

# Grahamstown Public School News

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## From the Principal

### Child Protection Training

Several parents have made enquiries through class teachers about helping out in the classroom. We would like to thank those people who volunteer and give valuable assistance in their child's class.

Before assisting in the classroom all volunteers need to sign a declaration form and participate in brief Child Protection Training.

For those parents wishing to volunteer, that have not already listened to the guidelines for dealing with children, come along to the hall for a brief discussion where we will be offering training on Friday March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2:30pm.

### Positive Behaviour for Learning

Four staff members spent two days training during last week to gain an understanding of the Positive Behaviour for Learning program. This team will work with the remainder of staff to build a program of consistency across the school. The program is designed to teach expected behaviours and positively reinforce the behaviours when they are exhibited by the students.

This will not be an overnight program that is taught today and implemented the next day. It is a long but worthwhile process that has many benefits if it is supported by all stakeholders. We, as a staff, are looking forward to developing our lessons and building consistency in our expectations.

### Priority Schools Program.

## IT'S HERE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

**Survey week is March 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>.**

Assisting us to gain extra funding for numeracy and literacy programs is easy.

1. Fill in the survey form.
2. Put the survey form into the envelope, seal the envelope, and write your child's name on the tear off tab.

3. Give the **sealed** envelope to your child to take to the school office and place in survey box by **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2012.**

### Parking

Please be considerate of our neighbours when parking to pick up your children. We have had complaints from neighbours about parents parking in driveways and on footpaths. Our neighbours, just as you would, are not very appreciative of thoughtless drivers blocking access to their property.

We advise all people who complain to ring the council or the police.

We regularly have visits from the ranger who has handed out fines to parents who are parked illegally or who park in the drop zone for more than five minutes.

Be considerate and you won't be fined.

### School Assemblies

We have started our weekly school assemblies. The school captains were very nervous but did a wonderful job of leading our school through their first whole school assembly. Many children received awards and were very proud to stand on stage to show them off.

Parents are very welcome to attend our Friday assembly at 9.15am. Classes at various times will present an item and parents may come and watch their child perform. However we will not be informing parents if their child is to receive a certificate. These children will have their first name and class published in the newsletter each week.

### Morning Assemblies

There will be no announcements made at morning assemblies. Classes will move quickly to their daily P.E. session. Parents are asked to keep the area around our lines clear so classes are free to move off from assembly without having to battle congestion. There is a limited time allocated to PE so speedy movement to and from activities is necessary. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sue Kane  
Principal

## COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 1

February 24 <sup>th</sup>	Zone Swimming
March 13 <sup>th</sup>	P & C Meeting
March 14 <sup>th</sup>	Shave for Cure/ Disco
March 15 <sup>th</sup>	Cross Country
March 20 <sup>th</sup>	Harmony Day
March 21 <sup>st</sup>	National Ride2School Day
March 27 <sup>th</sup>	Athletics Carnival

### Notes in Circulation

- **Mathletics 2012**
- **Bush Camp Expression of Interest**
- **007 Leadership Training**

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.

## Raymond Terrace Community Markets

**17<sup>th</sup> March – Arts & Craft**

### **GET WHEELIE EXCITED**

*National Ride2School Day is Australia's largest celebration of walking and riding to school. Don't miss any of the action on Wednesday 21 March 2012.*

*We will be providing a healthy breakfast and will be serving yoghurt and fruit free of charge until we run out.*

National Ride2School day aims to raise awareness of the health, economic and environmental reasons for encouraging children to have an active commute to school.

## ASSEMBLY AWARDS 17<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2012

KA	3C
Stephanie	Kasey
Jacob	Xander
Jordan	Emilee
KH	3S
William	Angel
Reuben	Gabriella
Chloe	Zachary
KF	4K
Jessica	Gabrielle
Heath	William
Harry	Bayley
K/1W	4P
Baydn	Luke
Bella	Jayden
Lili	Megan
1K	4/5R
Chloe	Jenny
Tayah	William
Samuel	Raabi
1R	5S
Lilliana	Jayden
Jordan	Ruby
Aidan	Keish
2B	5/6W
Haylee	Jackson
Grant	Eleanor
Jake	Macailah
2M	6S
Blake	Liam
Isabella	Bailey
Jordan	Ashleigh
	Brittany

***Scholastic Book Club***  
***All orders must be in by***  
***Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February.***

## Canteen News

### Roster:

**Tue 21 Feb:** Skye Noffke

**Wed 22 Feb:** Kylie Swadling, Fiona Brown

**Thur 23 Feb:** Simone Adam, Janet Allen

**Fri 24 Feb:** Tracey Singleton, Rebecca Fenwick, Kris O'Brien

**Mon 27 Feb:** Barbara Govan, Sue Ryan

**PLEASE HAVE LUNCH ORDER'S IN BY 9AM  
TO ALLOW ENOUGH TIME FOR  
PREPARATION AND COOKING.**

## Sports' News

### Swimming Records Tumble

Year 5 student Kimberley Jaeger broke two long standing school swimming records on her way to becoming the 11yr old Girls Champion. The 11 yr old freestyle record was held by Laura Denmeade (former school captain). In 2007, Laura swam 41.09 and Kim has lowered the mark to 40.89sec. Ten years ago, Lisa Wiersma set the 11yr old backstroke record which stood at 52.34 and Kim has lowered that mark to 50.94. Well done Kim and good luck at the Zone Swimming Carnival which will be held at Tomaree Pool on Friday February 24 where she will be swimming in most of the events. She will be joined at this carnival by Chloe Barnes and Natarsha Kent-Merchant who have both qualified to swim in the 12 yr old girls freestyle.

**Cross Country** On Thursday March 15, we will be holding our annual school Cross Country.

Juniors will run/walk the 2km course and seniors 3kms.

**All students in Years 2-6** are expected to participate. They are allowed to walk the course if they cannot run the full distance. All those completing the course earn house points for their sporting house. If a child cannot participate, through illness etc; they will need a note, and they will remain at school.

Every student attending the Cross Country should have:

- Hat
- Sunscreen
- Water bottle

Please write name on all articles

- Sensible shoes e.g. joggers
- Asthma medication if needed.

**Parent help will be essential**, so if you can assist please see Miss Russell. We require adults to man the various check points and to supervise the safety of students on the run.

If you do not wish your child to take part please inform the teacher in writing.

Leanne Russell

Organiser

### Athletics Carnival

Grahamstown Public School's Athletics Carnival is on Tuesday March 27, 2012. All children from years 2-6 will be competing. Permission notes will be sent home closer to this date. All parents are welcome and we will need some volunteers to help with running the carnival.

Hats and sunscreen are essential for sun protection.

If the weather is unkind to us our alternate date for the carnival is April 4.

### DEFENCE SCHOOL TRANSITION AIDE NEWS

I hope that all Defence families have received their invite to the **Welcome BBQ** this Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February (spare copies are at the front office) If you are able to come to this event could you **please RSVP by tomorrow**, thank you.

If there are any Defence families that I am currently unaware of, or your circumstances have changed regarding the ADF, I would appreciate it greatly if you could contact me by leaving a message with the school front office or email: [deborah.odonoghue1@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:deborah.odonoghue1@det.nsw.edu.au)

Many thanks,  
Deborah O'Donoghue  
Defence School Transition Aide

## \$3 DISCO

Grahamstown's first disco of the year will be held on **Wednesday March 14, 2012**. The money raised at the door will benefit the P&C

**Juniors 5pm- 6.45pm**  
**Seniors 7pm- 9pm**

Please don't wear hats or caps and be aware of safety issues regarding footwear. Thongs and sandals are not appropriate.

A canteen will operate selling hot food and drinks only during the first part of each disco and lollies are available towards the end. Parents may leave money at the canteen for their child to spend, order for their child or let children make their own purchases.

A **parent must** come into the hall to collect all children unless an alternate arrangement has been made with staff when children are dropped off.

## HARMONY DAY

Grahamstown Public School is celebrating Harmony Day on Tuesday March 20. Children are invited to wear sensible mufti (close toed shoes, shirts with sleeves and school hats) in warm colours (pink, red, yellow, orange).

We will be having a visiting performance by the SUARA Indonesian Dance Group. This performance will introduce traditional and contemporary Indonesian culture. The cost will be \$4 per child **collected by class teachers**. The K-2 performance will begin at Midday and the yrs 3-6 performance will begin at 1.45.

The canteen will be adding taste sensations from other countries to the menu on this day so keep a look out for those order forms for macaroni cheese or nachos.

**Permission notes and canteen order forms will be sent home shortly.**

## CRAZY HAIR DAY

**When:** Wednesday 14 March  
**What:** World's Greatest Shave  
**Bring:** A gold coin donation  
**Why:** To help raise money for the **Leukaemia Foundation – all money goes towards research into better treatments and cures.**

Come to school wearing your craziest hair-do! Style it, spray it (with temporary colour) or wear a wig!

### **Lunchtime Activities**

Hair spraying will be available for \$2 per student (until it runs out). Some brave teachers will have their heads shaved and those students wanting it done must have written permission from their parents (\$2 donation as well). For those students with permission we will have spray available to colour hair. Notes will be sent home closer to March 14.

## ***Position Vacant***

**Title:** Parent and Community Engagement (PACE) Program Coordinator

**Location:** Woodbery and surrounding areas including Mindaribba Land Council

**Responsibility:** Responsible to the PaCE Committee through the CEO Mindaribba Land Council

**Position Tenure:** Part-time – 15 hours per week, 46 week contract subject to one month probationary period

**Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply**

Applications close and must be received by cob 29 February 2012. They may be sent to: [familiesfirst@mindaribbalalc.org](mailto:familiesfirst@mindaribbalalc.org) or by postal mail to: Private & Confidential, CEO MLALC, PO Box 401, East Maitland NSW 2323.

For further information including Selection Criteria please contact our office or a full Position Description go to [familiesfirst@mindaribbalalc.org](mailto:familiesfirst@mindaribbalalc.org).