

# Grahamstown Public School News

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## From the Principal

Kinder orientation started today and will be in full swing until Thursday. We have an exceptionally large intake of new students this year which will see at least four kinder classes for 2012.

We are still unable to determine exactly how many classes we will be operating in 2012 as this wholly depends on exact numbers of children in the school. At present we are borderline which will make classes very large in the new year. We have had a number of new enrolments during the first weeks of term four adding to the large class sizes in the primary area. When we reach the number of students required we will gain another staff member. Unfortunately, at this stage we are unable to determine when and if that will happen. We are guided by a strict set of guidelines that need to be followed throughout the state.

Miss Russell is on long service leave for the next eleven days. We hope she enjoys a relaxing holiday while her class is capably taught by Mrs Blake.

The reward for correct uniform program has started. Correct summer uniform consists of:

Boys

Short sleeve white polo shirt

Plain grey shorts

White above ankle socks

Black shoes/ black joggers

School hat (no caps)

Girls

A. Maroon and grey checked dress

B. Plain maroon skirts or shorts

with either white polo shirt or white blouse.

White above ankle socks

Black Shoes / black joggers

Neither girls nor boys should wear jewellery to school unless it is either sleepers or studs in their ears. This is a safety issue for the playground so therefore necklaces and larger earrings are not acceptable parts of school uniform.

At a morning assembly each week two children's names will be drawn out. If they are in full school uniform they will receive an iceblock from the canteen.

If you do not wish for your child to participate in this reward system let the office know and your child's name will be withdrawn.

Before embarking on the Canberra excursion Stage 3 students studied the topic of democracy. The Australian Government assisted in keeping the price of the excursion to a minimum. Each student was eligible for a twenty dollar rebate under the scheme provided by the government. At each venue visited the staff collected an official stamp as proof of attendance. Each of these venues had educational value and was linked in some way to the democracy unit taught. The rebate was predicted by staff and was factored into the cost of the excursion. The assistance from the Australian Government is greatly appreciated. Enjoy your week.

Sue Kane  
Principal

## COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 4

|                                 |                                      |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>October 31<sup>st</sup></b>  | Kinder orientation begins            |
| <b>November 1<sup>st</sup></b>  | Kinder orientation day 2             |
| <b>November 2<sup>nd</sup></b>  | Kinder orientation day 3             |
| <b>November 3<sup>rd</sup></b>  | Kinder orientation day 4             |
| <b>November 16<sup>th</sup></b> | School Disco                         |
| <b>November 18<sup>th</sup></b> | BBQ at Finnan Park for RAAF families |
| <b>November 25<sup>th</sup></b> | Girls leadership Camp                |
| <b>November 26<sup>th</sup></b> | Girls leadership Camp                |
| <b>December 1<sup>st</sup></b>  | Boys 007 training                    |
| <b>December 2<sup>nd</sup></b>  | Boys 007 training                    |
| <b>December 6<sup>th</sup></b>  | Parent Morning Tea                   |
| <b>December 9<sup>th</sup></b>  | Recognition Assembly                 |
| <b>December 12<sup>th</sup></b> | Presentation Day                     |
| <b>December 13<sup>th</sup></b> | Year 6 Farewell                      |
| <b>December 16<sup>th</sup></b> | Last Day of term                     |

# CANTEEN NEWS

## ROSTER:

**Tues. 1<sup>st</sup> Nov** – Toni Waanders

**Wed. 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov** – Bev Pegg, Julie Evans

**Thurs. 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov** – Fiona Brown, Leslie Palmer

**Fri. 4<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Donna Rutherford, Susan Martin

**Mon. 7<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Melany McLean

***Please make sure names and classes are written clearly on lunch orders.***

## **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.

## **PINK & BLUE DAY**

Grahamstown student parliament has voted to hold a Pink & Blue mufti day on the 11<sup>th</sup> of November, where we wear pink or blue and bring a gold coin donation. In the morning some 5&6 students will come around to the classrooms to collect the gold coin donations. The money will be split between prostate and breast cancer charities.

Thank you

Caitlin & Sophie

## **Have Your Say**

The Asset management Directorate are inviting you to have your say about how school facilities are designed. Online surveys are available until 28<sup>th</sup> November for you to comment on whether current school facilities will be adequate to provide quality education into the future. The website is.

**[WWW.SURVEYMONKEY.COM/SFSPARENT](http://WWW.SURVEYMONKEY.COM/SFSPARENT)**

**An excellent website for assistance with homework for parents** Look up school A to Z. This site has lots of strategies to help with homework, reading, maths etc.

# Canberra

When most of stage 3 went to the War memorial we were shown how in the war the bagpipes were used to signal the end of the day. We were lucky enough to hear the tune used in the war. There was one very special place, a chamber where a very important soldier was buried, it was the grave of the unknown soldier.

At Old Parliament House we learned where the Queen sat in the Senate that is the colour red which represents the red baron sand. We got to sit where debates were held. We had a bit of fun, we got to play, solve problems and follow instructions step by step; that was very entertaining. We had to put on white gloves to prevent the objects from getting damaged.

New Parliament House is a very important structure because it is where they debate all of the laws. We learned that the house of representatives is green and that symbolises the gum tree leaves. The senate is red and that symbolises the red baron sand. We had are own debate about circus animals getting mistreated. So we were asked what house would you like to be and we chose the senate, we flipped the cushions over to the colour red and started the debate. All the Canberra experiences and activities were most enjoyable.

By Joshua Anderson and Chris Kent.



## STAGE 3 ASSEMBLY MERIT AWARDS

|                 |
|-----------------|
| Mrs Saville     |
| <i>Michelle</i> |
| <i>Hayley</i>   |
| <i>Jada</i>     |
| <i>Joel</i>     |
| <i>River</i>    |
| Miss Shepherd   |
| <i>Sam</i>      |
| <i>Ben</i>      |
| <i>Eleanor</i>  |
| <i>Zac</i>      |
| <i>Liam</i>     |
| Miss Russell    |
| <i>Abi</i>      |
| <i>Brooke</i>   |
| <i>Austin</i>   |
| <i>Jye</i>      |
| <i>Mitchell</i> |

## PARKING OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL

A reminder that there are parking restrictions in Hastings Drive outside the school.

The Ranger patrols the area regularly

- Parents may use the "No Parking" Zone to drop students off and collect them in the afternoon. You cannot leave your vehicle, nor have your car standing in the space. It is a "Kiss and Drop" zone only. If you wait longer than a minute or two, your vehicle is likely to be photographed and you are liable for a \$220.00 fine.
- The bus zone is a no standing and no parking area between 8.30am and 9.30am and between 2.30pm and 3.30pm.
- The Council has also made a section opposite the school a restricted time no parking area as well.

**These areas have been put in place for the safety of your children and others.**

## Captain / Prefect Elections

It's that time of the year again. It is time for Year 5 students to consider whether they are up to leading our great school.

The criteria for nomination has been explained to all Year 5 students on a couple of occasions this year. Last week it was explained again to the Year 5 students that to be eligible they need:

- To have a Stage 3 person to nominate them and another to second the nomination. The principal or a Stage 3 teacher can also be a seconder;
- To have had 80% of the weeks of this year without having a card turned in their classroom. (the discipline system used in Stage 3 classes);
- They can't have been ineligible for any reward days this year;
- If there are more than 8 nominations Stage 3 students will hold a pre selection vote to narrow the field to 8.

The criteria for selection as a captain or prefect at Grahamstown public School is a reflection of the expectations held for these positions. We hold the school leaders in high esteem and therefore expect excellence from the candidates for the position. Leaders not meeting these expectations can be removed from their position and replaced by the next eligible candidate.

The nominations will take place during Week 6 of this term and the election will be held during Week 7. The positions will be announced at the presentation day assembly. We wish all candidates good luck and thank them in advance for their contributions to the school and their citizenship. Making the candidates' list is an honour in itself because students have to have proven themselves to have been nominated.