

Grahamstown Public School News

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From the Principal

Student Behaviour

The students at Grahamstown Public School demonstrated their excellent behaviour throughout the disco last Wednesday evening. Everyone had a good time and displayed their very best manners.

It was refreshing to hear several students thank teachers as they left. Teachers volunteer their time and appreciate the recognition for their work. Students also showed their patience whilst waiting for their hair to be sprayed on Crazy Hair Day.

Many had to wait in line for most of lunch but were happy to do so just to have their hair coloured.

Well done GPS.

Activities

The term is rapidly drawing to a close. Last week was a very busy week with Crazy Hair day, the disco, cross country and High School selections coming in.

This week we will be having Harmony Day (20th March), where special lunches are on offer at the canteen, National Ride to School Day (21st March) where fruit and yoghurt will be free from the canteen as students arrive to school (only until supplies run out) and Year 1 go on their transport excursion.

The following week starts with the athletics carnival on (27th March) and the Year 2 transport excursion heads off on March 29th. The week concludes with KA and KH parent teacher interviews (30th March).

The final week of school for Term 1 begins with KW and KF having parent teacher interviews (2nd April), followed by the Easter hat parade on Thursday April 5th.

Traffic

For the safety of your children all parking zones need to be adhered to and speed limits obeyed. Speeding and illegal parking put your children at risk. If your children cross Benjamin Lee Drive near the shops please reinforce with them the dangers of crossing the road and taking care of

younger siblings. There have been a couple of reports this year of children running across the road and almost being hit by cars. We want all our students to be safe at school and getting to and from school.

P&C

The P&C will be holding their **AGM at 7pm on May 8th**. The meeting will be held in the staff room and all are welcome to attend. Voting rights are restricted to those people who have been financial members since the previous P&C meeting (March 13th) and people wishing to hold an official position need to have been members for the previous 12 months (current from 2011 AGM).

We are pleased to be seeing several new faces at our meetings and happily welcome all new members.

Local Businesses

Grahamstown Public School is in debt to many of the local businesses for their ongoing support of our 007 program. They have offered discounts to the children who are 007 leaders by way of a gold card. The students value this card and see it as a privilege. The program would have a lesser impact without the invaluable support of these businesses. We thank them for all their assistance in the delivery of this worthwhile program.

We are supported by:

Lakeside:

Dominos Pizza

Chinese Takeaway

Thai

Newsagency

Video King

Jacko's Bakery and

Raymond Terrace Ten Pin Bowling

Sue Kane

Principal

COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 1

March 20 th	Harmony Day
March 21 st	National Ride2School Day
March 22 nd	Year 1 Transport Excursion
March 27 th	Athletics Carnival
March 29 th	Year 2 Transport Excursion
April 5 th	Earth Hour 2-3pm
April 6 th	Good Friday

Notes in Circulation

- Mathletics 2012
- 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.

MONEY FOR ACTIVITIES

When making payments for school activities please ensure notes and the **CORRECT** money are placed in envelopes or plastic clip-lock bags with the student's name on them. Money and notes must be in **separate** envelopes/bags for the P&C, Canteen, classroom collections and activities paid to the office. Payments to the office need to be brought in **BEFORE** class of a morning.

Thanking you for your cooperation
The School Office

P & C NEWS

We are asking for parent or caregiver volunteers to help with the end of Term 1 BBQ that would be able to help out with the cooking and setting up to serve the children their lunch. If you are available from 9:00am till 11:30am on Thursday 5th April, we would really appreciate any kind of assistance big or small.

Canteen News

Roster:

Tue 20th Mar: Skye Noffke

Wed 21st Mar: Kylie Swadling, Simone Adam

Thur 22nd Mar: Janet Allen, Fiona Brown

Fri 23rd Mar: Tracey Singleton, Jessica Fenwick, Kris O'Brien

Mon 26th Mar: Barbara Govan, Sue Ryan

Due to Harmony Day on Tuesday, there will be no 'normal' lunches available at the canteen.

Ride to school day, Wednesday 21st March, Free yoghurt and fruit will be given to students until supplies run out.

Irrawang High School Extension Class

Applications for Irrawang High Schools 7E (Extension) class begin with the aptitude test on May 24 at the High School. By sitting for the test you start the application process which includes and interview in Term 3 at which time children need to present a portfolio of their work. If you have any questions see Miss Russell but watch this space for further information.

Hunter Sports High School 2013

If you are interested in your child attending Hunter Sports High School in 2013 you can collect an information pack from the office. The pack includes sports on offer during 2013, dates for selection trials and the fees associated with each sport.

Hunter School of the performing Arts

Applications for The Hunter School of the Performing Arts are available from the front office or huntperfor-school@det.nsw.edu.au. For more information you can contact HSPA on 49523355.

Shave for a Cure

On Wednesday 14th March, Mrs Wood, Miss Russell, Mr Kelly, Jack year 6, Jack year 5, Lachlan Year 5 and Orion year 5 had their heads shaved at lunch time. Many other children had their hair coloured thanks to the efforts of Mrs Kane, Mrs Webb, Miss Kok, Miss Shepherd and Mr Kelly. Thank you to all the children who had crazy hair and all the staff who collected notes and money. **We raised \$638.10**

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.

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.

KA	3C
Xander	Jessica
Alexys	Jack
Charli	Kyle
KH	3S
Sara	Kye
Aidan	Shaelee
Nicholas	Damien
KF	4K
Kaidee	Lilly
Riley	Hayden
Cayden	Dylan
K/1W	4P
Zack	Seth
Kayden	Brodie
Sahara	Hannah
1K	4/5R
Kaytlin	Shiarnie
Denzel	Orion
Henry	Riley
1R	5S
Clare	Charlotte
Byran	Robert
Trent	Phoebe
2B	5/6W
Rylee	River
Tyler	Zackary
Mabel	Brittany
2M	6S
Maya	Ben
Ethan	Kiara
Shrejal	Matthew
6F	
Macailah	
Adrian	
Cody	

**ASSEMBLY AWARDS
16 MARCH 2012**

Athletics Carnival

Annual Sports Carnival – Tuesday 27 March 2012

Our Annual Athletics Carnival is to be held on **Tuesday 27 March 2012** at Vi Barnett Field (Little Athletics field) at Raymond Terrace. All students from Years 2-6 will be participating on the day. For these students school will be at Vi Barnett Oval for the day.

Students will come to school as usual and travel by bus to and from the field. Students will be departing school at approximately 9.10am for a 9.30am start.

Cost for the bus will be \$4.00 per student payable on the day.

Children must take a water bottle. They will be able to refill these. Water will be available but cups will not.

THERE WILL BE NO CANTEEN AVAILBLE ON THE DAY

Students are to wear sports uniform, hat, joggers (spikes can be worn but must be put on at the start of the race and removed at the finish).

Please bring lunch, a water bottle, plenty of water, jumper, blanket or something similar to sit on and don't forget your sunscreen.

Parents, families and friends are invited to come along and encourage participation as well as sharing in their child's personal achievements on the sporting field. Children will rotate through activities in age groups receiving points for their participation and effort.

Any parents who can help with timekeeping and different events will be gratefully given jobs on the day. Please come along and help.

	Boys	Girls
Junior High Jump (8,9 &10 year olds)	1. Will (H) 2. Tom t (H) 3. Bailey (E) 4. Jack (C)	1. Teeya (F) 2. Macey (C) 3. Shania (H) 4. Shakira (H)
11 year old High Jump	1. Jackson (C) 2. Sam (H) 3. Hansie (F) 4. Jayden (F)	1. Eliza (F) 2. Charlotte (H) 3. Synara (C)
Senior High Jump	1. Matthew (F) 2. Bailey (E) 3. Ismail (F)	1. Dakota (F) 2. Natarsha (H)

HIGH JUMP RESULTS

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.

Permission notes and canteen order forms will be sent home today.

Scholastic Book Club

Scholastic Book Club ISSUE 2 catalogues have been handed out. This is the final Book Club for Term 1. Orders are to be returned to the front office no later than - Thursday **22nd March**.

To place an order:

Make sure the order slip has student's full name & class.

If paying in cash please have the correct amount of money for your order. Cheques to be made out to Scholastic Australia and credit cards are done online. Please check order sheet for details.

Hand order in at **the front office before school**.

Happy Reading

Mrs. Smith

Teacher Librarian

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.

DEFENCE SCHOOL TRANSITION AIDE NEWS

Raymond Terrace YMCA is continuing with the exercise program for adults and children, especially for Defence families. They are also holding some special events: # **Sunday 1st April: Free Family BBQ Fun Day** at Lakeside Leisure Centre from 2pm, please RSVP by 28 March 2012 # **Thursday 5th April: Girls Night In!** at YMCA from 7pm, a night to relax and enjoy a facial, etc please RSVP by 2 April 2012. Please contact Sam at Raymond Terrace YMCA by emailing info.rtlc@ymca.org.au to register or for more information on current or upcoming events and programs. There is a new Defence Family Helpline, phone number: 1800 624 608 which is staffed by healthcare professionals to assist families 24/7 with a variety of issues, such as managing deployment, relocation, postings, children's education, support with special needs, and transitioning when leaving the ADF. The Helpline can also be emailed: DefenceFamilyHelpline@defence.gov.au Please see the Defence Community organisation website for more details. If there are any enquiries I am able to assist you with please email me at: Deborah.odonoghue1@det.nsw.edu.au or leave a message the school office.

Many thanks,
Deborah O'Donoghue
Defence School Transition Aide

Worimi LALC

The Worimi LALC is hosting a live play focused on Youth and Health.

It is taking place on the **27th March @ 6pm, Murrook Culture Centre**

Entry is FREE.

Light refreshments will be supplied.

HEAD LICE ALERT!

Please check your children for head lice or nits (eggs) and treat them if needed.

A number of students have been affected recently and it is important that you regularly check your children for the condition.

STUDENT ABSENCES REMINDER

- Students between the ages of 6 and 15 are required by law, to attend school.
- Parents should ensure that their children attend school regularly.
- Students are allowed to be absent from school due to illness, incapacitation, or if they accompany their parent/caregivers for a legitimate reason.
- Explanations for their children's absences are to be provided promptly.
- Parents are expected to contact the school if their child will be absent for more than two days or if their child is reluctant to attend school.

Attendance at school is very important. Students need to be at school every day and should arrive prior to the 9 a.m. bell. It is not acceptable for students to arrive late on a regular basis.

Late Arrivals

If students are late for school, they need to be brought to the school office by their parent or carer so the reason can be verified and recorded. This is a child welfare and protection procedure to ensure children are not turning up late to school without their parents' knowledge. Your support with this matter is greatly appreciated.