

Grahamstown Public School News

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Principal's Report

Welcome back to Term 4.

Acknowledgement of the amazing organisation and success of grandparent's day has to be made before moving onto any Term 4 information. The suggestion for the day came from a parent during an interview at the end of Term 2. This excellent suggestion was taken up by the staff and P&C and an excellent outcome was achieved. The effort was worthwhile as the students and grandparents enjoyed their day together.

Thank you to Mrs South for her enthusiasm and excellent organisation and thank you to the parent helpers who added to the success of the day. We will definitely be looking for a repeat activity in 2013.

This term will be a very busy one with many activities and special events taking place. Please ensure that you read the newsletter carefully each week as there will be many important notices and dates included between now and the end of term.

Good luck to Stage 3 who is setting off on their camp adventure. We all wish you an enjoyable week with good weather and lots of fun.

Notes in Circulation

- **Year 6-T shirts**
- **Who we are for ATSI Students**

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.**

YEAR 6 GIRLS' SLEEPOVER

As mentioned at the Parent Information Afternoon and in "Welcome to Stage 3 2012" we will be having a year 6 girls 'sleepover' next month. Just as the year 5 boys can choose to be involved in the 007activities, we would like to provide a similar opportunity for the girls.

During this sleepover we will look briefly at some of the issues girls may face when entering high school.

This year's 'sleepover' will be held at the Smith Family's camp at Tea Gardens starting on **Saturday November 17 and returning Sunday November 18**. There will be a cost of approximately \$35 per student to cover the cost of food and transport. Thankfully this camp is being sponsored by the Smith Family

Permission notes and more detailed information will be handed out next week.

COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 4

October 29	Kinder Orientation
October 30	Kinder Orientation
October 31	Kinder Orientation
November 1	Kinder Orientation
November 14	Disco
December 17	Presentation Day
December 18	Yr 6 Farewell

Canteen News

Term 4

Mon 15th Oct: Renee Wilkinson

Tues 16th Oct: Cathy Hedges

Wed 17th Oct: Karen Watson,
Jade McCulloch

Thurs 18th Oct: Leigh Kelty, Fiona Brown

Fri 19th Oct: Vanessa O'Connell, Lyn Dunk,
Danielle Piening

Mon 21st Oct: Kirby Cashen

P&C News

Healthy Fruit Promotion

Fruit is always available through the canteen but next week will see this healthier option promoted. Each fruit purchase will be accompanied by a token which is a chance in a lucky draw.

Disco Pre Order

In an attempt to streamline the purchase of food at the school disco a pre ordering option is now available. Watch out in next week's newsletter for order forms which will need to be returned to the P&C box in the office. Only limited hot food will be available outside the pre ordering option.

Family Portraits

The P&C has organised for Jasper Photography to visit the school on Saturday November 3rd. Pre booking is essential to ensure one of the limited time slots on the day. Each booking will cost \$20 which buys the sitting plus a 13x10 framed family portrait. Additional photo packages will be available for an additional amount. Order forms will be available next week so keep an eye out for them. Families that are not attached to Grahamstown Public school are also welcome to book.

Stage 3 2013

The major excursion in 2013 will be to Canberra. The cost of the 4 day excursion in Canberra, early in Term 4, will be approximately \$360 per student. This is the cost from 2011 plus 10% to account for price rises. The cost includes:

- Coach Travel.
- 3 nights dinner bed and breakfast at a motel plus 3 days of cut lunches.
- Entry fees into attractions. e.g. Museum of Australian Democracy, CSIRO Discovery, AIS, Dinosaur Museum, Telstra Tower and Questacon (were all visited in 2011).

Parents are not required to volunteer to attend as responsibility and independence are outcomes that we are trying to address. More detailed information will be distributed early in 2013.

Intention to leave Grahamstown Public School - students in Years K,1,2,3,4&5

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will not be returning to Grahamstown Public School in 2013.

New school:

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New address if known:

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Signed:

Date:

PLEASE RETURN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE

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

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: _____