

# Grahamstown Public School News

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## From the Principal

The term is coming rapidly to an end. Staff are working very hard to complete reports and ensure the last weeks of the current year are valuable ones for your children, particularly if they are in Year 6.

A delegation of students representing our defence force families presented a weathervane and a large model of a transport aircraft to the school. The defence force children and Mrs O'Donoghue spent many hours painting the planes in preparation for the handover. The planes will become part of the garden at the front of the school, on display for all to see. My thanks to the students involved, Mrs O'Donoghue and supporting parents for building on our links with the ADF community.

Hopefully as many of our parent helpers as possible will be able to attend our special afternoon tea on December 6th. It's an opportunity to say thank you to parents for their wonderful support during 2011. Changed your mobile phone number recently? Please inform the school office of any changes in your contact details so we can have up to date information.

Enjoy your week.

Sue Kane  
Principal

## PINK & BLUE DAY

The school raised **\$370.00** for Pink & Blue Day, well done everyone.

### *Thick Shakes*

*The money and orders for thick shakes need to be in by this Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2011. They need to be brought to school to the table that will be at the front of the hall. They will cost \$1.50 each. Thick shakes will be handed out in Week 7 for ST3 Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November, St2 22<sup>nd</sup> November, St1 24<sup>th</sup> November and ES1 25<sup>th</sup> November.*

## **COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 4**

<b>November 16<sup>th</sup></b>	School Disco
<b>November 18<sup>th</sup></b>	End of year function 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 Afternoon 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. 15<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Cathy Hedges

**Wed. 16<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Diane Soper, Melany McLean

**Thurs. 17<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Janet Allen, Kirby Cashen

**Fri. 18<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Christine Herbert, Skye McAlpine

**Mon. 21<sup>st</sup> Nov** – Cathy Hedges

*\* A big thank-you to the 4 new mums who have put their name's down for the canteen roster next year. Plenty of spots still needed to be filled, see Sherri in the canteen if you can help.*

*\* Lunches need to be in to the canteen by 9am to allow enough time for food to be cooked and made.*

## ADVANCED WARNING

The canteen will be serving a restricted menu of a Friday in **2012**. They have few volunteers and either have to restrict the menu or close the canteen. For the canteen roster to work there are **forty** places required to be filled each month. For 2012 they have **fifteen** of those places occupied. The limited menu on restricted days will be pies, sausage rolls, lasagne, garlic bread, drumsticks or pizza only. The canteen regrets having to do this but their choices are also limited by the number of people working each day. Your assistance in the canteen would be greatly appreciated.

## A reminder

We, as a school, are not permitted to keep cash (change) on the premises. It is banked each day, therefore of a morning, no change is not always available. The canteen, also bank their funds each day. They have no change available either. If you need to make a payment at the school, the correct money is required. We apologise for this inconvenience but are unable to change the guidelines we are required to follow.

## STAGE 3 ASSEMBLY MERIT AWARDS

<i>St 3S</i>
<i>Joshua</i>
<i>Jacob</i>
<i>Tahyla</i>
<i>Sarah</i>
<i>Macaílah</i>
<i>St 3R</i>
<i>Scott</i>
<i>Austin</i>
<i>Jamie</i>
<i>Jon</i>
<i>St 3C</i>
<i>Shiralee</i>
<i>Amber</i>
<i>Matthew</i>
<i>Jesse</i>
<i>Jack</i>

## Defence School Transition Aide News

I hope that the Defence Families received their invite to the end of year/farewell function this Friday. If you are able to come I would appreciate it if you could please RSVP by this Wednesday or as always, please email me:  
[deborah.odonoghue1@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:deborah.odonoghue1@det.nsw.edu.au)  
My many thanks to the students who helped to make poppies for Remembrance Day, they were all very enthusiastic.  
Thank you

Deborah O'Donoghue  
Defence School Transition Aide

## **Swimming School**

Swimming school will commence next week. We are not able to accept any further notes or money as numbers have been finalised.

There have been several enquiries regarding the cost of our swimming lessons in comparison to neighbouring schools. Enquiries have been made and these schools are accessing the departmental swimming scheme which needs to be applied for a year in advance of lessons commencing. We will be keeping an eye out to apply for these lessons for 2012. We cannot become part of this service in 2011 as the application to do so was needed before the end of 2010.

The school is not making a profit on the swimming lessons being offered to our students. We are passing on the direct cost of lessons to the school. We hope that in 2012 the cost can be significantly reduced if we gain access to the department swimming program.