

Grahamstown Public School News

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From the Principal

NAPLAN TESTS conducted this week

Students in Years 3 and 5 will sit the NAPLAN (National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy) this week. The timetable is:

Tuesday – Language Conventions and Writing

Wednesday – Reading

Thursday - Numeracy

The tests are constructed to provide on-going measures of improvement as students complete them in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9, so it's important that students involved attend and complete the tests each time.

Athletics Awards

Awards for achievement at our Athletics Carnival held last term were presented last week.

Congratulations to all the boys and girls who received an award and to Eldon House members for winning the 2011 House Teams Championship Shield.

Our 2011 Athletics Champions are:

12 years: Cameron Walsh and Tyler Woodcoe

11 Years: Dakota Gordon and Bailey Pitt

Junior (10 years and younger): Jackson Doughty and Teeya Saunders



Our 2011 Athletics Champions proudly display their ribbons and trophies

Zone Cross Country Success

Our Cross Country Team participated with enthusiasm during the Port Stephens PSSA Zone Championships last Friday at the Lakeside course.

A stand-out performer was Kimberley Jaeger who has been selected to represent the zone in the Hunter Region Championships this term. Congratulations Kimberley and the rest of the team on a fine effort.

Thanks also to Miss Russell who co-ordinated the zone event and to our P & C volunteers for conducting the BBQ during the day.

Opportunity Class Placements for Year 5 in 2012

Parents of Year 4 students who are interested in applying for a placement in an opportunity class (OC) for academically talented students are able to access an application package at:

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement

Applications open today (9 May) and close on 20 May.

A small number of hard copy applications are available at the school office, however parents are urged to apply online if possible.

Please Note: The OC class test date is Wednesday 27 July

BER Buildings Official Opening Monday 16 May

Senator Michael Forshaw will be officially opening the new BER classrooms next Monday at a special assembly in the hall commencing at 1 pm.

Senator Forshaw will be joined by our local federal, state and local government representatives as well as school patrons and members of our parent organisations.

For our senior students who are currently studying our Australian democratic system of government, it is a wonderful opportunity to have representatives of the three levels of government at our school at the same time.

Parents who wish to come along are very welcome to attend. The assembly will start at 1:00 pm and finish at 1:30 pm followed by an afternoon tea.

Paul Henry
Principal

Coming Events for Term 1

Date	Event
Tues 10 May	NAPLAN Tests – Language & Writing (Yrs 3 & 5) Youyoong AECG meeting 4:30 pm followed by afternoon tea Canteen Meeting – 6:30 pm P & C Meeting – 7:00 pm
Wed 11 May	NAPLAN Tests – Reading (Yrs 3 & 5)
Thurs 12 May	NAPLAN Tests – Numeracy (Yrs 3 & 5)
Fri 13 May	Sport Exchange program commences for Term 2 Stewart House donation envelopes due back Stewart House Day
Mon 16 May	Official Opening of the BER building 1:00 pm assembly
Tues 17 May	Knights R.L. K.O. carnival – under 12's team competing
Thurs 19 May	Catchment Crawl Environmental program

2011 ZONE CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations and thanks Miss Russell ! It was a wonderful carnival. Thanks to all parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, sisters and brothers who came along and supported our team. Many thanks also to the parent volunteers who ran the canteen, cooked sausages and ran the gift stall too. Also thanks to Mr O'Brien who took time out of his busy retirement to help set up the cross country course. Our GPS team of 48 runners all put in a fantastic effort to do their personal best. Kimberley Jaeger came in 6th which entitled her to a place on the Hunter team. Well done and good luck Kim! Michael Grohman and Teeya Saunders both came in 9th, in their different age events. Jacobi Patrick came 11th, Cameron Walsh 19th and Luke Keating 20th. The rest of the team ranged in places from 20th to 80th in their respective age events. As each event had over 100 runners you can see all our competitors performed well. Congratulations to everyone.
M Parker.

CANTEEN NEWS

ROSTER:

Tues May 10th: Aretta Kratsas, Toni Madigan

Wed May 11th: Bev Pegg, Di Soper

Thur 12th May: Skye Noffke

Fri 13th May: Tahnee Davey, Carrie Hunter

Mon 16 May: Naomi Farnham, Cathy Hedges

Hot Milo is available now, but it will only be served in the morning until 8.55am to allow time to be consumed.

Graduation Bears and Balls

Year 6 have been given an opportunity to purchase a "Graduation Bear or Ball" to sign as a memento of their years at Grahamstown PS. The Bear stands 40cm tall with moveable arms and legs. The ball is 8 inches around. Both come with a pen for signatures.

I know that it is early in the year but I am trying to get organised early. Any parents who wish to view samples may do so at the office. Any parents who wish to purchase one of these items and don't have children in Year 6 may obtain an order from at the office. Bears are \$15.00 and Balls \$14.00 a \$1 from each sale will go towards the Year 6 Farewell.

There is no obligation to order!

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.

FAMILY BUSH BAND AND DANCE

DCO HUNTER INVITE YOU TO THE 2011
NATIONAL FAMILIES WEEK CELEBRATION

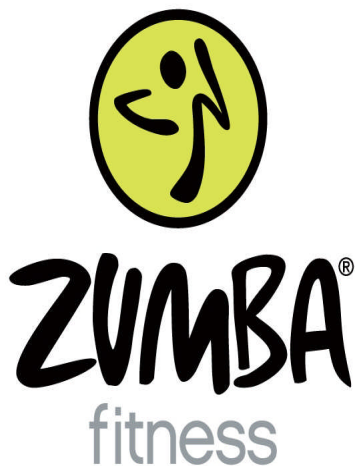
Date: Saturday 21 May
Venue: Maitland Grossman High School Hall
Cumberland Street, East Maitland
Time: 5.00pm – 9.00pm
Who: ADF members, partners and children

3 COURSE TUCKER WILL BE SERVED including
* Finger food from 5pm
* Spit roast dinner from 5.30pm
* Desert from approx 7.00pm

THE BUSHFIRE BUSHBAND
6.00PM – 9.00PM

RSVP is essential as numbers are limited.
Ticketed entry only.

Phone: 4034 6973 before May 13th 2011



Tuesday Nights

At:

Grahamstown
Public School
Time: 6.30pm-
7.15pm
Cost: \$10.00

For any
information, please call Susie
On: - 0419 862 253

Office Hours

Office hours are between 8.35am -3pm.
No money will be taken after 3pm. Please remind
students to bring notes and money to the office
before 9am.

Change to Family Details

Please make sure that the office is informed of any family details that have changed.

NAMES ON CLOTHING / UNIFORM ITEMS

It is important that students have their uniform and other clothing named for school...Please spend 5 minutes writing the names (first name and surname) on labels or somewhere so that the items can be identified. You would not believe how many "LOST" items are gathered into lost property because they are not marked with a name.

HEAD LICE ALERT!

Please check your children for head lice or nits (eggs) and treat them if needed.

A number of students have been affected recently and it is important that you regularly check your children for the condition.

Aboriginal Education Consultative
Group (AECG) Meeting Tues 10 May at
4:30 in school library

Indigenous parents are very welcome to join our Youyoong AECG which is the local voice of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community in education.

The next meeting is in our school library on Tuesday 10 May at 4:30. The meeting will be followed by afternoon tea.

Late Arrivals

If students are late for school, they need to be brought to the school office by their parent or carer so the reason can be verified and recorded.

This is a child welfare and protection procedure to ensure children are not turning up late to school without their parents' knowledge.

Your support with this matter is greatly appreciated.