

Grahamstown Public School News

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From the Principal

There are many exciting projects happening this term. We are looking forward to the Sports in School program where students will have access to new and exciting equipment to improve their physical skills and increase their enjoyment of sport.

High School transition visits begin with several of our Year 6 students being included in programs designed to decrease anxieties associated with going to high school and to increase the capacity of students to adapt to high school life. We are very appreciative of the excellent transition program offered by Irrawang High School and the dedication their staff display in developing independence in our students.

Our P&C Annual general Meeting is to be held on Tuesday May 8th. All are welcome to attend. Our hard working P&C need your support. The additional support they provide for our school is for the benefit of all students. We thank them for their continuing efforts. The school Fun-O-Thon is in organisational mode. It will be held in Week 7 of this term and we hope you can attend.

NAPLAN testing takes place in Week 4. May 14-18. All Year 3 and Year 5 students will sit the national tests and results will be available later in the year.

We are looking forward to a productive term. Welcome back to Term 2.

Sue Kane
Principal

COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 2

April 25th	Anzac Day Public Holiday
April 26th	Anzac Day Service @ 9.30am
April 27th	Zone Cross Country
May 4th	Girls Softball Knockout
May 8th	P & C AGM
May 11th	Hunter Cross Country

ANZAC SERVICE

Grahamstown Public School's ANZAC service will be held on Thursday April 26 commencing at 9.30am. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Notes in Circulation

- **Mathletics 2012**
- **Sport In Schools Australia**
- **Star Struck**

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.

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.**

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: First Week Term 2

Tues 24 April Sally Douglas, Vanessa Henderson

Thurs 26 Apr: Tanya Picot, Sharmaine Connor

Fri 27 April: Susan Martin

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.

**CROSS COUNTRY TROPHIES
AND RIBBONS WILL BE
HANDED OUT AT ASSEMBLY
ON THE 4TH MAY 2012.**

Girls Softball

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

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. 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.

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.

Art Show Meeting

The Raymond Terrace Art show committee AGM will be held on Tuesday 1st May at Irrawang Public School. All parent helpers are most welcome.

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.

Sports in Schools

Just a reminder that students at Grahamstown P.S. will be given the opportunity to participate in the 'Sports in Schools' program this term. A yellow information letter was sent home last term regarding this excellent program. The program will be run each Monday and will commence on Monday 6th May (not next

Monday due to school photos). The cost of the program is \$40 per student. Any families with more than two students will only pay for the first and second child. A \$10 deposit needs to be paid AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, or you may choose to pay the full \$40 fee upfront. Copies of the original information letter are available from the front office. We are encouraging EVERY student to participate in this very worthwhile program. Please contact Mrs South if you have any questions. Many thanks for your support.

PARKING OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL

A reminder that there are parking restrictions in Hastings Drive outside the school.

The Ranger patrols the area regularly

- Parents may use the "No Parking" Zone to drop students off and collect them in the afternoon. You cannot leave your vehicle, nor have your car standing in the space. It is a "Kiss and Drop" zone only.
If you wait longer than a minute or two, your vehicle is likely to be photographed and you are liable for a \$220.00 fine.
- The bus zone is a no standing and no parking area between 8.30am and 9.30am and between 2.30pm and 3.30pm.
- The Council has also made a section opposite the school a restricted time no parking area as well.

These areas have been put in place for the safety of your children and others.

NAMES ON CLOTHING / UNIFORM ITEMS

It is important that students have their uniform and other clothing named for school...Please spend 5 minutes writing the names on labels or somewhere so that the items can be identified. You would not believe how many "LOST" items we end up with in the Lost Property bin.

Owners cannot be found if the items are not named.