

Grahamstown Public School News

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From the Principal

Opportunity Class Applications

Parents seeking **opportunity class placement for Year 5 entry in 2013** are required to submit an application by **18 May 2012**. Generally students are in **Year 4 in 2012** when applying for Year 5 entry in 2013.

Parents seeking opportunity class placement for students in 2013 will be able to apply for up to two schools of their choice. It is expected that parents will make appropriate decisions when choosing a school that is within reasonable travelling distance. Parents are strongly encouraged to give careful consideration to the time taken and modes of transport involved when choosing a school with an opportunity class.

Parents of students currently enrolled in a NSW public school with access to the internet, a printer and their own email address (not the student's) should apply for opportunity class placement online by going to the [NSW Public Schools website](http://www.nswpublicschools.org).

Online applications **open on Monday 30 April 2012**. All other applicants must complete an official printed application form.

Application packages will be available in schools **from 7 May 2012**. The number of application packages dispatched will be reduced this year in response to the high demand for online applications.

Application forms whether submitted online or lodged with the principal should be received by the student's current primary school **by Friday 18 May 2012**.

Photos and Videos

Due to Child Protection regulations we request that photos of students at assemblies and performances not be taken. There have been instances where a video of a performance was taken, by a parent, and uploaded onto youtube without any consent given by the parents of the children in the video.

We can't publish student's photos without permission but have no control over where photos are published that are taken at assemblies etc.

If you would like a photo of your child with their certificate we are happy for you to take their photo after the assembly, before your child returns to class.

Fun Day Activities

At the end of each term there will be activities organised for the students who have followed our school values of respect, responsibility and pride.

The students who have not followed our school values will miss out on the fun day activities. Not all children will have received a letter home about a negative behaviour. Only those children attending discussion room receive a letter. Students may have a negative report for being out of bounds or running on the concrete, as examples. These are considered minor misdemeanours and a student would need three strikes before being eliminated from fun day activities.

If a student has a more serious breach of the school values, such as violence or suspension they may automatically be eliminated from fun day as well as facing the consequences at the time for their actions.

Student Behaviour

The staff has been very proud of the students this week. Their behaviour during the Anzac Service and our regular weekly assembly was superb. They can be very proud of themselves and the self control they display during special events.

Our students were also congratulated because of their exceptional behaviour and good manners at the football gala day last term. The accompanying teachers were very proud of the students who attended this day.

Sport in Schools

Thank you to everyone for the excellent response we have had to the Sport in Schools program. Mrs South has worked very hard to organise the program and is very pleased with the response. The children will have lots of fun participating.

NAPLAN

The national testing week for years three and five is from Monday May 14th, when students do the practise test, to Friday May 18th, where students who may have missed part of the test, have time to catch up. The testing days are Tuesday May 15th, Wednesday May 16th and Thursday May 17th.

Enjoy your week

Sue Kane
Principal

COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 2

May 4 th	Girls Softball Knockout
May 8 th	P & C AGM
May 11 th	Hunter Cross Country

Notes in Circulation

- Athletics 2012
- Sport In Schools Australia
- Star Struck
- Lakeside Aquatic Centre

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.

Canteen News

Roster: First Week Term 2

Tues 1st May: Skye Noffke

Wed 2nd May: Bev Pegg, Julie Evans

Thurs 3rd May: Leigh Kelly, Fiona Brown

Fri 4th May: Vanessa O'Connell, Danielle Piening, Lynne Dunk.

***New Yoghurt Cups – Strawberry or Mango \$1.50**

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.**

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.

Mother's Day Stall 2012

The Mother's Day stall will be on
Thursday 10th May 2012

The P @ C have purchased fabulous gifts from companies aimed at school Mother's Day stalls so you can expect some beautiful and special gifts.

Prices will be from \$3 - \$7 A "bargain" table will also be available.

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.

ASSEMBLY AWARDS 30 MARCH 2012

KA	3C
<i>Xander</i>	<i>Jared</i>
<i>Xander</i>	<i>Daniel</i>
<i>Ashlynn</i>	<i>Ashley</i>
KH	3S
<i>Lilly</i>	<i>Tracey</i>
<i>Reuben</i>	<i>Cody</i>
<i>Mia</i>	<i>Kye</i>
KF	4K
<i>Lilly</i>	<i>Alana</i>
<i>Zakary</i>	<i>Hayden</i>
<i>Harry</i>	<i>William</i>
	<i>Makayla</i>
K/1W	4P
<i>Tyrah</i>	<i>Bryce</i>
<i>Jessica</i>	<i>Angel</i>
<i>Ruby</i>	<i>Seth</i>
1K	4/5R
<i>Lachlan</i>	
<i>Dakotah</i>	
<i>Tayah</i>	
1R	5S
<i>Clare</i>	<i>Kaile</i>
<i>Lily</i>	<i>Caleb</i>
<i>Codie</i>	<i>Sarina</i>
2B	5/6W
<i>Kacey</i>	<i>Jacob</i>
<i>Jayden</i>	<i>William</i>
<i>Nicholas</i>	<i>Emily</i>
2M	6S
<i>Alana</i>	<i>Renae</i>
<i>Riley</i>	<i>Kiara</i>
<i>Caleb</i>	<i>Kayla</i>
6F	
<i>Amber</i>	
<i>Lachlan</i>	
<i>Liam</i>	

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.

The amount may be paid in full at any time.

DEFENCE SCHOOL TRANSITION AIDE NEWS

I was fortunate to have time with members from the community who attended our ANZAC Day Ceremony, they were very impressed with Grahamstown PS and the school leaders who represented the school with much enthusiasm, kindness & courtesy. It was great to see the respect shown on this special occasion.

To coincide with ANZAC DAY, I arranged for a "Memorial Box" to be sent from the Australian War Memorial which has various articles from the Second World War. The theme for the Memorial Box is "Our War in the Pacific". There are photos from the Box, displayed in the library and the items will be utilised during the children's library lessons. If any parents or grandparents wish to view the Memorial Box, please see the librarian or myself. The Buzz Newsletter contains information for local Defence families, unfortunately I am unable to obtain hardcopies, however it can be downloaded from: www.thebuzznews.webs.com. The Raymond Terrace YMCA are continuing with the fitness program for Defence Families, please contact Sam on 4983 1703 or email info.rtlc@ymca.org.au for more information about upcoming events and programs.

If you need to contact me, please leave a message with the front office or email: deborah.odonoghue1@det.nsw.edu.au

Many thanks,

Deborah O' Donoghue

Defence School Transition Aide

NUF NUF DAY IS COMING AT THE END OF TERM 3

In Term 3, Stage 3 will be holding a mini fete during the afternoon session. It will be very similar to our fete which was held in 2011. All children are invited to participate in the activities which will be priced at 5c or 10c.

Children K-4 need to have saved their change as NO CHANGE will be available at the office or canteen on the day and Stage 3 students will have only limited amounts.

Children from 4/5R, 5S, 5/6W, 6F and 6S need to think of an activity and talk to their teacher to ensure that activities are suitable and not duplicated. Prizes will be small wrapped lollies and toys and will need to be purchased by those children organising the stall.

We are raising money for the Year 6 Farewell.

All parents are welcome.

Stage 3 Teachers.

Girls Softball

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

WOOLWORTHS – EARN & LEARN PROGRAM 2012

It's simple to participate: from the 9th May, when staff and parents shop at Woolworths they can collect stickers from the checkout operator and place them on sticker cards. There'll be one sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco, and gift cards). Once completed, they can place their sticker cards in the collection box, either at your school or at your local Woolworths. In 2011, Grahamstown Public School collected 32,500 points and were able to purchase nearly \$2,000 worth of equipment. Thank you to all the parents and community members who collected

last year, I hope that you will make the effort again in 2012.

Scholastic Book Club

Scholastic Book Club April/May catalogues were handed out last week. Orders are to be returned to the front office no later than - **Thursday 10th May**. Some spare copies of catalogues are in the Library.

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.

Place order in an envelope marked clearly with Book Club, Child's Name & Class.

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

Happy Reading

Mrs. Smith

Teacher Librarian

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.