

Grahamstown Public School News

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From the Principal



Greetings everyone. A very busy term is already up and running. I have had a very enjoyable first week at Grahamstown Public School. I have been made feel very welcome by the children and parents. I have very much appreciated this.

There are many exciting things planned for the coming weeks so keep an eye out in the newsletter for information, dates, venues etc. Don't forget to buy your Showcase tickets from the office as there are only limited numbers available.

New student portals

Four new student portals have been developed to support the different needs of students: Kindergarten to Year 2, Years 3-6, Years 7-12 and TAFE.

KIDSPACE (K- 2) will be available on 1 August and Student Portal (Years 3-6) on 8 August.

The portals will be accessible from both home and school. The new URL is:

<http://student.det.nsw.edu.au>

Enhanced features include being able to search, access and organise information for school tasks via the student portal on computers used at home or at school, at any time. Dates can be added into a calendar portlet as reminders for assessment tasks, homework and other important events.

Sue Kane
Principal

Education Week

Open Day

When: Wed. August 3rd

What:

- Picnic Lunch
- Parent Information Sessions
- Open Classrooms
- Primary relays and tug-o-war

Time: Begins 11:00 am

Open classrooms after
Lunch

Tug-o-war following recess

*Come and visit we would love
to see you*

SHOWCASE 2011

Lakeside Learning Community Presents

ALL for ONE

Brought to you by Grahamstown Primary, Irrawang
Primary & Irrawang High

Tuesday 2nd August, 6pm

Irrawang High School, Hall

Child- \$5.00

Adult- \$10.00

Family - \$25.00 (2 Adults x 2 Children)

**Tickets on sale at
GPS front office**

Term 3 Sports Exchange – Stages'

Sports Exchange for Stages' 2 and 3 will commence in Week 3 on Friday 5th August. Selection forms have been handed out today and should be filled in and returned to class teachers by THIS FRIDAY. Please contact Mrs South if you have any questions.

Stage 2 Excursion:

The Stage 2 Excursion to the "Australia Wildlife Walkabout Park" which was postponed at the end of last term due to wet weather will now take place on **Wednesday 10th August (Week 4)**. Organization for the day will remain EXACTLY the same. However, because of the change of dates, a new permission slip will need to be signed by parents/caregivers. These will be sent home later this week. If you were a parent who was accompanying us on our excursion and is now unable to, please let me know and a refund will be organised.

Many thanks,
Kylie South.

Coles Vouchers

Last year our school collected 23,000 Coles vouchers despite not having a store in our local area. As a result we managed to obtain extra sporting equipment. From the second week in August please ensure that you ask for your vouchers and place them in the box that will be placed in the office foyer to collect them.

CSIRO ENERGY SHOW

The CSIRO will be visiting with their Energy Show on **Monday August, 1, 2011**. Energy is what makes everything happen! The show includes close up, interactive demonstration of various forms of energy: light, sound, heat, movement, electricity and chemical reactions. It has been booked to coincide with our GPS Science Fair.

The cost will be \$5.00 per student payable at the office.

CANTEEN NEWS

ROSTER:

Tue 26 July: Mandy Bridge, Cathy Hedges

Wed 27 July: Diane Soper, Melany McLean

Thurs 28 July: Simone Adam, Kirby Cashen, Janet Allen

Fri 29 July: Christine Herbert, Toni Madigan, Skye McAlpine

Mon 1st Aug: Fiona Brown, Barbara Govan

COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 2

July 26th	Fun-a-thon prizes handed out
July 27th	High School transition for some Yr 6 (notes have been sent home)
August 1st	Education Week begins
August 2 nd	Showcase
August 3 rd	Open Day
August 9th	P&C Meeting

Defence School Transition Aide News

I would be very grateful if Defence Families are able to let me know of any postings and also, if I can be of any assistance, e.g. finding another school with a DSTA in your new location, etc. I would also appreciate it if I can assist your child during any absences, in particular deployments, please contact me via email: deborah.odonoghue1@det.nsw.edu.au or leave a message with the front office, thank you. Terrace Buddies are holding a function on Tuesday 2nd August at Raymond Terrace, for further information please email: terracebuddies@bigpond.com

If anyone has a book entitled "Antarctic Dad" could you please return it to the front office asap.

Many thanks,
Deborah O'Donoghue
Defence School Transition Aide

Woolworths Vouchers

This year Woolworths is giving away \$5million dollars worth of educational resources from Modern Teaching Aids. Grahamstown Public School would like to share in this and so from July 18 to September 18 customers will earn one point for every \$10 they spend in store. These points will automatically appear on your docket. Dockets may be place in the small box in the office foyer. Start collecting and thank you for your support.

Library News

ZAMBIA PROJECT A HUGE thank you to all the families who donated school supplies for our Zambia sister city. It is such a big hearted gesture and I am sure the students and schools in Africa will get a big buzz when they see all their new supplies.

SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB Apologies for the delay in the last 2 book club deliveries. There have been computer glitches on Scholastic's end, but they have ensured me all books will be here next week. Thanks for your patience.

LIBRARY WEBPAGE I have finally created a webpage on the Grahamstown PS website for the Library. Please take a look at the features including websites for teachers, students & parents, book of the month, website of the month, my Blog and great competitions and activities for our upcoming Book Week in August. It is an ongoing project so keep coming back to the site to check out its latest additions. I will aim to update it the 1st week of every month.

Michelle Philpott
Teacher Librarian

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 on labels or somewhere so that the items can be identified.

You would not believe how many "LOST" items we end up with in the Lost Property bin.

Owners cannot be found if the items are not named.

\$3.00 DISCO

Grahamstown's second disco of the year will be held on Wednesday August 10, 2011. The money raised at the door will benefit the Year 6 Farewell. Juniors 5pm - 6.45pm, Seniors 7pm - 9pm. Please don't wear hats or caps and be aware of safety issues regarding footwear. Thongs and sandals are not appropriate. A canteen will operate selling hot food and drinks only during the first part of each disco and lollies are available towards the end. Parents may leave money at the canteen for their child to spend, order for their child or let children make their own purchases.

A parent must come into the hall to collect all children unless an alternate arrangement has been made with staff when children are dropped off.

SCRIPTURE ASSEMBLY

5TH AUGUST 2011

ALL ARE WELCOME AND WE HOPE
TO SEE YOU THERE.

GRAHAMSTOWN PUBLIC
SCHOOL HALL

10:15 – 10:45AM

SOME CLASSES WILL PERFORM
ITEMS. YOU CAN SEE A SAMPLE OF
WHAT THEY DO IN SCRIPTURE

LOUISE BENDER

SCRIPTURE COORDINATOR

CALL 49829293 / 04050 16757

G.P.S. SCIENCE FAIR -2011

Gravity is the force that keeps us on the ground. We use energies and the forces of push and pull to make things move. Designing and creating objects that move can be fun and a great way to learn about gravity.

That is why this year we are asking children from Kinder to Year 6 to:
'Create and design a model that will move a mass a distance!'

- We need an explanation on what the model is demonstrating and how it works.
- Children will show the judges how heavy the mass is and how far their model can move the mass.
- Models must be able to fit into a milk crate.
- Use clean recycled materials e.g. old toys, clean milk bottles.

There will be cash prizes for each stage and the models will be displayed for all to see.

BUT most have fun learning and
'MAY THE FORCES BE WITH YOU!'
Entries Due: Monday 1st August, to be left in classrooms.



Irrawang High School Art Exhibition

Please join us for the
opening night of the
Irrawang High School
student Art Exhibition.

This exhibition will
feature student works
from Years 7 - 12,
produced throughout
Semester 1.

*Thursday, July 28,
6.30pm - 7.30pm, Visual
Art Block, Irrawang High
School*

This outstanding
exhibition is also
available to be seen
during Interval at
Showcase on Tuesday
August 2nd