

Grahamstown Public School News

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From the Principal

FUN-A-THON POSTPONED TO TUESDAY 21 JUNE

The wet weather has forced the postponement of our FUN-A-THON to next Tuesday. More rain is predicted and the grounds are saturated which restricts our chances for this week.

The main dates are:

FUN-A-THON: Tuesday 21 June Years 3 to 6 from 12:20 to 1:20 pm / Yrs K-2 from 1:50 to 2:50 pm

SPONSORSHIP MONEY RETURN: Mon 27 June

AWARDS and PRIZES: Thursday 30 June (Time to be decided at P & C Meeting tonight)

Some children returned Sponsorship money today in case the event went ahead. That money has been collected by the P & C and details recorded for inclusion in the awards and prize draws.

Some students returned their sponsorship cards for signing off by their teachers. If students wish to gain more sponsors they can take the cards back home with them, if they feel they have gained all the sponsors they can, the teacher will hold the cards secure until next Tuesday's event.

Thank you to everyone who returned sponsorships and congratulations to all our families who are actively supporting this major fund-raiser.

Semester 1 Student Progress Reports

Student progress reports will be sent home at the end of this week for parents who have booked parent-teacher interviews so those parents have time to read the reports prior to the interview. (All reports will be sent home before the end of term.)

The reports will have absences and partial absences recorded, however those absences are accurate at the time of printing the reports and may vary from the total Semester 1 absences recorded on students' record cards which will include absences up to the end of the term.

Because Year 3 have used a Combined Outcomes Group (COGs) approach this semester, the Science and Technology assessments for ST2S and ST2C will be conducted in Semester 2 and included in the Semester 2 reports.

Parents who are not able to meet their child's teacher at the scheduled interview times are very

welcome to contact the school to negotiate an alternative time or arrange a telephone interview. The parent – teacher conference is an important part of the reporting process and an excellent opportunity for parents to find out more about their child's progress.

Children and Social Media

Over the past year there has been an increase in reports from parents about inappropriate use of social media websites.

While those incidents have occurred in an out-of-school setting, parents are concerned that such incidents can impact on their children at school.

This is becoming a significant social issue and has prompted a number of broadcast and press media reports.

I have included a copy of an article from the Newcastle Herald, originally printed in September 2010 which highlights some of the risks associated with children and the net.

Please take the time to read the article because it addresses some issues which parents need to be extremely vigilant in supervising.

Paul Henry
Principal

Coming Events for Term 1

Tues 14 June	Canteen / P & C Meeting - 6:30 pm / 7:00 pm
Tues 21 June	"Fun-A- Thon" Yrs 3-6 from 12:20 to 1:20 pm K-2 from 1:50 pm to 2:50 pm
Mon 27 June	Fun-a-thon sponsorship money to be returned
Thurs 30 June	Fun-a-thon prizes and awards presented

Scholastic Book Club

Scholastic Book Club JUNE: ISSUE 4 catalogues have been handed out to all classes. Orders are to be returned to the front office no later than **Thur, 16th June**. 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

Water Catchment

2K has been investigating where our drinking water comes from and how it is tested and cleaned for us. On Monday, Amanda Gregory from Hunter Water visited us with samples of water from Grahamstown Dam. She showed us how to test it for salt levels, temperature and pH level. We used a thermometer, tubes to put the water in and pH strips. We wrote the results on a test sheet then added them on a Hunter Water website. Our class learned about lots of fun and interesting stuff.

Georgia and Jemma

DEFENCE SCHOOL TRANSITION AIDE NEWS

Mr Felix Dangel, a volunteer at Fighter World, has generously donated a model Kittyhawk aircraft weathervane that he has made so that we can have some students paint it and have it displayed in the school grounds. The Kittyhawk has much significance to Williamtown Air Base, with several squadrons utilising the aircraft during WWII. I am hoping to involve the students in this project and another feature for the garden to contribute to the school and their time here.

If there is any issue that you need to contact me on please leave a message with the front office or email: deborah.odonoghue1@det.nsw.edu.au

Thank you

Deborah O'Donoghue

Defence School Transition Aide

GATs Sessions at Irrawang HS

On Thursday June 9, Miss Russell took 14 selected children to Irrawang High School to participate in Gifted and Talented workshops. The morning session saw us studying Ancient History. We heard about the pyramids, mummification and tried to discover the purpose of some ancient artifacts. The next session had us learning Italian with the help of some great websites. In the afternoon children attended two electives that they had pre-nominated. These sessions included rockets, maths, creative writing, design and technology, drama, drums, poetry and ceramics. The children who attended had inquiring minds and were well behaved.

COME TO THE MOVIES "Cars 2"



**Thanks to Scotty's Cinema
Raymond Terrace you can
also help raise funds for
scripture in our schools.**

WHERE: Cnr Adelaide & Bourke Sts

WHEN: Sat 25th June

TIME : to be finalised by Scotty's but 2pm approx. Scotty's 3D and 2D available at same time.

Ring Karen the day before for confirmation.

PRICE: 3D \$17 & Child \$15
Normal \$13 Adult & Child \$10

Tickets **MUST** be ordered from Karen to confirm your booking.

Payment for your tickets can be on the day from Karen at the cinema or earlier as arranged when ordering your ticket.

All tickets include a free lolly bag –
Collect at the door!

***** YOU MUST RING THIS NUMBER TO BOOK
YOUR TICKET *****

**We have to notify cinema how many tickets are
required.**

**Please call Karen Paddock 0468 928 680 by
Sunday 19th June 2011**