

Grahamstown Public School News

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From the Principal

Tomorrow evening is the P&C meeting, held in the staffroom at 7:00pm. All parents are welcome to attend.

Parents may have noticed the red line painted on the footpath in the drop / pick up zone in front of the school. Children have been asked to wait behind that line until their ride has completely stopped. They have been doing well so far and have been made aware that it is for their own safety that we're asking them to do this. Your support in reinforcing, waiting until the car has stopped, would be very much appreciated.

The trees on the corner just along from the school have a lot of broken glass amongst them. The larger pieces have been picked up but there are still many small fragments in the grass. Please be careful when passing through that area.

Mr Kelly and his trusty helpers are building a lovely garden near the Stage 3 classes. If you can donate succulents or small plants for that garden Mr Kelly will have it looking beautiful in no time.

We are getting very close to the concert and the excitement is building. Tickets are still on sale and available through the office.

Have an enjoyable week.

Sue Kane
Principal

Summer uniform takes place at the beginning of Term 4.

Summer Uniform

Boys

Wide Brim school hat

White polo shirt

Grey shorts (no sport shorts)

White above ankle socks

Girls

Wide Brim school hat

White above ankle socks

A maroon, grey and white checked dress

Or

Plain maroon skorts or shorts

White polo shirt or blouse

Jewellery should not be worn (except for small sleepers or studs. A wrist watch may be worn)

Woolworths & Coles Vouchers

Please hand your vouchers in at the office.

KINDER ENROLMENTS

- It is time to enrol for kinder children for next year, if you have not already done so.
- • If you have a child who will be starting school next year please see the office ladies as soon as possible.
- • If you have put your child's name down but have not completed enrolment forms this also needs to be done to finalise enrolment.
- • If you know of families in the area who have children ready to start school next year please let them know it is now time to enrol for 2012.

CONCERT TICKETS

From **September 12th** the tickets will go on general sale. You will be able to purchase extra tickets at this time but they will **not** be in the same location as the original tickets as the seats are numbered. Tickets are \$5.00 each.

There are performances on

Wed. September 21st

Matinee 12:30pm

Evening 6:00pm

Thurs. September 22nd

Evening 6: 00pm

Leaving the School

If you are going to be leaving the school between now and the end of the year please let the office know so we can plan our classes for 2012.

CANBERRA

All money for Canberra needs to be paid by Wednesday September 21. Any parent who is experiencing a cash flow problem is invited to discuss the issue with our Principal as soon as possible. Stage 3 will be holding a pre visit information session on Thursday September 15 at 3.15 in Miss Russell's classroom. All parents who are attending the excursion or have children who are attending the excursion are invited to clear up any concerns.

COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 2

September 21st	School Concert
September 22nd	School Concert
September 26th	School holidays begin
October 10th	School resumes for Term 4

P & C FUNDRAISING NEWS

Thanks to everyone for supporting our Father's Day stall, it was a great success. We raised **\$1357.25** for our school.

CANTEEN NEWS

ROSTER:

Tues. 13th Sept: Leslie Palmer

Wed. 14th Sept: Di Soper

Thurs. 15th Sept: Symone Gorry, Tanya Picot, Jayde McCulloch

Fri. 16th Sept: Kris O'Brien, Fiona Brown

Mon 19th Sept: Karen Kenning, Skye Noffke

* 'Fresh for Kids' fruit promotion will go for the next few weeks. Buy a piece of fruit, 80c to collect tokens, hand in a completed form and receive a 'fruity' key ring. There are many designs to collect.

The canteen is experiencing **extreme** difficulty in attracting volunteers.

Without volunteers the canteen cannot operate and provide **economical** meals for children.

The menu will need to be **restricted** if more volunteers cannot be found.

If you know of anyone (grandparents, aunties, uncles, neighbours etc) that can help please get them to contact the school **urgently**.

* **Canteen meeting 13th September – 6:30pm, all welcome.**

* **'Fresh for Kids' fruit promotion is still on. Buy a piece of fruit to enter and collect fruity key rings.**

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.

NUF NUF DAY IS HERE!

On Tuesday September 13, Stage 3 will be holding a mini fete during the afternoon session. It will be very similar to our inaugural fete which was held in 2010 only the activities have changed.

For a 5c fine all children may wear sensible MUFTI (closed shoes, shirts/dresses with sleeves, hats still required)

Many of the "prizes" are lollies. If your child is not permitted to eat lollies please ensure that you indicate your child's restrictions on the permission note. All children are invited to participate in the activities which will be priced at 5c or 10c. Children need to have saved their change as NO CHANGE will be available at the office or canteen on the day and Stage 3 students will have only limited amounts. We are raising money for the Year 6 Farewell. All parents are welcome.

As part of the activities your child will be able to get a Crazy Hair Design, their face painted or a stick on "tattoo". Please complete the permission note if your child is permitted to include these activities as part of their fete experience.

Please return the note handed out last week to classroom teachers IF

- ***Your child is permitted to have any of the hair, face or tattoo activities.***
- ***There is something staffs need to be aware of concerning your child.***
- ***If you don't have the permission note that went home last week, just send a note in.***

If you have any concerns or questions please ask Miss Russell.

Stage 3 Teachers

Spelling Bee

On Tuesday the 6th September several stage three students were selected to represent our school in a spelling bee at Irrawang High. When we arrived we were welcomed and seated in a room. We were competing against five teams from the high school. We were split into three teams with four in each we had to spell eight words in ten rounds. The team names were the **Can-Bees**, the **Killer Bees** and the **Wana Bees**. Our teams came second, fourth and fifth.

By Sophie and Ellen ☺

Stage 2 Assembly Awards Term 3 Week 8

ST2S

Emily

Natalie

Sharna

William

Shakira

Riley

Cooper

ST2C

Julian

Harrison

Brian

Luke

Heather

Sierra

Lilly

ST2K

Cooper

Finn

Jayden

Maddison

Jack

Makenzi

ST2P

Telesha

Kaile

Samantha

Jasmine

Tahlia

*"Congratulations to all students who
received Merit awards"*

Administering prescribed medication at school

When a **medical practitioner** has prescribed medication that must be administered during the school day, parents are responsible for:

- bringing this need to the attention of the school
- ensuring that the information is updated if it changes
- supplying the medication and any 'consumables' necessary for its administration in a timely way
- collaborating with the school in working out arrangements for the supply and administration of the prescribed medication.

Key points to remember:

- Parents of children who require prescribed medication to be administered at school must complete a written request.
Medication is sent on a daily basis and in a pharmacy labelled container detailing the student's name and the prescribed dosage.

Please note: Students' immediate access to prescribed medication is very important for the effective management of conditions such as asthma. Students and parents need to be advised of this requirement so that students are not left without access to critical medication.

- It is the principal's responsibility to ensure that all copies of the written medical advice and any other relevant documentation are stored in a secure and confidential manner.

Non-prescribed medications

In general, schools do not administer medication which has not been specifically requested by a medical practitioner for an individual student for a

specific condition. In some cases the medical practitioner may not write 'a prescription' for such medication because it may be available 'over the counter'. NSW Health advises that this does not mean that the medication is not potentially harmful and that schools should follow the same procedures for such medications as for 'prescribed medications'.

A reminder to parents to notify the school about your child's health

We welcome information from parents about your child's health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child's health care needs change or if a new health condition develops.

Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. Please provide this information in writing to the principal. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child's health and wellbeing.

Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.

We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your son or daughter's health needs or as otherwise required by law.

DEFENCE SCHOOL TRANSITION AIDE NEWS

I would like to let the Defence families know that I will be on leave next week and the first week back in term four. If you wish to contact me regarding moving or deployments, etc, please email me@deborah.odonoghue1@det.nsw.edu.au or leave a message with the front office. Thank you.

I am still missing a book titled "Antarctic Dad"; I would appreciate it if you have this book to please return it to the front office.

There are still tickets available for the Ladies Trivia Night, this Saturday 17th September, any enquiries please contact email:
terracebuddies@bigpond.com

Many thanks,

Deborah O'Donoghue

Defence School Transition Aide

RAAF BASE EXCURSION

On Wednesday 7th September Stage 3 visited 76Squadron at RAAF Base Williamtown. When we arrived we were given an overview of the role of 76Squadron, which is to train fighter pilots in Hawk aircraft, who later become F/A -18 (Hornet) pilots. 76SQN also train with the Army and Navy on military exercises.

The group was then divided into two, one group were shown equipment pilots wear while flying and some children had the opportunity to try on helmets. They were also shown a Hawk aircraft, various weapons and the Hawk's engine.

The other group had the unique opportunity to use the flight simulator that pilots train in, guided by one of the pilots at 76SQN. The children all enjoyed this immensely, with the large screen overhead showing an aerial view of where they were flying, some flew under the Sydney Harbour Bridge, while others would have been dizzy going upside down!

Each group swapped, so that they could all have an understanding of one of the roles at the RAAF Base.

Much appreciation to Miss Russell who organised the excursion with Flying Officer Catherine Friend, and to the staff at 76SQN for giving up their time for this interesting experience. Many thanks also to Miss Shepherd, Mrs Saville, Mrs Peters and parent helpers Mrs Di Soper and Mrs Melanie McLean.

Thank you

Deborah O'Donoghue

Defence School Transition Aide

Jack wearing a pilot's helmet



Bj near a Hawk Aircraft

