

Grahamstown Public School News

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From the Principal

Our 2012 classes are:

TEACHER	Class	2012 Room
1. Mrs R. Fuller	KF	HB 7
2. Mrs J Horsnell	KH	HB 10
3. Mrs J Anderson	KA	HB 9
4. Miss A White (A.P)	K/1W	HB 8
5. Miss L Kok	1K	HB 1
6. Mrs L. Ross	1R	HB 2
7. Mrs K Brown	2B	HB 4
8. Mr Mort	2M	HB 3
9. Mr K Clayton	3C	Dem (HB 15)
10. Mrs K South (A.P)	3S	HB12
11. Mr G Kelly	4K	Dem HB 16
12. Mrs M Parker	4P	HB 11
13. Miss L Russell (A.P)	4/5R	HB14
14. Mrs H Saville	5S	HB 13
15. Miss E Shepherd	6S	HB 5
16. Mrs K. Webb	5/6W	HB 6

Mrs. M Blake, Mrs Harris and Mrs. N McDermott will share the support teacher for learning assistance (STLA) and release from face to face (RFF) programs, while Mrs Dellar will conduct the reading recovery (RR) program.

Our school counsellor again this year is Ms Betty De-Lore, who will work at the school on Mondays and Thursdays.

Mrs M Hilton will be based at the school as an Itinerant Support Teacher for hearing impaired students (ISTH). Mrs Hilton will have a case load of students across the district and spend most of her time in other locations.

Mrs Smith will be in charge of the library, working from Tuesday through till Friday. Our Assistant Principals and the Stages they supervise as part of their executive duties are:

Miss White – Early Stage 1 and Stage 1

Mrs South – Stage 2 and Reading Recovery

Miss Russell – Stage 3 and STLA / RFF

Our School Numbers

At this stage our classes will remain as they are. We are very close to gaining another teacher so there may be some movement in the near future, depending on whether we gain further enrolments. If changes need to be made we will endeavour to minimize the disruption to students learning. There may not be further enrolments or we may lose students. We will assess the situation as the need arises.

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 8th 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.

Parents and Toddlers

The students and teachers of our school would be very appreciative if parents and toddlers who come to pick up children of an afternoon could avoid making too much noise directly outside classrooms. Your children are still involved in lessons within classrooms and the noise outside is a great distraction. We also ask that toddlers are kept from riding their bikes and scooters within the school grounds. The students of our school are not allowed to ride within the grounds and it would be appreciated if this rule was respected by all. Toddlers are also not to climb on the brick walls within the school grounds or on the fixed equipment of an afternoon or morning. These areas are not supervised at these times and no child is permitted to climb on our equipment unsupervised.

Thank you for your support with these requests

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Welcome back. Our first sporting event is the Annual Swimming Carnival. Children who can swim 50m have already nominated for the events they wish to enter at our House Meetings. Only children swimming in an event will be attending the carnival. **Students who turn 8 this year may attend the carnival if they are swimming in an event.**

When: Friday 10 February

Where: Lakeside Leisure Centre Pool

Time: Those in events will depart school at 9.15am returning approx 2.45pm. Students will be walking with supervising teachers.

Who: Students who **turn 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 or 13 this year** and have nominated for one of the following events. Children may enter in other events on the day.

STAGE 3 PARENTS

If your child is going to High School in 2013 then you need to be making decisions about where they will be going now. Hunter School of Performing Arts and Hunter Sports have applications closing soon. *Expression of Interest Forms will come home on March 5 and need to be returned by March 16.* These forms need to

be returned whether you are applying to attend a selective, non government, non local public or local public high school. Staff are not permitted to make a choice for you but will assist you once you have made a decision. If your child is attending High School in 2014 and you are uncertain, consider attending the information evenings held soon. Transition to Irrawang High School for those children in Year 5, 2012 will begin later this year. Applications for Merewether High School (academic selective) close in November 2012 for attendance in 2014.

Canteen News

Roster:

Tue 7 Feb: Jade Cook, Skye Noffke

Wed 8 Feb: Bev Pegg, Julie Evans

Thur 9 Feb: Leigh Keltly, Fiona Brown

Fri 10 Feb: Vanessa O'Connell, Danielle Piening

Mon 13 Feb: Naomi Farnham, Kirby Cashen

A big thankyou to those who put their name down on the roster. If you put your name down for roster please pick one up from the canteen. If you are unable to attend your rostered day please inform Sherri at the canteen.

Healthy Monday & Tuesday means limited hot food available on these days. No pies, sausage roll, pizzas, nuggets, hotdogs etc will be sold on these days, there are still plenty of options available. When ordering lunches please put teachers name on the bag to avoid any mix ups.

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. Lost property will be emptied on Friday 10 Feb and will be taken to local charities.

Stage 3 Discipline

Stage 3 will again be using a 'card system' for behaviour management in 2012. Put simply, this means that after an individual reminder of what is expected, students will then be asked to turn one of three cards displayed beside their name in the room if they decide not to follow the set task or instruction. The first card turned for a student means they will move to an alternate area of the room for a short time before moving back. Then if the behaviour continues a second card is turned by the student, and the student moves to a Buddy room for a short period (all work is to be caught up) under 'open supervision' from all other teachers. On return to the room, if the behaviour continues still another card is turned and the student moves to Miss Russell's. At this point Miss Russell will make contact with home to discuss the matter.

A record of this system is kept by the classroom teacher. To attend reward days and major excursions, students must avoid 3 strikes (a strike will occur if a child turns 3 cards in a week or spends time out of the playground for inappropriate behaviour. We consider that after classes are set a task and individuals are reminded about expectations, there are ample opportunities for students to make positive behaviour choices and avoid such consequences. Questions or concerns can be directed to Miss Russell.

CAPTAINS & PREFECTS 2013 – 3 strikes within a year will result in your child being ineligible to nominate. Captains and prefects who gain a third strike in one year will lose their badge permanently.

Art Show

The organisation for the annual **Raymond Terrace Art Show** begins again. The first meeting for the year is at **Grahamstown Public School on Monday February 20th**. The organising committee would like to invite you to attend and lend a hand to make the art show a great success. The money that is generated by the art show is then shared among the local primary schools. It is an exciting event for the children who have their art on display and it is also an event to unite the community for a common cause. Please come along and help make it a great success.

Sport's News

On Thursday, 2nd February we held House meetings to elect our new House Captains and Vice Captains for 2012.

Congratulations to:

Colman Captains: Jessica Andrews and Jesse Romero

Colman Vice - Captains: Chloe Barnes and Jaidyn Crow

Eldon Captains: Dakota Gordon and Zac Turnbull

Eldon Vice -Captains: Hayley Murray and River Edwards

Finnan Captains: Brittany Jones and Lochie Rutherford

Finnan Vice -Captains: Katelyn Seage, and Liam Schofield

Hasting Captains: Jacobi Patrick and Cody Ehrich

Hastings Vice - Captains: Kaylan Fisher and Adrian Hirst

Badges will be presented at a later date. [Watch this space]

We also nominated [put our names down] to compete in different events in our **Annual Swimming Carnival** which takes place on **Friday, 10th February, 2012.**

All children who turn 8, 9, 10, 11 or 12 are able to attend.

Zumba Fitness

Tuesday Nights

At: Grahamstown Public School

Time: 6.30pm-7.30pm

Cost: \$10.00

For information, please call

Susie on: 0419 862 253

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.

DEFENCE SCHOOL TRANSITION AIDE NEWS

Welcome to the new families at GPS. My role here is to assist the children of Australian Defence Force members, in particular with the various challenges that life in the ADF can present, such as moving and parents being absent due to deployments, military exercises or training.

There are approximately 50 students at Grahamstown Public School whose parent/s are serving in the military. If there are any students that I am currently unaware of I would greatly appreciate being contacted, thank you.

I look forward to meeting any parents able to come to a **Welcome Morning Tea this Thursday 9th February** (please see the note regarding this in the Newsletter). I will be inviting Glenda de Wit, who is the Defence Transition Mentor at Irrawang High School as many students follow on to IHS and some have siblings there. I am also hoping to send an invitation home today in regards to a **Defence Family Welcome BBQ on Friday 24th February**, it would be a great opportunity to meet you, if you are able to attend these events.

DCO Hunter will be holding a **Welcome to Williamstown** function at Fighter World Museum **this Sunday 12th February** from 10am-2pm. Entry is free, however tickets are required, please contact DCO Hunter for enquires on 40346973 or email:

dco.HunterRIMS@defence.gov.au

If any Defence family wish to contact me please leave a message with the front office or alternatively, please email :

deborah.odonoghue1@det.nsw.edu.au and I will contact you as soon as possible.

Wishing everyone an enjoyable time here at GPS,

Kind Regards,
Deborah O'Donoghue
Defence School Transition Aide

Welcome to Grahamstown Public School

We would like to welcome new families to the school and give you an opportunity to meet other parents here. A **Morning Tea** will be held on **Thursday 9th February** In the school hall
From 9:15am

Please RSVP by Wednesday 8th February

Anyone interested in joining us, please feel welcome. From the P & C Committee and Deborah O'Donoghue, Defence School Transition Aide

Welcome Morning Tea

Yes, I am able to attend the Welcome Morning Tea.

Name/s: -----

Thank you.