

Grahamstown Public School News

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From the Principal

The Canberra travellers had a great time, they even caught a glimpse of the Queen as she was sailing on Lake Burley Griffin.

Kinder orientation is happening in Week 4. All kinder enrolments should now have their letter explaining the times they will need to attend and what is happening on each day. We look forward to meeting all the new students for kinder 2012.

Application is required in November 2011 for parents or caregivers of Year 5 students who wish their children to be considered for placement in Year 7 at a selective high school in 2013. Parents with internet access are requested to apply online. Online application information will be available from **24th October to 21st November 2011**.

Application information is available on the internet at:

www.schools.nsw.edu/shsplacement

For parents without internet access, application forms will be available in schools or at school group education offices.

Children are to be congratulated for their effort in keeping themselves safe in the drop/pick up zone at the front of the school. The majority of children are waiting for their parent's vehicle to stop before crossing the red line. Please assist us by talking to your children and encouraging them to wait until the car is completely stopped before attempting to move toward it. Remember that this zone is a quick drop zone and not a longer term parking area. If your child is not there when you arrive please go around the block so everyone gets fair access to that zone.

Grahamstown students are successfully wearing hats to protect themselves from the sun at lunch and recess. Every day there are children who have forgotten their hat. We ask those children to stay in the shade in the

undercover areas in the quad. We do not have spare hats to offer children who may have left theirs at home or lost them. We would very much appreciate hats being clearly labelled with your child's name so they can be returned to the correct owner and so children don't confuse ownership of hats.

Enjoy your week.

Sue Kane

Principal

COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 4

October 26th	HIS orientation for students who have been notified by Miss Russell
October 31st	Kinder orientation begins
November 1st	Kinder orientation day 2
November 2nd	Kinder orientation day 3
November 3rd	Kinder orientation day 4
November 16th	School Disco
November 18th	BBQ at Finnan Park for RAAF families
November 25th	Girls leadership Camp
November 26th	Girls leadership Camp
December 1st	Boys 007 training
December 2nd	Boys 007 training
December 6th	Parent Morning Tea
December 9th	Recognition Assembly
December 12th	Presentation Day
December 13th	Year 6 Farewell
December 16th	Last Day of term

CANTEEN NEWS

ROSTER:

Tues.25 Oct – Vanessa Henderson

Wed. 26 Oct- Bev Pegg, Di Soper

Thurs. 27Oct –Skye Noffke, Lynne Dunk, Symone Gorry

Fri. 28 Oct- Vanessa O'Connell

Mon.31 Oct – Cathy Hedges

Milk and Juice now \$1.30

Meal Deals also have had a price rise.

*We still need people to put on our roster for the rest of this year, if you can spare a few hours each month please let us know.

*Fruit promotion is still on, buy a piece of fruit to enter and to collect a fruity key ring.

*No hot milo or toasted sandwiches in Term 4.

Can your Stage 1 child swim?

All students in years 1&2 are able to participate in our school swim program. Classes are conducted by trained instructors from the pool staff. The cost of this program is \$80.00 for 10 lessons. This pays for the instructors and staff only, therefore there is no discount for season pass holders.

Stage 1 have received notes regarding a fortnight's intensive daily swimming lessons at Lakeside Pool from November 21 – December 2. If your Stage 1 child has not brought a note home spares are available at the office.

Scholastic Book Club

Scholastic Book Club October: ISSUE 7 catalogues were handed out last week. Orders are to be returned to the front office no later than Thurs, 27th **Oct**. Spare copies of catalogues are in the Library. **To place an order:**

Make sure the order slip has student's full name & class. If paying in cash please have the correct amount of money for your order. Cheques to be made out to Scholastic Australia and credit cards are done online. Please check order sheet for details. Place order in an envelope marked clearly with Book Club, Child's Name & Class.

Hand order in at **the front office before school**.

Happy Reading

Mrs Philpott

Teacher Librarian

RECIPE BOOKS

Attached to the newsletter is an order form for our school recipe book. This book has been compiled using a range of yummy recipes which families have sent in. All orders and money are to be returned to the P & C box at the front office.

Children's Week Art Walk and Pizza Oven Launch

Thursday 27th October 2011 3:30 – 5:30pm

FREE Fun, Games, Music and Raffle for participating children (0-12)

3:30pm @ Port Stephens Council Building

Collect Passport Raffle Entry

3:30 – 4:00 Walk William St enjoying local children's artwork.

4:00 – 5:30pm @ Raymond Terrace

Community Garden on King Street

Free food and raffle – Launch new wood fire pizza oven

All enquiries contact Whitney 4983 1002

Stage 3 Canberra Trip

The adventure started early on Tuesday morning. Two and a half movies later we arrived in Canberra. Our first stop was Regatta point, where we learned about the founding of Canberra, closely followed by the War Memorial. The War Memorial was an excellent place to learn about the people who fought for us in the times of war. It took us 10 minutes to get to the motel (Camp C). The motel was very crusty indeed. The food was delicious and did the job. On the second day we got to go to The Aboriginal Embassy, CSIRO, AIS, Old Parliament House and New Parliament House amongst other places. During our visit to Old Parliament House we got to vote in an election. At New Parliament House we discovered that the Queen was arriving that evening. We travelled around Lake Burley Griffin to the National Museum of Australia where we waited to see the Queen in her boat. It was exciting! From there we went to the ESEC, Royal Australian Mint, the Dinosaur Museum and The National gallery of Australia. At the Mint we got to make our own coin. On our way home we conquered the Telstra Tower with most of us going out to the top viewing platform. On our way to our last stop we stopped at Mount Ainslie Lookout for some photo opportunities. Our final stop before leaving Canberra was Questacon. Most of us went on the freefall, simulated roller coaster and entered the earthquake house. Thank You staff and parents of G.P.S. that made this trip possible.

Can I just say we all survived Camp C even the teachers.

Grace Sandeman