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From the Principal

Other than the unexpected cold weather open day was a great success. The children appreciated their parents being at school and enjoyed their picnic lunch.

The children who performed at Showcase on Tuesday night did their school proud. Every presentation was of a high standard, with enthusiastic children participating. It was a pleasure to watch them perform. A big thank you to the parents and staff for all their efforts. The dedication of each staff member allows the children to participate in such events.

Next week is another busy week. Next Tuesday, August 9th, is the P&C meeting. Please come along and join the team who work so hard for our school.

Big Arvo also starts on Tuesday 9th August. Activity selections will need to be made before coming on the afternoon. Some activities have proven to be very popular and they are already full.

The school disco is on next Wednesday with the infants starting at 5pm, ending at 6:45pm and the primary starting at 7pm, ending at 9pm.

Congratulations to our Education Week award winners. Diane Soper received an award for her support of students and the school community, Robyn Peters for her outstanding support of students and staff, Joanne Horsnell for her excellence in teaching early learners and Gene Kelly received recognition for his environmental programs. We are very proud of them all and are thankful for their dedication to Grahamstown Public School. Schools don't operate successfully without the dedication of its staff and community members.

Sue Kane
Principal

Education Week in Photos



Shaun Bryan, Jesse Hawkins and Michael Grohmann were the winners of the science competition. There were many quality

entries and the judges found it difficult to select their final three. It came down to students being able to explain how their experiment worked and the amount of recycled materials used.

Our public speaking winners were:



S2 Tasman Gray and Jackson Doughty



S3 Tyler Woodcoe and Gabrielle Rae
S1 will be presented with their trophies soon.



Education Week award winners
Gene Kelly, Diane Soper, Robyn Peters, Joanne Horsnell



Ball Games carnival winners were Hastings



Open Day Education Week 3-8-11

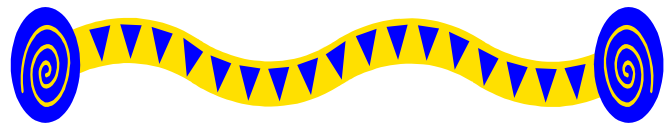
RELAYS

What a great day! Our relay teams ran fast and hard, trying to be first over the line. Colman came first overall, with Hastings, Finnan and Eldon some way behind. Congratulations Colman team.

BALL GAMES AND TUG -O -WAR

Stage 2 and 3 competed in the Tug-o-War struggle, plus the Ball Games competition later that afternoon. All the teams had both wins and losses in the different events, but when all the points were added together, the winner of the Ball Games and Tug -o - War Shield was Hastings by a very narrow margin from Finnan, with Colman and Eldon tying for 3rd place. Congratulations Hastings.

Well done all children who took part in the activities. It was great to hear all the others cheering on their team when not actually on the field themselves. Great Sportsmanship! Special thanks to Miss Russell for organising our events and to all the staff who assisted in the running of them.



CANTEEN NEWS

ROSTER:

Tue 9th Aug: Toni Wanders
Wed 10th Aug: Bev Pegg, Julie Evans
Thurs 11th Aug: Fiona Brown Leslie Palmer
Fri 12th Aug: Susan Martin
Mon 15th Aug: Melany McLean

Helpers needed for the Junior & Senior Discos' on Wed 10th August. If you can help out please let us know.

Canteen Meeting Tuesday 9th August 6.30pm in the staffroom, all welcome!

YEAR 6 T SHIRTS

We are taking orders for the Year 6 T-shirts. The cost will be \$30 per shirt. The shirt will be maroon and white. On the front will be the school logo and on the back the names of children and staff involved with Year 6 in 2011. Please complete order and return to the office with the \$30 payment by Monday August 8. Shirts will not be ordered for students who do not return their slip and payment. If payment is an issue please talk to Miss Russell.

COLES VOUCHERS

According to an email sent to me by Coles, this program started on Friday. Please hand your vouchers in at the office. We hope to have a box there soon to collect them in.

P & C News

Disco

Next Wednesday 10th August 2011 is the school disco, the P&C are after any parents who would be happy to help out in the canteen on the night.

Recipe Book

Don't forget to send in your favourite recipes for the GPS recipe book which will go on sale in term 4. The recipes can be placed in the P&C box in the office.

P&C Meeting

Next Tuesday 9th August 2011 at 6.30pm is the canteen meeting and at 7.00pm is the P&C meeting, everyone welcome!!

COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 3

August 9th	P&C Meeting
August 10th	Stage 2 Walkabout excursion
August 10th	School Disco
August 16th & 19th	Zone Athletics (Field) (track)
August 18th	S1 Awabakal Excursion
August 19th	S1 Awabakal Excursion
August 22nd	Book Week begins
August 23rd	International Food Day
August 24th	Book Fair and Dress up Day

REFUNDS FOR THE CSIRO PERFORMANCE

Refunds are now available for parents to collect from the office as of Tuesday 9th August. Those which have not been collected by Friday 12 August will be sent home with your child.

Thanking you
Office Staff

Athletics Carnival Postponed

Port Stephens Zone Athletics Carnival which was due to be held on Tuesday August 9 and Friday August 12 will now be held on the following week. While we haven't had heavy rain recently, the track is still drying out from the deluge earlier in July. The Field events will now be held on Tuesday August 16 and the track events on Friday August 19. Parents will need to organise transport for their children and meet staff at the venue. I will be handing out representative shirts next week.

Sorry for any inconvenience.

Leanne Russell
Zone Convenor

Stage 2 Excursion - "Australia Wildlife Walkabout Park"

Just a reminder that our Stage 2 excursion is on THIS WEDNESDAY, 10TH AUGUST. ALL permission slips (for the new date) MUST be returned to class teachers by TOMORROW. Students should be at school no later than 8.30 a.m. on Wednesday morning. We're looking forward to a great day (and nice weather!!!).

Many thanks for your support.

Kylie South

BOOK WEEK 22ND - 27TH AUGUST

It is that time again for everyone to drag out the dress up boxes. This year's theme is ONE WORLD MANY STORIES... so we are focusing on people from around the world. Our **dress up day will be Wednesday 24th August** at 10.30am and students can dress up as a character from another country, national dress or an Australian character. I am sure most have a pair of boardies and zinc they could borrow for the day??

We will also be holding the **Book Fair Wed-Thursday** of that week where great new release books can be purchased to help raise money for the Library. There will be many opportunities with competitions and activities for the students to win a free book of their choice from the FAIR. The activity/competition sheet and parent volunteer form was handed out to students last Fri. Spare copies and entry forms kept in the Library.

And if you can volunteer any time to assist on the day, please fill in the parent's volunteer form and hand in at the Library

Thanks

Michelle Philpott
Teacher Librarian

Big Arvo Registrations

WOW!!! What a fantastic response we have had to our "Big Arvo" sessions. Most of the courses filled very quickly. If you would still like to register for "Big Arvo", there are a few vacancies left in the following courses:

- Creative little Hands K-2
- Juggling K-2
- Pom Pom Capers is now available for 2-6
- Gardening Landscapes 3-6

FAMILIES NEEDED

Two or three families are needed to host a senior Japanese student for a weekend. The student would need to be picked up from Salamander on August 20th and returned there on August 22nd. The students speak some English and would just spend time with your family for the weekend. A family supporting a student would be paid for hosting for the weekend.

If you can accommodate please ring Sandy on 0418 236 799

Big Arvo Starts Tomorrow!!!

Our first session of "Big Arvo" starts tomorrow afternoon – TUESDAY 9TH AUGUST. When the 3 o'clock bell goes those children who are participating in "Big Arvo" will go to the COLA and be supervised while they have afternoon tea. Their name will then be marked off by the teacher responsible for their activity. All groups will then move to their designated classroom/area. At 4.15 p.m. teachers will bring their groups back to the COLA. CHILDREN MUST BE COLLECTED FROM THE COLA (not the classrooms). Teachers will mark off children's names as they are collected. If you wish for your child to walk home at 4.15 p.m. after "Big Arvo" finishes, please write a note stating this. Your child MUST hand this note to their Big Arvo teacher at the start of their activity tomorrow afternoon. NO STUDENT WILL BE PERMITTED TO LEAVE THE SCHOOL GROUNDS AT THE END OF BIG ARVO UNLESS THEY HAVE WRITTEN PARENTAL PERMISSION. Thank you for your understanding with this matter.

Kylie South

DEFENCE SCHOOL TRANSITION AIDE NEWS

I hope you will receive a note today in regards to a morning tea next week, Wednesday 17th August. I hope you will be able to join Glenda de Wit (DTM, Irrawang High School) and myself, even for a brief time. I look forward to having an opportunity to meet with parents, if you have been posted I hope that I can be of assistance and I would also like to share some information regarding our current projects. There will also be a note sent home shortly to encourage families to participate in an online Defence Community Organisation survey regarding the DSTA Program in Primary Schools and Defence Transition Mentor Program in High Schools.

The funding for these programs is limited and the Defence Department would like to ascertain the value to families to ensure its continuation. As per a previous newsletter, if you have a book titled "Antarctic Dad" could you please forward it to the front office. If you wish to contact me, please email: deborah.odonoghue1@det.nsw.edu.au or leave a message with the school front office.

Many thanks,

Deborah O'Donoghue

Defence School Transition Aide