

# Grahamstown Public School News

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## Principal's Report

### Healthy Eating Guide

Healthy eating guides have been placed in every classroom and are on display in several locations around the school.

As of next year our canteen price list / menu will have the matching symbols against the items available for purchase.

Teachers have explained the symbols and the terms to their class.

★ Is the symbol for every day food  
▲ is the symbol for sometimes food and a ● is the symbol for rarely food.

### Who We Are

Who we are notes have gone home to all Aboriginal students in Years 2 - 6. If you would like your child to participate in the free cultural history program please return the note to the office by October 19<sup>th</sup>. Spare notes are available from the office if needed.

### Jasper Photos

Don't forget the family portraits available on Saturday November 3<sup>rd</sup>. There is further information in the P&C section of the newsletter.

### Thou-Walla

Thou-Walla is a service provided for the Raymond Terrace Community. It is located on the grounds of Irrawang Public School but is open to all in the Raymond Terrace Community. There are wonderful programs on offer, some of which are explained later in this newsletter. Please take the time to have a look at the services available and feel welcome to attend the centre if anything is of interest to you.

Enjoy your week

### 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.**

## COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 4

October 18	Author Visit
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

Tues 16<sup>th</sup> Oct: Cathy Hedges

Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Oct: Karen Watson,  
Jade McCulloch

Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> Oct: Leigh Kelty, Fiona Brown

Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Oct: Vanessa O'Connell, Lyn Dunk,  
Danielle Piening

Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct: Kirby Cashen

**\*Orange / Mango juice** is no longer available as our supplier can no longer source it.

**\*New iceblocks** – Pineapple stix \$1.50 – fresh pineapple frozen.

**\*Fresh Fruit Promotion** has been delayed because the delivery of tokens have been put back a week.

**\*No toasted sandwiches in Term 4.**

## ASSEMBLY AWARDS 12 OCTOBER 2012

KA	KF
Declan	Dakota
Chloe	Nikala
Alisha	Riley
KH	K/1W
Declan	Ruby
Sara	Lili
Reuben	Logan
1K	1R
Zac	Lily
Sean	Ethan
Lily-Jade	Trent
2B	2M
Tyler	Maddox
Aiysha	Ethan
Beau	Camryn
3C	3S
Jack	Damien
Jack	Gabriella
Zoe	Ellie
4/5R	4K
Seth	Gabrielle
Cooper	Tegan
Zahli	Sharna-Lee
4P	5/6W
Zake	Beatrice
Bryce	
Jessica	
5S	6F
Blake	
6S	
Garry	

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

### Author Visit

On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October, Christine Gregory, author of the book Alison's Camels will be visiting the school to talk to Stage 3 students about her books and how she became an author. The session is free and will be held in the Grahamstown School Hall at 12.30pm. Christine is a former Primary School teacher and relates well to the students, and loves discussing her books with interested readers. We are fortunate to have this author visit us this week and I am sure students are looking forward to this activity as much as the author!

### Winners of the Surprise Raffle

Mark Martin, Tania Murray, Sam & Tom Beautement, Traci Collins, D. Edwards, M. Saunders, Poppy Miller, Eleanor Collins.

### Scholastic Book Club

Scholastic Book Club October: ISSUE 7 catalogues were handed out last week. Orders are to be returned to the front office no later than - **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October**. Some spare copies of catalogues are in the Library.

#### To place an order:

Make sure the order slip has student's full name & class.

If paying in cash please have the correct amount of money for your order. Cheques to be made out to Scholastic Australia, and credit cards are done online. Please check order sheet for details.

Place order in an envelope marked clearly with Book Club, Child's Name & Class.

Hand order in at **the front office before school**.

Happy Reading  
Mrs. Smith  
Teacher Librarian

## **DEFENCE SCHOOL TRANSITION AIDE NEWS**

I hope all defence parents received an invite to the Morning Tea this Wednesday, again, my apologies for the short notice. An afternoon family function is being planned for November.

Harry is pictured with "Kev the Combat Koala". Kev was taken to Dubai on deployment with Harry's Dad for over six months. Kev was a representative for Grahamstown Public School and was presented with an official Certificate of Authenticity for his Combat Mission into Afghanistan on a C130 to Kandahar, Al Minhad and Tarin Kowt airfields. Harry is holding the very special certificate that will be kept at school, and will be displayed in the foyer. Sincere thanks to Mr Brown for all your efforts in organising this certificate and looking after our mascot!



If your family is being posted or any other enquiries, please email: [deborah.odonoghue1@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:deborah.odonoghue1@det.nsw.edu.au) or please leave a message with the front office.

Thank you  
Deborah O'Donoghue  
Defence School Transition Aide

### **Opportunity for Year 6 students to enrol in Year 7 2013 at the Saturday School of Community Language**

The Saturday School of Community Languages provides opportunities for high school students to study their background language to Higher School Certificate level when that language is not available at their day school.

There are 14 Saturday School centres in the Sydney metropolitan area and one each in Wollongong and Newcastle.

The Saturday School of Community Languages provides continuity of study from the Community

Languages Program K-6 or from study of the language through the New South Wales Community Languages Schools Program at a community school.

Information about courses offered at the Saturday School of Community Languages as well as the application for enrolment, are available at [www.sscl.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.sscl.schools.nsw.edu.au).

Enrolment application forms must be signed and forwarded *only* by the students' 2013 secondary school principal. Applications forwarded by primary schools cannot be accepted.

For any further information, please contact Adelia Fuller, Principal, Saturday School of Community Languages, on telephone (02) 9886 7504.

## **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 candidate's 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

## Family Portraits

The P & C has organised for Jasper Photography to visit the school on Saturday November 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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 sent out today. Families that are not attached to Grahamstown Public school are also welcome to book. Please ring Kellie Sandeman on 0400 513 564 to make a booking **BEFORE** sending in the money and slip.

## CHICKEN POX

A case of chicken pox has been reported to the school. The following information may be of assistance.

### SYMPTOMS

- Chicken pox begins with a sudden onset of slight fever, runny nose, feeling generally unwell and a skin rash.
- The rash usually begins as small lumps that turn into blisters and then scabs.
- The rash appears over three to four days. At any one time, the lesions of the rash vary in stages of development.
- Symptoms usually occur two weeks after exposure to the virus.

### WHO IS AT RISK

- Anyone who has not had chickenpox or been vaccinated in the past can get chickenpox.

- People with a past history of chickenpox are likely to be immune to the virus. Even adults with no history of chicken pox have a chance of being immune (because of past infection that was mild). Doctors sometimes perform a blood test to see if these people need a vaccination.

## HEAD LICE ALERT!

Please check your children for head lice or nits (eggs) and treat them if needed.

A number of students have been affected recently and it is important that you regularly check your children for the condition.

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_