

Grahamstown Public School News

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From the Principal

Bikes

We have had another bike stolen from school grounds. Unfortunately it is necessary when bikes are brought to school for them to be chained to the bike shelter. We had bikes and scooters stolen last year as well. Each time these items were not secured and easy targets for people walking past. The police have been informed of the incident but this has not resulted in the bike being found.

PSP Survey

Thank you to all the families who have returned their survey. We have sent the first shipment to The Department of Education and Communities for collation. We will send a second shipment mid next week. Then we will keep our fingers crossed. Your support is very much appreciated.

P&C

Don't forget our P&C meeting to be held in the staffroom tomorrow night (13th March). We were very pleased to see some new faces at our last meeting and would love to be welcoming more new members.

Mosquitoes

We have a very active population of mosquitoes in our playground. Many children are bringing repellent to avoid bites. Mosquito repellent is a great idea but it needs to be the roll on variety only and it must not be shared with other children due to skin allergies etc.

Cross Country

Our cross country carnival will be held Thursday 15th March, if the weather allows. Keep your fingers crossed for sunny weather. Parents are very welcome to come and watch their child/children compete. If you can assist see Leanne Russell, she would appreciate any extra help.

Assemblies

It is great to see so many parents coming to our Friday assemblies. Students are appreciating the

weekly recognition of their efforts and the school as a whole is learning to be a polite audience. They are doing a fabulous job of self control and seem to be improving their efforts each week.

Sue Kane
Principal

COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 1

March 13th	P & C Meeting @ 7.00pm
March 14th	Shave for Cure/ Disco
March 15th	Cross Country
March 16th	Netball Zone Gala Day
March 20th	Harmony Day
March 21st	National Ride2School Day
March 22nd	Year 1 Transport Excursion
March 27th	Athletics Carnival
March 29th	Year 2 Transport Excursion
April 5th	Earth Hour 2-3pm
April 6th	Good Friday

Notes in Circulation

- **Mathletics 2012**
- **Crazy Hair Day**
- **PSP Survey**
- **Year 1 & 2 Transport Excursion**
- **Harmony Note**
- **Harmony Menu**

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 9TH MARCH 2012

KA	3C
Ashlynn	Caylee
Alisha	Tiahlee
Arianna	Benjamin
KH	3S
Elyssa	Grace
Reuben	Jackson
Tahlia	Haylee
KF	4K
Lilly	Phoebe
Isis	Lachlan
Jonathan	Jasper
K/1W	4P
Ruby	Sharna
Decklan	Emily
Phoebe	Ethan
1K	4/5R
Tyler	Julian
Azhure	Bryson
Michael	Kimberley
1R	5S
Latisha	Jessica
Alice	Eric
Ethan	Sam
2B	5/6W
Hayden	Beatrice
Eve	Ismail
Tahlia	Jacob
2M	6S
Kostya	Jessica
Cooper	Andrew
Aaliyah	Ben
6F	
Kaylan	
Adrian	
Tianna	

Canteen News

Roster:

Tue 13th Mar: Vanessa Henderson, Jo Delaforce

Wed 14th Mar: Skye McAlpine, Leanne Cook

Fri 16th Mar: Danielle Piening, Sue Ryan

Mon 19th Mar: Cathy Hedges, Diane Holden

****Please have Harmony Day notes in by Friday at the office. Extra forms available at the canteen.***

UNIFORM SHOP

Due to family circumstances the uniform shop will only be open on **Tuesday afternoons from the 13th and 20th March**. If you have ordered any uniforms please check the front office.

Thank you

Fiona Brown

SPORTS' NEWS

HOUSE CAPTAINS

The long awaited House Captain badges have arrived. They will be presented at the Assembly held on Friday March 16.

HIGH JUMP RESULTS

	Boys	Girls
Junior High Jump (8,9 & 10 year olds)	1. Will 5S (H) 2. Tom 3S (H) 3. Bailey 3S (E) 4. Jack 3C (C)	1. Teeya 5/6W (F) 2. Macey 4K (C) 3. Shania 4K (H) 4. Shakira 4/5R (H)

High Jump Record Broken

On Friday March 9, the Senior Girls High Jump was held and Dakota broke the existing record of 1.27m held by Andrea since 1996. The record now stands at 1.36m. This means that Dakota now holds all the girls high jump records. Well done Dakota.

NETBALL ZONE GALA DAY

Will be held Friday 16th March at Raymond Terrace Netball courts.

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

Mathletics

The roll over for Mathletics has now been completed. Students who have paid their \$10 Mathletics fee will receive their username and password in the next few days and may begin using mathletics immediately.

The Mathletics website is www.mathletics.com.au
The new usernames and passwords will remain valid till February, 2013. Please contact Mrs

South if you have any questions concerning Mathletics.

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.

Sport in Schools Australia

Next term, students at Grahamstown P.S. will be given the opportunity to participate in the 'Sport in Schools Australia' program. This highly valuable program allows students to participate in a variety of fun and interesting sporting activities using equipment that they may have not experienced before. The 'Sports in Schools Australia' team will visit Grahamstown P.S. every Monday morning in Term 2. The program will cost students \$4 per week, with payment being capped at \$8 a family (i.e. only the first two children in each family will be charged.) More information about this outstanding program will be provided in coming weeks. Please contact Mrs South if you have any questions.

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 1.45pm.

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 today.

Premier's Reading Challenge!

We are again embarking on the Premier's Reading Challenge this year, with lots of books for the students to choose! 2012 is also the National Year of Reading so it is a good time to visit the library and share some books together. The PRC challenge encourages students to read 20 books before September, 15 of which are from the PRC specific list of books. We have lots in the library, and many of the local libraries participate as well. The registration of the Premier's Reading Challenge participants means that, if the task is completed and your child reads 20 books within the given time frame, their names will be published on the PRC Honour Roll and will appear in the newspapers.

If you do not wish to have your child's name published as completing the challenge, please notify the school as soon as possible. For more information, please visit the Premier's Reading Challenge website at <https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/private.html>.

Mrs. Smith
Teacher Librarian

A booklet of tickets will be sent home to every family to sell. There are more tickets available at the office if required. We appreciate your co-operation and good luck.

\$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.

P & C Easter Raffle

Easter is just around the corner
Wouldn't it be great to win an
Easter egg raffle

1st Prize to the value of \$75
2nd prize to the value of \$45
3rd prize to the value of \$25

Tickets are priced at 50cents each.

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