

Grahamstown Public School News

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From the Principal

Recognition Day / Presentation Day

The **Recognition Assembly** for kinder through to year 4 will be on **Friday December 9th**. The times are as followed:

Stage 2: (Years 3 and 4)	9:30 am
Early Stage 1 (Kinder)	12:00pm
Stage 1:	12:00pm

Presentation Day for **Stage 3** will be on **Monday December 12th** at **9:30 am**.

PSP Survey

Early in 2012 a survey will come home that will ask a series of questions of parents about their place of employment, earnings and levels of training. This is a confidential survey of which the school does not see the results. The surveys are sealed in an envelope at home and these are sent to the Department of Education for collation. The survey is of great importance to the school as it could mean additional funding for extra programs in literacy and numeracy. To have any chance of receiving the extra funding the school has to have a return rate of 100%.

There is a small time frame to complete the survey and return the envelope to the school. Please keep an eye out for that survey and please assist us in attracting the extra funding. The additional funds will be for the benefit of all students at the school.

Be Alert

As you would have heard through the media there has been a boy approached at Thornton by a stranger in a car. Please be alert and make your children aware of stranger danger.

Stage 3 Camp

A note will come home soon about the Stage 3 camp for 2012. The camp will not be until Term 4 2012 but deposits will need to be paid before the end of Term 1. The deposit will signify the expression of interest for your child to attend camp. Our numbers will be based on the expressions of interest (deposits) made by the end of Term 1. After the initial deposit there will be a schedule of payments so the cost of the

excursion is not too much of a burden. All camp payments will need to be completed before the end of Term 3.

Sport Exchange

Sport exchange was cancelled last Friday. The money was not collected and was sent home again with students. The money was not collected in case the program is interrupted again. At this late stage of the term we don't have enough Friday's left to keep the money for future weeks.

Enjoy your week.

Sue Kane
Principal

COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 4

November 25th	Girls leadership Camp
November 26th	Girls leadership Camp
December 1st	Boys 007 training
December 2nd	Boys 007 training
December 6th	Parent Afternoon Tea
December 9th	Recognition Assembly
December 12th	Presentation Day
December 13th	Year 6 Farewell
December 16th	Last Day of term

Notes in Circulation

- Stage 1 End of Year Celebration
- Christmas Craft early stage 1 & stage 1
- Year 6 Sleep Over
- Year 6 Farewell
- Stage 3 End of Year Celebration

Extra copies of all notes are available from the front office. Please remember to send notes and payments in together by the due date.

CANTEEN NEWS

ROSTER:

Tues. 22nd Nov – Vanessa Henderson

Wed. 23rd Nov – Bev Pegg, Di Soper

Thurs. 24th Nov – Skye Noffke, Symone Gorry

Fri. 25th Nov – Vanessa O'Connell

Mon. 28th Nov – Cathy Hedges

* Milk & Juice is now \$1.30 *

DEFENCE SCHOOL TRANSITION AIDE NEWS

Terrace Buddies are having an early Christmas get together on December 6th from 9.30am. The first one for the year will be on Wednesday 6th January at Fighter World from 10am. All defence partners welcome. Please contact terracebuddies@bigpond.com for further details. Many thanks to the families who were able to make the end of year function at Finnan Park last Friday, I hope you all enjoyed the afternoon and I am so pleased the weather cleared for the event. The **RAAF Christmas Treat** will be **Friday 9th December**, from 12-5pm, with Santa arriving via helicopter at 4pm. The tickets for children are \$10 that includes sausage sizzle, drink, icy poles and free rides. Tickets are available from Frontline, ADCU, and Defcredit. (adults admitted free)

Thank you
Deborah O'Donoghue
Defence School Transition Aide

Volunteers' Thankyou Afternoon Tea 2:00pm Tuesday 6th December 2011

The school will be holding an afternoon tea to say thank you to all our wonderful parent helpers and volunteers. Invites were sent out last week and we hope we didn't miss anyone. If we have unintentionally overlooked you we would love to have you attend on the 6th December. Please simply call the office by Friday 2 December so we can add you to our list.

Kind regards
Teachers and Staff

STAGE 2 ASSEMBLY MERIT AWARDS

<i>St 2c</i>
<i>Macey</i>
<i>Ethan</i>
<i>Tegan</i>
<i>Corann</i>
<i>Matilda</i>
<i>Seth</i>
<i>2S</i>
<i>Tenille</i>
<i>Alana</i>
<i>Jasper</i>
<i>Shania</i>
<i>Montanna</i>
<i>Jasper</i>
<i>Jack</i>
<i>2P</i>
<i>Jenny</i>
<i>Beatrice</i>
<i>Blake</i>
<i>Bryson</i>
<i>Jesse</i>
<i>Synara</i>
<i>2K</i>
<i>Makenzi</i>
<i>Breanna</i>
<i>Jack</i>
<i>Sarina</i>
<i>Katie</i>
<i>Zac</i>
<i>Briony</i>

STAGE 2 EXCURSION TO NEWCASTLE MUSEUM

On Wednesday, 16th November, all of Stage 2 went to Newcastle Museum and had a look at the exotic machines, historical exhibits, models of fossils and games. We were split up into groups. Luckily some mums and dads came to be leaders of the groups. They were great!

We went into the BHP area first. There were lots of simple machines in that area, like pulleys, levers and inclined planes. It was about men working in the mines and factories. There was a little game; you put the black plastic tools on the board then pushed down a lever and the black tools crashed down. They even had a model of the lab, as well as the clothes they wore and the things they used.

We went with my mum to see the Sound and Light Show in the BHP area. It was cool! BHP stood for Big Harry's Place. When the show started there were all these loud noises and really bright lights. Harry –a hologram - showed us how they made the steel. A red light shone like lava as the furnace fired up. Smoke and heat came out. Then the huge ladle moved across above us. Suddenly there were lights and warning sirens – the molten metal was about to spill! Supernova was a little games room with all sorts of science things to see and do. There was a machine that blew air and you had to keep the ball floating. If it moved away from the air, it fell. There was also a drawing machine. You had to put a piece of paper in and move the machine and it would draw a pattern on the paper! As well, they had a tornado maker and you had to press two buttons to make it work. When you put your hand inside, it made your hand sweaty. In Supernova, there was one simple machine I really liked and that was a lever. The lever was attached to a car. You had to pull the car up by pulling on these ropes and lifting it off the ground. I was on the rope closest to the car and when we had lifted it, everyone else let go, but I was lifted off the ground as the car went back down.

My favourite bit was "Hatching from the Past", because I like learning about fossils and different types and sizes of dinosaur eggs. There were Oviraptor and Therapod eggs, feathered dinosaurs from Mongolia and China, skulls and bones. One was Titanosaurus leg bone that you had to find a bite mark on!

The last exhibit was the Newcastle Story, which had lots of Newcastle history. There were sound booths that you could walk inside and listen to things like the first ever Newcastle Cup! There were photos, models, machines, clothes and lots of memories and souvenirs of the war that were linked to Newcastle. I learnt that Sydney was the first city in New South Wales and Newcastle was the second. Personally it was the best day ever! There were lots of things to touch. It was also my first museum! I took lots and lots of photos. I had a great time!

This is a compilation of 2P's recounts of the day. Thanks to Mrs Newell for the photos.

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