creative & Performing Arts High School kicks off its sporting year with a bang.
Swimming Carnival 2014

On Friday the 14th of February 2014, Granville South Creative and Performing Arts High School conducted its annual swimming carnival. It was a fantastic day with the sun shining and the students getting into the carnival spirit.

We had the Blue house making plenty of noise early but had very little competitors, whilst the Yellow house was quiet but confident, taking out plenty of 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. The red and green house had all round success and making noise, but in the end the Yellow house took out first place for the day. Well done!

A special thank you to the PE Staff who work tirelessly to ensure the carnival operations were successful and thank you to each and every staff member who carried out their role and supported our students.

We have once again improved on our number of competitive students by about 30. This is great to see that our Swim School programs have been working as we are now in our third year of our sponsored Swim program with Mr Brad Patterson from Auburn Aquatic Centre, who has committed all resources in insuring our students at Granville South CAPA value the benefits of swimming.

It’s been another strong year with a team of 22 qualifying to represent Granville South CAPA at the Zone Swimming Carnival. Let’s hope they continue to produce results and have the chance to compete at the Regional level.
**Knock Out Sports**

The PDHPE staff are all very excited with the start to 2014. We would firstly like to thank other members of staff which include Mr McLean, Miss Cameron and Miss Tsaloukas for giving their time and effort to coach some of our teams. A special thank you also needs to go to Mr Tsekas and Mr Woollams for helping transport our teams to their venues. We have had a fantastic and mostly successful start to the year with five of our teams making it through to the next round.

**Open Girls Volleyball**

This saw the first event start our 2014 Knock Out season with our talented girls up against Girraween High School. The Open Girls team demolished the opposition in 2 sets. Well done Miss Cameron and team- 1 win from 1!

**Cricket**

Mr Farthing and his 11 men squad took the pitch and competed in our First Cricket Knock Out competition in almost 4 years. The boys were pumped listening to “C’mon Aussie, c’mon, c’mon” on repeat in the hope that they feel enough spirit to beat cricket giants- Merrylands High School.

The task was tough and we were off to a flying start but lacked consistency towards the end and lost the match. The boys tried hard and showed great sportsmanship. Cricket at Granville South CAPA will definitely be a regular fixture. Well done!

**Rugby League**

Preparation is the key for our junior and senior squads this year with afterschool training commencing in early March.

We have had a solid interest from students this year with our squads, both the U14 Buckley and Open University Shield teams, being finalised for our Round 1 fixture.

Once again, a big year is in stall for Granville South CAPA Rugby League as we will be looking to retain our Nines title at the Michael Innis Shield (formally Andrew Ryan Shield).

Our opens Rugby League squad will be looking to advance beyond round stages of the University Shield and the School Boy Trophy competitions as they were given a boost with a visit from the Canterbury Bulldogs in early February. Both Aiden Tolman and Dury Low from the Bulldogs say that ‘commitment’, is the key to becoming successful. They wished our Rugby League squads good luck this year and said that they look forward to hearing big things about Granville South CAPA High School.

Good Luck to our Rugby League Squads in 2014.

**Open Boys and Girls Soccer**

The Boys faced a tough challenge in the first round of the Errea Cup going up against competition favourites, Evans High School. Unfortunately, the Boys lost the match but there were several positives to come from the game. For a team with several Year 9 and 10 students, there is a lot to look forward to in the coming years.

The Girls first round match up was against a quality Arthur Phillip High School team. The game was exciting with full of goal scoring opportunities. The girls’ hard work and smooth techniques from Brodie Dillon and Farous Ngath proved the difference with us winning 3-2. We look forward to our next round match up against Model Farms High School.

**Open Boys Basketball**

Our Open Boys Basketball team had an exciting game against Greystanes High school. We have never been able to defeat this team before but on the 6th of March, Granville South CAPA, under the guidance of Mr McLean, defeated Greystanes 43-28. Well done boys and looking forward to the next game.

**Open Girls Touch**

Twelve Girls took to the field on Wednesday, 26th February to compete against Holroyd High School in the Open Girls Touch competition. The girls looked confident but were quite nervous in the beginning, however, once their nerves settled, there was no stopping them. They played exceptionally well to defeat Holroyd 6-0 and have now made it to round 2. All of the girls had a terrific game and supported each other. We are all looking forward to the next game.
Open Boys Touch

Our Senior Boys met with Doonside Technology High School in our opening round of the Open Boys Touch Competition. They turned on some razzle dazzle play to showcase some great skills. Great leadership was shown from Captain Canzoni Mau to put Martin Seiuli in twice in the game for a 2-1 victory. Well done boys!

Mr Marcos
PDHPE Teacher

Up-coming School Calendar Dates

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