

Grahamstown Public School News

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Principal's Report

This is the last week of Term 3. Students will return to school on **Monday October 8th**. Term 4 is an eleven week term and will finish for students on **Wednesday December 19th**.

Measles

We have been advised by the Department of Education of an outbreak of measles in the Sydney region. Attached to this newsletter is information about measles for your information. We have not had any reported cases at our school.

Excursions

The payments for all excursions close the day before the excursion. The bus company require numbers the day before the excursion. If you are experiencing any difficulty paying for an excursion there is school assistance available to pay for a portion of the costs. Excursions such as the Stage 3 camp need to close earlier due to the need of giving the student numbers to the camp providers and paying the deposits required to secure our position at the camp. Once we have set our numbers the school has to pay whether the student goes or not. Again student assistance can be offered for a portion of the cost. The 2013 Stage 3 excursion will be advertised soon. Please take advantage of the payment system where small amounts can be paid throughout the year. Any amount can be paid at any time.

Enrolments

If you know of any children who are of school age for 2013 who are zoned for our school but have not yet enrolled please let them know we are taking enrolments at present. Kinder orientation will be taking place early Term 4 and we would like all new enrolments to be part of each day.

Grandparent's Day

We are looking forward to grandparent's day on Thursday September 20th. Please encourage grandparents to come along so they can visit classrooms, be entertained by our students and have a free sausage sizzle for lunch.

Nuf Nuf Day

The Stage 3 children are very excited about Nuf Nuf to be held on September 18th. Everyone can be involved for the price of a silver coin. The price of activities varies but there is something for everyone to enjoy. Please come along and join in the fun.

Swim School

Swim School will begin in Week 4 next term. If you wish for your child to attend please return permission slips to school as soon as you possibly can. We are limited to sixty places so the first ones with their notes and money in will be the ones accepted. Swim school this year is through Sport and Recreation instructors following requests from parents in 2011.

Naplan

Naplan results were sent home with year 3 & 5 students today.

Notes in Circulation

- **Nuf Nuf Permission Note**
- **Outdoor Camp Notes**
- **(Grandparents Day) Sausage Sizzle**

Extra copies of all notes and newsletters are available from the front office. **Please remember to send notes and correct money in together by the due date.**

COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 3

September 18 th	Nuf Nuf Day
September 20 th	Grandparents Morning 9-12

Canteen News

Tues: 18th Sept: Cathy Hedges

Wed: 19th Sept: Karen Watson, Jade McCulloch

Thurs: 20th Sept: Leigh Kelly, Fiona Brown

Fri: 21st Sept: Vanessa O'Connell, Danielle Piening, Lyn Dunk

Term 4

Mon: 8th Oct: Sue Ryan, Simone Adam

Tues: 9th Oct: Sally Douglas, Vanessa Henderson

Wed: 10th Oct: Barbara Govan

Thurs: 11th Oct: Tanya Picot, Sharmaine Connor

Frid: 12th Oct: Susan Martin, Danielle Piening

Wholemeal bread will be available from Term 4, for sandwiches. Please mark on lunch order if it is required, an extra 10c per sandwich.

Please consider putting your name down for roster as we have days available. There are some children who owe money to the canteen. Accounts will be handed out this week, please have these paid and finalised by the end of this term.

Stocks will be running down this week. Some items will be unavailable.

ASSEMBLY AWARDS 14 SEPTEMBER 2012

KA	KF
Charli	Liam
Declan	Kaidee
Stephanie	Jonathan
KH	K/1W
Nicholas	Wilbur
Mia	Phoebe
Kenneth	Chloe
1K	1R
Shivlesh	Noah
Chloe	Lily
Zachary	Lilliana
2B	2M
Hayden	Brendon
Daemon	Bailey
Sophia	Riley
3C	3S
Naomi	Tracey
Harrison	Jacob
Jared	Ellie
4/5R	4K
Jemma	Clare
Riley	Siena
William	Jasper
4P	5/6W
Tellina	Jacob
Kyra	Ismail
Taylor	Jenny
5S	6F
Ruby	Shiralee
Jaiden	Macailah
Synara	Joshua
6S	
Kiara	
Ben	
Bailey	

*"Congratulations to all students'
who received Merit Awards"*

STAGE 3 CAMP

All yellow medical notes need to be returned before the end of Term 3. Stage 3 camp begins on Tuesday 9 October. Children need to be at school by 8.30 and will be gathering in the hall. If catching a bus that normally arrives after this time please make other arrangements. We are booked to leave camp at 1.30 and thus should return to school at approximately 2.30pm on Friday October 12.

Nuf Nuf Day

Each activity will only cost 5c or 10c. Children from Kinder to Year 4 have hopefully been saving their silver change ready to spend. They will get an opportunity to have fun and learn to spend in a safe environment. **It is fantastic value!!! All parents are welcome.** Stage 3 parents may wish to support their child and other parents may like to come along and spend with their children. There will be an early recess from 1.15 – 1.30pm. Stage 3 will have set up from the end of lunch. The fun will last from 1.30 – 2.40pm. At 2.40pm children will return to their rooms to tidy up and Stage 3 will pack up. We need your support to make this a success!

On Nuf Nuf Day there will be a White Elephant stall. We are in need of 2nd hand toys that you no longer use or want that are not broken. If you could bring the unwanted toys to Miss Shepherd's room from now until Nuf Nuf Day that would be great. Small toys will be 5c and the larger toys will be 10c. It will be run by four Year 6 students.

By Kiara and Chris

THANK YOU TO HUNTER RURAL

9 Hank Street Heatherbrae NSW 2324
(02) 4987 6500

I wrote Hunter Rural a letter on behalf of Grahamstown Public School Parliament asking them for donations for the up keep of the school

chickens. They kindly assisted us by supplying our chickens with chicken feed and a feeder for our chickens. Your support is greatly appreciated.
By Renae 6S

Land, Environment and Playground Minister.

Surprise Raffle

The raffle will be drawn on Grandparents Day, Thursday 20th September 2012. All money and tickets need to be returned to the P & C box in the school foyer by Wednesday 19th September 2012. Tickets can also be purchased from the uniform shop. If you require more tickets please see the ladies in the office.

ALL PARENTS OF CATHOLIC CHILDREN

This is to advise you that the Sacramental programme to prepare children to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday 12th December 2012, and Confirmation and First Communion in 2013 will commence with **an information evening for parents** in St Brigid's Parish Hall, William Street, Raymond Terrace, on **Wednesday 17th October at 7.30pm.**

Any parents who would like their child/children in years 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 to participate in this programme are required to attend and register their child/children at this meeting. Please contact St Brigid's parish office on **49871888** if needing further information.

GRANDPARENTS' MORNING THURSDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER.

Grahamstown P.S. would like to invite all of our Grandparents to visit the school on Thursday 20th September from 9.30 am – 12.00 pm. The morning will be a celebration of the very special role that Grandparents play!

From 9.30 am until 10.15 am grandparents are invited to visit their grandchildren's classroom and join in some fun learning activities.

At 10.15 am all of the students and grandparents will come together in the hall where some of our students will present some items. There will even be a few very special surprise guests.

At 11 o'clock the grandparents are invited to stay for lunch. We look forward to welcoming all of our very special grandparents on Thursday 20th September!!!

Warmest Regards,

The Students and Staff of Grahamstown P.S.

ANZAC ART AWARD

The NSW RSL State Branch is holding an ANZAC Art Award for students in years 1-12. Students are being asked to paint a picture of what the Anzac spirit means. For primary students, a picture is chosen from the RSL competition website and then coloured. Secondary students have a theme of "The Poppy", the symbol of Remembrance. There are cash prizes for each stage with the winner from year 12 going to Kokoda. The competition closes on 2 November, to enable entries to be displayed during Poppy Week. Also, selected artworks will be exhibited at various RSL events throughout the year.

If *any student* from GPS wishes to submit an entry I would be very happy to assist. *This is an external competition and parental permission is required.*

For more information please see these websites:
<http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au/about-us/news-at-det/news/art-award-does-homage-to-anzac> and
www.rslanzacartawards.com

Thank you

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NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE OPEN DAY 2012

***Come and meet your local
volunteers and have some fun***

22 September 2012

10am-2pm

***31 Reese James Rd
RAYMOND TERRACE NORTH***

Captain / Prefect Elections

The nomination process will begin in Week 2 Term 4 (As soon as we arrive home from camp)

The criteria for nomination has been explained to all Year 5 students on a number of occasions in 2011 and again this year.

To be eligible Year 5 students need:

- to have a Stage 3 person to nominate them and another to second the nomination.
- the principal or a Stage 3 teacher must also endorse the nomination having checked a candidates eligibility.
- to have had **less** than 3 strikes. If there are 3 strikes a student is ineligible. They can not have been ineligible for any reward days this year; must have had less than 3 visits to the Discussion Room where they have been at fault. Must not have turned all the cards in a week more than twice.

If there are more than 8 nominations for boys or girls, Stage 3 students will hold a pre selection vote to narrow the field to 8.

The criteria for selection as a captain or prefect at Grahamstown Public School is a reflection of the expectations held for these positions. We hold the school leaders in high esteem and therefore

expect excellence from the candidates for the position. Leaders not meeting these expectations can be removed from their position and replaced by the next eligible candidate.

The nominations will take place during Week 6 of Term 4 and the election will be held during Week 7. The positions will be announced at the presentation day assembly.

We wish all candidates good luck and thank them in advance for their contributions to the school and their citizenship. Making the candidates' list is an honour in itself because students have to have proven themselves to have been nominated

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Intention to leave Grahamstown Public School -

students in Years K,1,2,3,4&5

..... of class
will not be returning to Grahamstown Public School in 2013.

New school:

New address if known:

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Signed:

Date:

PLEASE RETURN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Open to Year 4

Expression of Interest for swimming (Year 4 students only)

A majority rule will determine transport to and from the venue. Thanks to all Year 2 and Year 3 who returned their EOI. This will now be open to Year 4. Please tick the appropriate section

Parent/ Caregiver's Name:

Child's Name: _____

Class: _____

I would like my child to attend swimming lessons during Term 4 _____

I would like my child to walk to the pool _____ (free)

I would like my child to catch a bus to the pool _____ (\$2 per day \$20 total for bus travel alone)

I understand that pool entry is in addition to bus fare. _____

Signed: _____