

Grahamstown Public School News

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Principal's Report

Parents and Children

Please be careful in approaching children at school. Parents are not to talk to or touch other parent's children in the playground about behaviour or other issues. If you need to discuss issues arising with a child that is not your own please make the approach through the classroom teacher or principal.

Congratulations

Congratulations go to Dakota of Year 6 who has won the state title in high jump. The school is extremely proud of Dakota as sporting champion and as a champion person. Well done Dakota you can be very proud of your achievements.

Family Photos

Don't forget the family photo opportunity with Jasper photos. These will make excellent Christmas gifts and are an economical way of purchasing a professional framed family portrait.

Parking

Thank you to the parents who are using the parking zones at the front of the school safely and within the time limits displayed on the parking signs. Working together we can keep your children safe and can keep traffic flowing at the front of the school.

Kinder Orientation

Kinder orientation is next week and we are looking forward to meeting new parents and students and welcoming them to our school. Grahamstown is has a very friendly, welcoming environment and we are pleased to be able to introduce the new families to our great school.

Nude Food

In 2013 we will be looking to add to our already excellent environmental program by adding nude food days to our calendar. Nude food is that which is sent to school in containers and has no wrappers attached. It is a way of looking to

reduce rubbish and create awareness of the packaging problems associated with much of the food we buy. We will make nude food a set day of the week and will be encouraging students to bring food in reusable containers.

Have a good week

Intention to apply: Year 7 entry into selective high schools in 2014

Dear Parent/Carer

Government schools use a range of strategies to meet the educational needs of gifted and talented students. One strategy is selective high school placement which provides intellectual stimulation and an educationally enriched environment for gifted and talented students.

Offers for selective high school placement will be made on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday 14 March 2014.

If you would like your child to apply for selective high school placement in Year 7 in 2014, you need to do so soon.

You may either:

1. Apply on the internet and submit your application online. You will need to have an email address (not the student's email address), access to the internet and a printer.

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from 16 October 2012 at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement.

or

2. If you do not have internet access, complete a commercially printed application form and return it to this school by 16 November 2012.

The applications will be processed by the school in exactly the same way whether you apply online or submit a commercially printed form. Parents are to submit only ONE application form for each student.

Yours sincerely

Principal

Cut along the dotted line and return the completed slip below to this school by next Friday.

Intention to apply: Year 7 entry to a selective high school in 2014

Student's name: _____

Class _____

I am interested in applying for selective high school entry in 2014

Yes: ☐ No ☐

If yes:

I have internet access and will be applying online ☐

OR

I do not have internet access and would like to receive a printed application form. ☐

Signature of parent/carer: _____

Date: _____

*Note: This is an intention to apply only, **NOT** an application. You will need to submit either an online or a paper application to be considered for placement.*

Notes in Circulation

- Who we are for ATSI Students
- Swimming
- Year 6 Sleepover

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 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 23rd Oct: Vanessa Henderson, Jo Delaforce

Wed 24th Oct: Leanne Cook

Thurs 25th Oct: Tanya Picot

Fri 26th Oct: Sue Ryan Danielle Piening

*Frozen 'Pineapple Stix' iceblocks - \$1.50

*Multigrain bread now available, 10c extra per sandwich.

*Orange / Mango juice is no longer available, we now have apple or apple/blackcurrant juice.

ASSEMBLY AWARDS 19 OCTOBER 2012

KA	KF
Caylee	Eleanor
Jacob	Zakary
Azaria	Cayden
KH	K/1W
Lilly	Maiya
Kenneth	Phillip
Hayden	Decklan
1K	1R
Ellie	Tora
Samantha	Aidan
Dakotah	Memphys
2B	2M
Grant	Cooper
Daemon	Ruqayya
Piper	Camryn
3C	3S
Claire	Shaelee
Ty	Jacob
Liam	Angel
4/5R	4K
Briony	Ethan
Mitchell	Phoebe
Jayden	Dylan
4P	5/6W
Ethan	Bailey
Alex	Telesha
Lachlan	Michael
5S	6F
Kaile	Katelin
Blake	Jada
Phoebe	Chelsea
6S	
Kayla	
Jessica	
Lochie	

"Congratulations to all students' who received Merit Awards"

Council Survey

Council is currently conducting its four yearly 'Community Planning Survey'. All interested residents aged over 16 years are invited to participate in this survey up until 2 November 2012. This is a great opportunity to contribute to the future planning of the area with respect to issues such as housing, recreation, transport, education, culture, community and recreation services and facilities. The survey can be completed online at weblink <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SocialPlanningSurvey> Hard copies are also available at the school if required and for collection at Council's Administration Building, and local Libraries.

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 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.

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.

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.

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.

Open to Year 4

Thou-Walla Creative Arts and Sewing FREE TAFE OUTREACH Course

Limited places available. Tuesday mornings. Phone: 4987 4666

The Deadly Dads Project Dads, Pops, Uncles, Brothers and other Father Figures and Kids

Create your own design on a Boomerang, Canvas, Didgeridoo. Each Thursday afternoon 2pm onwards. For more info please contact Craig Hammond on 4987 4666

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: _____