

Grahamstown Public School News

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From the Principal

Opportunity Class Application 2013

30 April 2012: Online applications are open

7 May 2012: Paper application forms available in schools

18 May 2012: Closing date for online applications and paper application forms lodged with schools

23 May 2012: Principals' processing site opens

8 June 2012: Principals' processing site closes

25 July 2012: Opportunity Class Placement Test

Parents wishing to apply for Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2013 on behalf of their children will be able to access the online application site **from Monday 30 April 2012**, a week before paper applications are scheduled for distribution. .

Parents will be able to access the online application at
www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement.

Paper application forms will be available from 7 May 2012 (not before) to parents without internet access. **Under no circumstances should parents use both online and printed options.** Information provided on paper application forms will be scanned so it is imperative that parents be aware that they should not cross out or use whiteout but should start a new paper application if they have made a mistake.

Applications, whether completed online or on paper will close on **Friday 18 May 2012**.

Mother's Day Stall

Thank you to the hard working P&C volunteers who have organised the Mother's day stall for this year. Children will be able to purchase gifts on Thursday May 10th. They will go to the hall with their class to select their gift/s. If you would like your child to make a purchase please send their money to school with them on the day.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN week begins May 14th. All year 3 and 5 students will be sitting for the national tests. Monday is the practise day, Tuesday Wednesday and Thursday are testing days and Friday is the catch up day for anyone who has missed a test session.

If you have any concerns about your child sitting for the tests please contact the school.

P&C AGM

Tomorrow night is the canteen committee and P&C AGM. The canteen committee starts at 6:30am and the P&C meeting begins at 7pm. All are welcome to attend. Only those people who have been financial members from the previous meeting are eligible to vote at the AGM. These are P&C Federation regulations.

Notification of test dates

The **Selective High Schools Test** for Year 7 entry into selective high schools in 2014 will be held on **Thursday 14 March 2013**.

The application packages for Year 7 entry to a selective high school in 2014 will be distributed to schools and Department of Education and Communities school education group offices in **October 2012**. The application information **will** also be available on the internet at
www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

Sue Kane
Principal

COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 2

May 7 th	Sports in School Commences
May 8 th	P & C AGM
May 10 th	Mother's Day Stall
May 11 th	Hunter Cross Country

Notes in Circulation

- **Mathletics 2012**
- **Sport In Schools Australia**
- **Star Struck**
- **Lakeside Aquatic Centre**
- **Digi-Ed**

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:

Tues 8th May: Vanessa Henderson, Jo Delaforce

Wed 9th May: Skye McAlpine, Leanne Cook

Thurs 10th May: Tanya Picot

Fri 11th May: Sue Ryan, Kris O'Brien

Mon 14th May: Cathy Hedges, Diane Holden

Our roster is running low again, so if you can spare a few hours each month please consider volunteering in the canteen. See Sherri to put your name on the roster.

Hot Milo is only available until 8.55am Monday – Thursday. It is not sold on Friday mornings because of the high volume of lunch orders.

School Parliament

Donation needed – Does anybody have a Rosemary bush at home? If so could you please donate some clippings to Grahamstown School? Please see Mr Kelly or Mrs Kane if you can help. We are hoping to have our own Rosemary bushes growing before Anzac Day next year. Thank you very much.

Renae

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.

Mother's Day Stall

It's here!!! The stall will be held this Thursday 10th May.

There will be some wonderful, exciting & special things for the kids to purchase for Mum. Gifts will mostly range from \$3 - \$7. Also there will be a bargain table. There will also be a "sweet present" available & hope if purchased they somehow don't disappear on the way home. We kindly ask that the children don't bring large money denominations notes to school.

If anyone is able to help on the day for a couple of hours with the stall from 9am we would really love to see you.

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 4 MAY 2012

KA	3C
<i>Charli</i>	<i>Emilee</i>
<i>Chloe</i>	<i>Naomi</i>
<i>William</i>	<i>Harrison</i>
KH	3S
<i>Lillie</i>	<i>Emily</i>
<i>Chloe</i>	<i>Jacob</i>
<i>Harley</i>	<i>Caitlin</i>
KF	4K
<i>Brandan</i>	<i>Harrison</i>
<i>Isis</i>	<i>Tyler</i>
<i>Nikala</i>	<i>Eathan</i>
	<i>Tanille</i>
K/1W	4P
<i>Jessica</i>	
<i>Luis</i>	
<i>Logan</i>	
1K	4/5R
<i>Kaytlin</i>	<i>Bryson</i>
<i>Tyler</i>	<i>Julian</i>
<i>Azhure</i>	<i>Myles</i>
	<i>Sierra</i>
1R	5S
<i>Emerson</i>	<i>Phoebe</i>
<i>Lily</i>	<i>Blake</i>
<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Jesse</i>
2B	5/6W
<i>Sophie</i>	<i>Kynan</i>
<i>Alanna</i>	<i>Teeya</i>
<i>Taleaha</i>	<i>Lachlan</i>
2M	6S
<i>Camryn</i>	<i>Zac</i>
<i>Harry</i>	<i>Brittany</i>
<i>Isabella</i>	<i>Katelyn</i>
6F	
<i>Andrea</i>	
<i>Joel</i>	
<i>Eleanor</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.

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.

Stewart House

Stewart House located on Sydney's Northern Beaches supports 1800 children from NSW public schools each year. Children nominated by their school attend a free 2 week stay at Stewart House where they have opportunities to visit Sydney landmarks and attractions, make new friends and have eye and hearing checks.

Stewart House donation drive envelopes were sent home last Friday. Please place a \$2 coin in this envelope and return to the office by this **Friday 11th May 2012, to support this wonderful charity and go in the draw to win a**

\$4000.00 Family Holiday. All donations will be greatly appreciated.

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. Sticker cards are coming home with this newsletter. Additional cards can be collected from the school office.

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.

A reminder to parents to notify the school about your child's health.

We welcome information from parents about your child's health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child's health care needs change or if a new health condition develops. Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. Please provide this information in writing to the principal. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child's health and wellbeing. Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts. We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information that you provide will be stored securely and will only be used to support your child's health needs or as otherwise required by law.