

Grahamstown Public School News

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From the Principal

Athletics Carnival

Thank you to all the parents who assisted with the carnival. Without your assistance the carnival would not be as successful nor as enjoyable for the students.

The staff work hard to make the carnival a successful day. Last Tuesday was well organised, with all students active at all times throughout the day. It was pleasing to see so many children trying their hardest in all the events. They are also to be congratulated for their sportsmanship and enthusiasm.

Again. Well done Grahamstown Public School. A great school we can be proud of.

Holidays

The holidays begin this Thursday. Thursday is the last day of term followed by Good Friday. There is no school this coming Friday.

Term 2 begins on Monday 23rd April for teachers and **TUESDAY 24th APRIL for STUDENTS.**

Have a safe and happy break.

Earth Hour

Be sure to finalise any business at the office **before** 2pm on Thursday when the office closes down for Earth Hour. They will be unable to process any money, issue receipts or work with computers as electricity within the school will be turned off at 2pm to participate in the Earth Hour Campaign. We appreciate your cooperation with this initiative.

Sue Kane
Principal

COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 1

April 5 th	Earth Hour 2-3pm
April 5 th	Easter Hat Parade 10.30am / Raffle Drawn
April 6 th	Good Friday
April 24 th	Student's return school
April 27 th	Zone Cross Country
May 4 th	Girls Softball Knockout
May 8 th	Yr 4 Lakeside Excursion

Notes in Circulation

- **Mathletics 2012**
- **Sport In Schools Australia Program**
- **Star Struck**
- **Primary School Touch Gala Day**

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.

When making payments to the classroom teacher please ensure each student is paid for separately. Please do not pay for all siblings to the one class.

Thanking you for your cooperation
The School Office

Canteen News

Roster:

Tue 3 April : Skye Noffke

Wed 4 April : Bev Pegg, Julie Evans

Thur 5 April: Leigh Kelty, Fiona Brown

First Week Term 2

Tues24 April Sally Douglas, Vanessa Henderson

Thurs 26 Apr: Tanya Picot, Sharmaine Connor

Fri 27 April: Susan Martin

Stocks will be running down this week. Some items will become unavailable.

**** ACCOUNTS WILL BE SENT HOME ON MONDAY, PLEASE HAVE THESE PAID BY THE END OF THE WEEK****

Boys Softball Team win a Nail Biter

On Thursday March 22, 2012 the Boys Softball team played Soldiers Point Public School in the first round of the state knockout. The game was played in the playground and the boys were supported by a dedicated group of parents. Despite both teams suffering early nerves, Grahamstown took an early lead and hung on to win 12-11. All the boys improved as the game progressed and I am proud of their first up efforts. Our next game will be against either Clarence Town or Tanilba Bay.

Miss Russell

Girls Softball

Our long awaited first round game is scheduled for Friday May 4 against Clarence Town at Clarence Town.

Representative Shirts

We have many shirts outstanding and will be needing them in the near future for our sporting teams. **Please return any shirts or school equipment that you have at home.**

ASSEMBLY AWARDS 30 MARCH 2012

KA	3C
Nate	Sophie
Alexys	Bryson
Chloe	Jayden
KH	3S
Harley	Codie
Hayden	Kaitlyn
Lillie	Grace
KF	4K
Jonathan	Alex
Emilia	Angel
Jessica	Ellie
K/1W	4P
Phillip	Kaylah
Kate	Zake
Aiden	Montanna
1K	4/5R
Zacary	Cooper
Dakotah	Eliza
Chloe	Breanna
1R	5S
Amelia	Blake
Noah	Samantha
Brendan	Jack
2B	5/6W
Ashley	Jenny
Alyssa	Oliver
Owen	Ryan
2M	6S
Ashley	Joel
Bailey	Michelle
Eleanore	Renae
6F	
Dakota	
Andrea	
Rebecca	

Zone Cross Country

The notes for the Zone Cross Country were handed out on Wednesday March 21. At Zone the 9 year olds and under run as one group. This means that children may have placed highly in the 7, 8 or 9 year old race but not have gained a place on the team to attend the zone if they were not one of the six fastest overall.

Those permission notes need to be returned to Miss Russell before the holiday break as the Zone is the first Friday back after the holidays (April 27). If your child received a note but is not able to attend please contact the school so that a reserve can have a run.

Stage 3 Camp

We have paid our deposit for camp and now the \$235 balance is due early in September.

Installment 1: \$50 by beginning of Term 2

Installment 2: \$50 week 5 Term 2

Installment 3: \$50 week 10 Term 2

Installment 4: \$50 beginning of Term 3

Installment 5: \$35 early September.

Of course the amount may be paid in full at any time.

Anxious Student Visits

Next Tuesday April 3, 2012 from 1-1.40pm there is a transition session organised for students who will be attending Irrawang High School in 2013 and who are **anxious about the change to High School or are reserved by nature.** This will be initial contact for those students with the Transition Coordinator, Mrs Adele Robinson. This session will be held at Grahamstown Public School. If you would like your child to attend please return the permission note handed to students on Thursday March 29.

**EASTER HAT PARADE
THURSDAY 5TH APRIL AT
10.30AM.**

**YEARS K – 2 BRING HAT,
YEARS 3-6 AUDIENCE**

**RAFFLE DRAWN AFTER
PARADE**

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 an 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.

P & C News

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month starting at 7:00pm. Our AGM will be held 8th May 2012 at 7:00pm followed by the monthly meeting. These meetings are a great way to be involved in decisions and discussions with issues arising at our school. Thank you to those who have been attending the meetings and we invite all parents and citizens to join us at meetings in the future. Tickets for the Easter Raffle have been sent home. There are three great Easter prizes up for grabs with the raffle being drawn on the last day of term Thursday 5th April 2012.

mSP Photography

Say cheese, school photo day is 30 April 2012. Have your child's school memories captured forever. Please take time to read the relevant information on the msp Photography payment envelopes and remember these helpful points:

- Don't seal envelope inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day.
- Family envelopes are available at the school office upon request.
- Please enclose correct money as no change is given. Cash, cheques and money orders only (sorry no credit card accepted).

For any enquiries, please feel free to contact us
Phone 4966 8292 or admin.hcc@msp.com.au

Please do not send envelopes to school before photo day.

Raymond Terrace Community
Markets

Healthy lifestyle Expo

**19th May @ Riverside Park till 9am till
2pm.**

We have a wide range of stalls ranging from fruit and veges, handmade hair clips, jewellery, handmade craft, pot plants to name a few.

Athletics Carnival News

What a great day! **Thanks to all** the parents who came along and helped out with timekeeping, judging and assisting the running of the different field events, as well as supporting their own children. A great big thanks also, to all the teachers who ran the carnival. Well done to all the children who came along and participated so well. Great work everyone.

The points for overall winners are not finalised yet as we still need to run the relays. Ribbons and trophies will be presented at a later date.

The champions' points were equally difficult with so many great athletes competing. **The final results for 2012**

Champions :

Jun Girl -Teeya

Jun Boy -Will

11 year Girl- Kimberley

11 year Boy-Jackson

Sen Girl-Dakota

Sen Boy-Bailey

Congratulations Champions!

Are you aged between 8 - 12 years?
Do you help look after your brother or sister, parent, grandparent, other relative or friend who has a disability, mental illness, chronic medical condition, drug and/or alcohol related condition or who is frail aged?

Yes! Then...**Come along to EDuCARE's**
i-care 6 Week Young Carer

Peer Support Group!!

What will I be doing in the Group?

Meet New Friends

Share Your Experiences with Others

Talk about your Feelings

Learning to Deal with Problems

Talk about your Worries

Explore your Strengths

Most of all have Fun!!!

**When: Each Tuesday from 8th May til
Tuesday 12th June, 2012**

Time: 3.45pm - 5.45pm

**Where: Raymond Terrace Primary School,
Cnr Swan & Adelaide Streets,
Raymond Terrace**

**Cost: FREE! - Includes all Activities and
Afternoon Tea**

***Limited Places, so Don't Miss Out on this
Opportunity!***

**To Register Contact EDuCARE on:
4921 4895**

From all the
staff at GPS
have a safe and
happy holiday!