

# Grahamstown Public School News

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## From the Principal

Last week was an extremely busy week at Grahamstown Public School. The students took part in excursions, Big Arvo activities, Public Speaking and the school disco.

These events all take place because of the dedicated staff at GPS and their willingness to spend unpaid hours working for the best interest of their students.

The school is facing judging for the Tidy Towns competition next week. The captains will be giving the judges a tour of our school and showing them the great environmental activities in which the students can be involved.

Students will also be taking part in a debate between Grahamstown and Raymond Terrace public school. We wish them well.

Big Arvo was a huge success with those children attending being involved in very creative activities. All children appeared to be thoroughly entertained and engaged in the activity they had chosen.

Congratulations to the children who attended the disco. They were well behaved and had a great time.

Sue Kane  
Principal

## COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 2

<b>August 16<sup>th</sup> &amp; 19<sup>th</sup></b>	Zone Athletics (Field) (track)
<b>August 17<sup>th</sup></b>	Some YR 6 students to visit Irrawang HS GPS / RTPS debate Tidy Towns judging
<b>August 18<sup>th</sup></b>	S1 Awabakal Excursion
<b>August 19<sup>th</sup></b>	S1 Awabakal Excursion
<b>August 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	Book Week begins
<b>August 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	International Food Day
<b>August 24<sup>th</sup></b>	Book Fair and Dress up Day
<b>1<sup>st</sup> September</b>	P&C Father's Day Stall
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> September</b>	Art competition judged for GPS

## BOOK WEEK 22<sup>ND</sup> - 27<sup>TH</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 Wednesday** 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

## CANTEEN NEWS

### ROSTER:

**Tue 16 Aug:** Mandy Bridge

**Wed 17 Aug:** Di Soper

**Thurs 18 Aug:** Jayde McCulloch, Simone Adam

**Fri 19 Aug:** Kris O'Brien, Fiona Brown

**Mon 22 Aug:** Karen Kenning

Please have orders for Book Week 'Around the world lunch' in by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August.

We **desperately need volunteers** for the roster, or we may have to restrict some foods that can be ordered. If you can spare a few hours each month please see Sherri in the canteen.

## 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.

## 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 placed in the small box in the office foyer. Start collecting and thank you for your support.

## Helper required for our Uniform Shop

*Can you spare some time to help out in the Uniform Shop?*

Fiona Brown currently volunteers her time to run the Uniform Shop at the school. We are looking for someone who can assist Fiona occasionally when required. If you are interested in this role, please leave your details at the Front Office, or see Fiona at the Uniform Shop.

Your help would be greatly appreciated....

## P & C News

### Your chance to win a \$20 BIG W Gift Card

The P & C Committee are holding a **competition** for students to design the covers for our Cookbook which will be available for purchase in Term 4. We will select a front cover and a back cover from designs received through to the end of Term 3. One will be chosen from ES1/ST1, and the other from ST2/ST3 entries.

**Guidelines for entries are;**

**A4 Sheet of card or paper**

**Border of 2cm on all sides**

**Pencil, crayon, paint may be used**

**No glitter to be used**

**The words Cookbook OR Recipe must be part of the title... Write your name/class in pencil on the reverse of your design.**

**The rest is up to you!**

Get creative and show us your best designs!!  
We still need more recipes, so send them in this term.

## Strategic Planning

It is time to plan for the next three years at our school. We would like parents to have a say in that planning cycle. The attached survey will give us information on your thoughts about many aspects of the school. Please complete the survey and return it to the **office** by **Monday August 22<sup>nd</sup>**.

## 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.

# PARKING

Parking at the front of the school is **illegal**. There are four zones which directly affect **your** possibility of being **fined**:

**Bus Zone** where you cannot park in the times allocated..... **Fines apply.**

**No Stopping** where stopping is not permitted at any time.....**Fine applies.**

**No Parking** where you can kiss and drop / pick up. There is a **2 minute time limit**. Parking and leaving your vehicle or stopping for more than setting down or picking up children will attract a **fine**.

**No Stopping** with time restrictions on parking. Parking in this zone within a restricted time will attract a **fine**.

The ranger is a regular visitor to this area before and after school. If you are caught in these zones and you are not following the guidelines you will be fined. The school is not informed of when ranger visits will occur and cannot control the fines issued. Parking correctly is for the safety of your child please obey the restrictions to be fair to all.

## *Raymond Terrace Athletics Centre*

**Registration days for the 2011 / 2012 season**

At Raymond Terrace Athletics Centre,  
Kangaroo Street, Raymond Terrace  
**On Saturday August 20 and August 27,  
from 10am to 1pm**

Registrations fully paid by August 27 will receive a discount

A "Come and Try" morning will be held on **Saturday September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:30am** for anyone interested in trying athletics.

**First competition day is Saturday September 10<sup>th</sup>**

Enquiries: Deidre 0418 962 185

## Contact numbers

Changed your mobile phone number recently? Please inform the school office of any changes in your contact details so we can have up to date information.

## G.P.S. CHICKENS

Grahamstown Public School has just recently got four chickens. The last two Wednesdays the KFC (kids for chickens) kids have been getting together and learning all about chickens. The chickens are Ica Brown and all the kids LOVE them. We would like to give a big thank you to Mr. Henderson for building the chicken coop and another big thank you to Mrs. Davies from JD's backyard hens at Medowie for donating the chickens to us.

By Gabbie Rae and Sophie Hunter



## Sport Exchange

No sport exchange this week due to the Zone Athletics Carnival. If your child paid last week, this will be carried over to our next session.

# Big Arvo- Tomorrow!!

**3.15pm - 4.15pm**

**Remember to bring something for afternoon tea. All children are to be picked up from the cola at 4.15pm. If your child is walking home they will need written parental permission.**

## 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.

## Priority Schools Program

It is time for schools throughout NSW to nominate for the Priority Schools Program. This is support funding specifically targeted at improving literacy and numeracy standards and the quality of teaching within low socio-economic schools. To be considered for the program 85% of families **MUST** return the survey.

The survey is completely confidential. Staff at Grahamstown School would not see any of the completed information. The sealed envelopes are returned to the program coordinators and assessed for eligibility according to the socio-economic background of the community.

The section below is not the survey just an expression of interest to take part. Community consultation is an important part of this process. If you would be willing to participate in a survey that would determine Grahamstown's eligibility for the program please complete the slip below and return it to school by **Friday August 12<sup>th</sup>**.

## Priority Schools Program

Our family would be willing to complete a **confidential** survey for the purpose of applying for extra school funding for **numeracy, literacy and quality teaching** at Grahamstown PS.

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Class \_\_\_\_\_

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