

Grahamstown Public School News

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From the Principal

Fun – A-Thon Tomorrow!

Our school Fun-A-thon is ready to go ahead tomorrow. The grounds have dried out sufficiently and the weather forecast is for a fine day so it should be a lot of active fun for everyone.

Sponsorship money should be returned to school inside a sealed envelope with the student's name and sponsorship sheet included with the money. The envelope can be placed in the P & C box in the office foyer which is clearly marked for Fun-A-Thon returns.

We need sponsorship money returned by next Monday 27 June so the prizes and awards can be organised for lucky draws and presentations on the afternoon of Thursday 30 June at 2:30 pm.

Everyone is welcome to come along and join the fun tomorrow, and any assistance during the day will be appreciated!

Parent – Teacher Interviews

Conferences between parents and teachers start this week and continue through next week. If you haven't had the chance to arrange an interview as yet, please contact the school to negotiate a mutually suitable time or telephone interview.

The student reports were very positive overall and I would like to thank teachers for their diligence in producing such detailed reports for parents.

New Interactive Whiteboards

The final part of the BER program will be put in place during the school holidays when each of the new classrooms has a new Smart Board installed. The installations are worth approximately \$30,000 and represent a significant step forward in our access to teaching and learning technology.

Upgraded Web Site

We have been working on a new web site which is almost ready to go live and should be on-line by the end of the week. The aim is to have a much more useful and flexible website that can be a better point of contact for information leading into the future. Suggestions and feedback will be appreciated.

Attendance

Parents are reminded that children must attend school all day unless they are ill or there is an important reason for them to be absent. If children

arrive late or leave early they miss out on vital aspects of lessons and lose the continuity of learning new concepts, so it is important they are in class throughout the day. Please ensure your children are at school on time and stay in class all day unless there is an urgent or important reason to miss part of their lesson time.

Science Fair Project

Mrs McDermott is advertising our Science Fair Project in this newsletter so students can start planning and making their projects over the holiday period. Last year we had an excellent response and we hope students will "have a go" with the 2011 challenge.

Perhaps our Stage 3 students will gain some inspiration for their projects when many of them attend a special science afternoon at Irrawang High School this Thursday. The session will provide an insight into the science programs in secondary school and should be an exciting event for our senior students.

Paul Henry
Principal

PHOTOS - SCHOOL CAPTAINS & HOUSE CAPTAINS

Photos for the School & House Captains are on display in the foyer. These are able to be ordered by completing the envelope provided and placing the required money/cheque in the envelope. These are available for ordering until Wednesday 29 June 2011.

Cheques are to be made out to MSP Photography.

END-OF-TERM SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Information regarding the usual end-of-term sausage sizzle will go home this week. Please note the following dates:

End of Term 2: 3:00 pm Friday 1 July

Students Return for Term 3: Tuesday 19 July

Education Week: Mon 1 Aug – Fri 5 Aug

Coming Events for Term 1

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
Fri 24 June	Boys and Girls Soccer Teams compete in the State PSSA K.O. round
Mon 27 June	Fun-a-thon sponsorship money to be returned
Thurs 30 June 2:30 pm	Fun-a-thon prizes and awards presented
Fri 1 July 2:20 pm	Special End of Term Assembly



WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR
CHILD'S SCHOOLING?

Youyoong Aboriginal Education Consultative
Group (AECG)

is the place to make that difference.

AECG is an Aboriginal community organisation
that works with schools

& community to better the outcomes for Aboriginal
Education.

If you would like to have a say in your child's
education come along to our meetings,
or if you just want to learn more about what we do
please contact Rachel on 0431580086.

Kimberley Jaeger Competed at Zone

On Friday June 10th Kim finally got to represent Port Stephens Zone at the Hunter Cross Country. The weather was fine but there was a brisk wind blowing at Broadmeadow Racetrack Mrs Parker and Miss Russell managed the Port Stephens team and saw part of her race which set off at a cracking pace.. After two postponements and a change of venue, Kim ran 40th. A great effort!

CANTEEN NEWS

ROSTER:

Tues 21: Mandy Bridge

Wed 22: Di Soper

Thur 23: Tanya Picot, Jayde McCulloch

Fri 24 June: Karen O'Brien, Simone Adam

Mon 27 June: Karen Kenning, Naomi Farnham

Scholastic Book Club

LAST BOOK ORDER UNTIL TERM 4!!!! Please note there will be no Scholastic Book club in Term 3. Scholastic Book Club JUNE: ISSUE 4.5 catalogues are out this week. Orders are to be returned to the front office no later than the last day of term- Fri, 1st July. 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

VALENTINE PHOENIX FC SOCCER SKILLS CLINIC Head Coach Darrel McAllister

Is joined by

ALEX READ

Who is trialling with A LEAGUE club
NEWCASTLE JETS.

Also Scottish players CHRIS HUGHES & MARTIN
BANKS

As well as Valentine Phoenix NBN State league
players

Nathan McAllister, Peter Falla, Jarrod Horne

DATE: 4th to the 7th July

TIME: 9am till 12 Noon Daily

AGES: U6 to U/16

COST: \$95.00

For further information phone:

Darrel McAllister on 0426 254 300

Email: dmca777@optusnet.com.au

Web: www.vesc.com.au

Stage 3 Assembly Awards

ST3C

Hannah Day
Michelle Cupitt
Adrian Hirst
Jack Walsh
Dylan Garton

ST3S

Riley McLean
Tylah Syme
Kayla Richardson
Jacob Nikic
Joel Quinan
Renae Andrews

ST3R

Gabbie Rae
Chloe Martin
Damon Robertson
Havarna Halpin-Yates
Austin Gadd

Newcastle Family Support Services and
Thou-Walla Schools as Community Centre
would like to invite **parents or carers** of
dependent children to a **free 6 week group**
program:

Stress-Less Parenting

Topics may include:

Juggling duties - prioritising what's
important
Developing helpful routines
Setting limits and being consistent
The importance of self-care
Trying not to 'lose the plot' - managing
strong emotions
Smart Shopping ideas and other budgeting
tricks

When: Fridays (**6 weeks**)
5th August - 9th September, 2011

Time: 10.00am - 12.00pm

Where: Thou-Walla Family Centre

**Free children's activities and morning tea
available on the premises.** To make a
booking or further inquiries please call **Gina**
on **4987 4666**

