

# Grahamstown Public School News

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## From the Principal

On behalf of all our continuing students and their families and the school staff, I would like to extend a very warm Grahamstown Public School welcome to our new students, families and staff members. I am sure all our new students – Kindergarten and other grades - will make friends quickly and will happily settle into new surroundings and routines.

### New Staff Members

We have two new teaching staff members commencing this year: **Mrs Kerrie Smith** in our library and Mrs **Laura Ross**, teaching Year 1.

Mrs Smith comes to us as a very experienced librarian from Telarah Public School and Mrs Ross will be taking Mrs McGilchrist's place, while she enjoys taking care of her new baby. We welcome both of them and know they will enjoy being part of Grahamstown Public School.

### Enrolments and classes

At the end of 2011 we anticipated having enough students in 2012 to form 16 classes. A number of families have moved away over the holidays, some others have moved in and we are on the borderline of being able to form 17 classes.

As a result, students will stay with their 2011 classmates for the first few days while we check on our actual enrolment before forming 2012 classes. This is the usual procedure when our numbers are on the borderline and students will be involved in structured learning programs during that time.

At present it looks like we will plan to have students placed in their new classes before Thursday afternoon.

### House Team Meetings

Students eight years and up will attend their house team meetings on Thursday afternoon to elect new team leaders and gain information about our Annual Swimming Carnival, which is scheduled for next week, Friday 10 Feb 2012.

### Parent Orientation Meetings

The following dates and times have been designated for parents to meet their child's new teacher and learn about Stage and class operations for 2012:

**ES1 Classes: (Kinder):** Tuesday 7 Feb 3:15

**STAGE 2 Classes:** (Yrs 3 and 4): Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Feb 3:15 pm

**STAGE 3 Classes:** (Yrs 5 & 6): Tues 14 Feb 3:15 pm

**STAGE 1 Classes:** (Yrs 1 and 2): Wed 15 Feb 3:15 pm

Sue Kane  
Principal

## ADVANCE NOTICE- Stage 3 Camp 2012

In 2012, Stage 3 will be going on a 4 day overnight excursion to the Outdoor Education Experience at Morisset. The camp will take place from Tuesday October 9 to Friday 12 October 2012 (Week 1 Term 4).

**It is anticipated that this camp will cost approximately \$250 - \$300. Your expression of interest will be a \$50 deposit which will be required no later than March 9, 2012. The final date for full payment will be September 21, 2012.** This excursion aims to prepare students for High School. Responsibility and independence are included in the aims of this excursion and as a result parents are not invited on this excursion.

## Office Hours

Office hours are between 8.35am -3pm.  
No money will be taken after 3pm. Please remind students to bring notes and money to the office before 9am.

## **PARKING OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL**

A reminder that there are parking restrictions in Hastings Drive outside the school.

The Ranger patrols the area regularly

- Parents may use the "No Parking" Zone to drop students off and collect them in the afternoon. You cannot leave your vehicle, nor have your car standing in the space. It is a "Kiss and Drop" zone only. If you wait longer than a minute or two, your vehicle is likely to be photographed and you are liable for a \$220.00 fine.
- The bus zone is a no standing and no parking area between 8.30am and 9.30am and between 2.30pm and 3.30pm.
- The Council has also made a section opposite the school a restricted time no parking area as well.

**These areas have been put in place for the safety of your children and others.**

## **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.

**Come and have fun and play a great team sport in 2012 with Irrawang Netball Club**

**Registration Day Details**

**When: Saturday 4th February**

**Place: McDonalds Raymond Terrace**

**Time: 9am-12pm**

**If you have any questions or would like to play but can't make this day**

**please call**

**Dean on 0488102173**

**Justin on 0404484627**

**Fees are;**

**Netta-Under 11-\$80**

**Jnr-11-17-\$115**

**Snr-18 & over-\$150**