

# Grahamstown Public School News

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## From the Principal

### PSP Surveys

Thank you to all the wonderful parents who have already returned their survey to the school. We appreciate your efficiency and hope that your effort pays dividends. We would be able to support so many literacy and numeracy programs for your children if we are successful.

### Irrawang High School

Irrawang High School will be holding an open evening 6 March 2012 for all parents and students from both **years 5 and 6** who are interested in finding out about transition to high school, the programs Irrawang offer and where learning spaces are located. A brief outline of the evening is provided below.

- approx 5.30pm: Exhibitions and live performances in and around IHS hall
- approx 6.00pm: Introductions and outlines to students and families from key personnel --> IHS hall
- approx 6.20pm: Tours across key learning spaces within the school, with active classroom presentations.
- approx 7.15pm: Question and answer time --> IHS hall

### Assemblies

A big thank you to the parents who are clearing the way for classes to get to Daily P.E. it makes it much more efficient for students and teachers to get to the activity areas quickly. Your cooperation is appreciated.

### P&C

Thanks to the efforts of the P&C and the generosity of our community we are now able to purchase \$10 000 worth of reading resources, \$5 000 worth of maths resources and will be able to continue to provide quality worksheets and booklets through the P&C's support of our printing costs. The P&C has also approved the purchase of blinds for all classroom doors for safety purposes and are looking toward renewing outdated interactive whiteboards.

Your children will be benefitting greatly from the efforts of a dedicated team of people. We thank them sincerely for all their hard work.

### Classes

We will keep you posted on the class situation. We now have the numbers for 17 classes. We reached that number with the enrolment of two students on census day. The Department of Education and Communities need to allocate an extra staff member before we can begin that class. We are also attempting to minimise the disruption to existing class structures.

Sue Kane  
Principal

## COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 1

<b>March 13<sup>th</sup></b>	P & C Meeting
<b>March 14<sup>th</sup></b>	Shave for Cure/ Disco
<b>March 15<sup>th</sup></b>	Cross Country
<b>March 20<sup>th</sup></b>	Harmony Day
<b>March 21<sup>st</sup></b>	National Ride2School Day
<b>March 27<sup>th</sup></b>	Athletics Carnival
<b>March 29<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 1 Excursion

## 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.

## ASSEMBLY AWARDS 24<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2012

KA	3C
Declan	Claire
Caylee	Harrison
Bailey	Emily
KH	3S
Aiden	Codie
Declan	Madison
Mia	Damien
KF	4K
Jada	Makayla
Brandan	Tasmyn
Emilia	Sharna-Lee
K/1W	4P
Bailey	Tellina
Tahlia	Lachlan
Chloe	Jessica
1K	4/5R
Samuel	Gemma
Jackson	Brittany
Charlie	Ryan
1R	5S
Tomas	Lachlan
Macleay	Harley
Codie	Synara
2B	5/6W
Haylee	Sabrina
Grant	Joel
Sophie	Katie
2M	6S
Samara	Lochie
Jack	Morgan
Ruqayya	Harrison

## 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.

## Canteen News

### Roster:

**Tue 28 Feb:** Sally Douglas, Vanessa Henderson

**Wed 29 Feb:** Bev Pegg, Lily Francisco

**Thur 1<sup>st</sup> Mar :** Tanya Picot, Sharmaine Connor

**Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Mar:** Susan Martin, Danielle Piening, Tracey Singleton

**Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Mar :** Cathy Hedges, Naomi Farnham

**We have been getting a lot of foreign coins through the canteen lately, sorry but we are unable to accept these as payment.**

## SPORTS' NEWS

**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.

## **\$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.

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**Perform-Ability!**  
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**various Disabilities & Special**  
**Needs**  
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**Great Exercise**  
**NO enrolment fee!**  
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**or Call Miss Miranda on**  
**0431036659**

## **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).

## *Autism Carer Support*

**When:** Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February

**Time:** 6pm – 8pm

**Location:** Northcott Building

13 Valencia Street

Mayfield NSW

**What's Happening:** A popular request by the group.

**Movie Night – Temple Grandin**

**Popcorn & Pizza !!!!!**

## Raymond Terrace Markets

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

**Riverside Park from 9am**  
**till 2pm**

**Wide range of stalls**

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