

OUR VOICE!

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Welcome To Issue #8

Welcome to Issue #8 of Our Voice.

We have written lots of different articles for all of you students and parents to read.

We hope you enjoy it!
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Press Gang Live At Swimming Carnival

Introduction by Mariam

SPLASH! The racers dived into the pool, speeding through the water. Everyone was cheering, "GO! GO! GO!"

On the 19th of February students from Y3 to 6 went to Granville Pools for the GEPS Swimming Carnival.

Press Gang were on the scene to report. Here are some interview highlights.

Ms Reynolds - GEPS Principal

"I love the races because the kids partic-

ipate and the rest of the school gets behind them, chanting and cheering.

"But I also love the novelty races because that's when I see kids throwing balls, playing stuck in the mud and all the kids that can't swim get to have a go and show school spirit."

Bassam, Y6

"I won the 50m Free-style. I did

feel a little bit nervous, but I was quietly confident."

Watch more highlights in our video report.



GEPS Goes Orange For Harmony Day

By Alisha

On Friday 21st March, Granville East Public School celebrated Harmony Day.

Harmony Day is a day when we dress in orange or our cultural dress to celebrate diversity.

At GEPS we have 27 differ-



Image: Students dress up in orange to celebrate Harmony Day

ent language groups - including Arabic, Dari, Urdu, Persian, Turkish, Mandarin, Tongan and many others.

Students donated a gold coin and raised \$145 towards our wonderful school playground.

Welcome To

Granville East

By Hadiya, Ilham & Alisha A

At the start of this term 42 new kindergarten students started Granville East.

We interviewed kindergarten teacher, Ms Melhem, to find out what they've been learning.

Ms Melham told Press Gang that kindergarten students learn so much during their first year.

"They learn their letters and their sounds and their numbers. They learn how to write sentences.

"They learn how to add and they learn how to take away and they also learn how to substitute," she said.

"It's so much fun to see how much they grow and learn." We think the teachers are gonna be proud of all the Kindies.

Young Leaders Day

By Phoebe

On the 25th March, the GEPS student leadership team went to the International Convention Centre in Darling Harbor for Young Leaders Day along with Mrs Faghani and Mrs Wahiba.

During the event, student leaders heard from famous people such as, Catherine Laga'aia who will play Moana in the upcoming Disney film, who talked about what it took to get different leadership roles.



So, what did GEPS' student leaders think of the event?

"What I liked was spending time with my friends," said Bassam.

"It was fun because we got to meet famous people," said Mariam C.

Humans of GEPS: Students Farewell Ms Miwa

By Shelly & Phoebe

On the 17th of March, Ms Miwa, our brilliant Wellbeing Officer, left GEPS for a full time job

But before we said goodbye, we asked her some questions for Issue #8's Human's of GEPS.

How long have you been at GEPS?

I joined GEPS last September, so seven months.

We heard you can speak many languages. What languages do you speak?

I speak five languages. Dari and Pashto from my country, Afghanistan. Pashto is my mother tongue and I studied in my country until seventh grade in Dari.

I also speak Hindi because I've been brought up in India and I speak Urdu because I have an interest in poetry, and then English.

Where did you learn all these languages?

Because I've been a refugee, I've lived in many countries and also because I'm



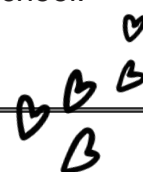
interested in learning languages.

What do you like about GEPS?

I like the fact that there is a lot of multiculturalism in this school - everybody has a different background, everyone has a story.

But everyone comes together in the same school and everyone is welcomed. So it's a very good environment to work in, to learn to grow in.

I love everything about this school.



Special Report: What Is NAPLAN?

By Amena H, Nadia & Amena Z

Naplan is an assessment for student in Y3, Y5, Y7, and Y9.

Many people must be wondering what does NAPLAN stand for. It can be really confusing and really hard to remember.

"NAPLAN is a test that all students in Year 3, 5, 7, 9" take part in at the beginning of the year, explains Mrs Maatouk.

NAPLAN stands for: National Assessment Program Literacy And Numeracy.

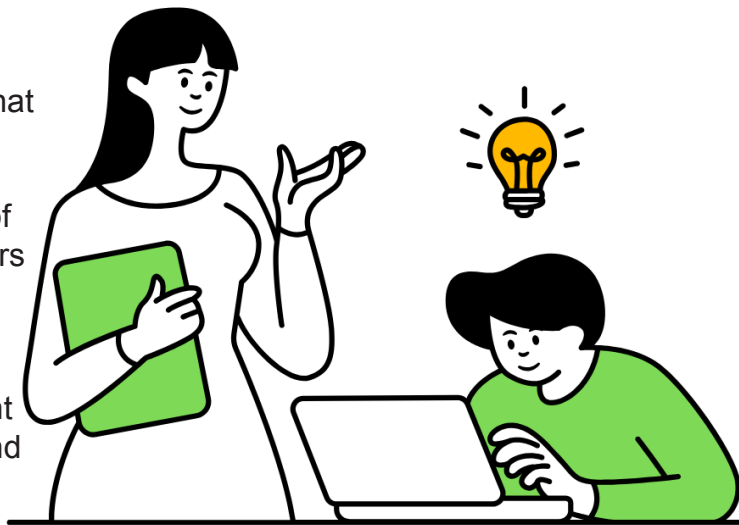
So why do we do NAPLAN?

"NAPLAN gives us data on how students are tracking in their learning and what they can do independently," said Ms Ward, Stage 2 AP.

We asked Press Gang

reporter, Phoebe, how she found this year's NAPLAN.

"NAPLAN was OK for me, the writing was a bit tricky because the topic was hard. I enjoyed the Maths test because I felt confident with the questions," she said.



We Meet Kid's Author, Lachlann Carter

By Mariam & Shelly
Lachlann Carter is the author of the new graphic novel series 'Big Trouble'. He's a former teacher and has a passion for supporting creativity

and literacy in young people. In Week 7, he took part in a Zoom interview with student reporters from The School News Project. Here are the highlights.

How do you and the Illustrator work together?

When I write my manuscript, I just write the words that will appear on the page and then I have underneath it a very short description of what I

think the illustration might have in it.

But I don't give Douglas [Lachlann's Illustrator] too much, because then I want to let him read the whole story and bring his own ideas to it.

And every single time he brings something new to it that I hadn't even thought of. It turns into a real collaboration.

Read more interview highlights by scanning the QR code.



Did Your Favourite Colour Come Out On Top?



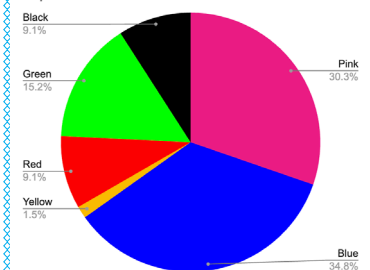
By Ayman & Aroush

Press Gang reporters went onto the playground to ask students in 3-6 what their favourite colour was.

During the survey, we noticed that pink and blue were the most popular colours at school, with blue being the most popular.

The least favourite colour was yellow with only one student choosing yellow.

Popular Colours at GEPS



It was interesting to see so many girls chose blue. We also found it surprising to see that yellow was the least popular colour.

We wonder if the results would be different if we asked students in Y1 and Kindy.





Image: GEPS Students love to play handball. Photo by Ahmed

Why Is Handball So Popular?

By Mariam, Ahmed & Rayanne

We asked GEPS students if they play handball. 70 per cent said yes.

What is Handball?

Handball is a kid friendly game but it can be played by anyone, even adults. Handball has a small

ball and four players. One player will have to hold the ball in their hand, and pass it to the other players.

Why is Handball so popular?

Handball is popular because the structure of the game makes it easy to play. Everyone gets a turn and, it's fun!



We've hidden 12 words from Our Voice Issue #8 in the grid above. How many can you find?

Harmony	Soccer
Young	Handball
Leaders	Blue
kindergarten	NAPLAN
Swimming	Press
Carnival	Gang

Poll Finds We All Love Soccer

By Zaynab & Mariam R

68 per cent of GEPS students say that soccer is their favourite sport.

We were not surprised by this because soccer is a really fun game to play.

A lot of students like Soccer because of Cristiano Ronaldo (CR7). He is famous

and has won lots of trophies. Everyone acts like him in soccer and tries to be good like him.

Soccer is not just for boys, it's for girls too. We love playing soccer with our friends and families.

A fun thing about soccer is learning new moves.

Here are some of our favourites.

The Bicycle Kick

Put the ball inside the middle of your feet, then jump up and twist your feet.

Ankling

Ankling is when someone's in front of you, so you pretend you're kicking the ball, but you're actually moving the ball to their other side.

Nutting

Kick the ball in between another player's legs.



Why did the dinosaur cross the road?
Because the chicken wasn't born yet.

What do you call a dinosaur that is sleeping?
A dino-snore.

What do you call a dinosaur fart?
A blast from the past!

Our Voice Word Search

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