

Grahamstown Public School News

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From the Principal

P&C

The P&C Annual General Meeting was held last Tuesday and the following Executive were elected:

President: Kellie Sandeman
Vice President: Adam Nicholas
Secretary: Karen Walsh
Treasurer: Susan Van Hoof

The canteen committee are:

Convenor: Skye McAlpine
Treasurer: Fiona Brown
Note Keeper: Karen Walsh
Uniform Shop: Fiona Brown

Congratulations and thank you goes to the newly elected executive.

Thank you to Jodie Bennett, the 2011 secretary, for all her work and dedication to the roll.

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 will be able to access the online application at

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement.

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

Mother's Day Stall

Thank you to the wonderful volunteers who worked so hard to provide the students with quality gifts for Mother's Day. The effort you put into purchasing, wrapping and selling the presents is much appreciated.

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

NAPLAN

This week is NAPLAN week where all Year 3 and 5 students will sit for the national tests.

Sue Kane
Principal

COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 2

May 14 th	NAPLAN
May 18 th	Zone Touch Footy
May 21 st	Digi-Ed Stage 3
May 22 nd	Digi-Ed Stage 2
May 23 rd	Zone Softball
May 30 th	Disco

Notes in Circulation

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

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 15th May: Skye Noffke

Wed 16th May: Kylie Swadling, Simone Adam

Thurs 17th May: Janet Allen, Fiona Brown

Fri 18th May: Tracey Singleton, Danielle Piening, Jessica Fenwick

Mon 20th May: Barbara Govan, Sue Ryan

New price list is now in effect. Please get your copy from the canteen if you haven't already got one.

HOT MILO WILL NO LONGER BE
AVAILABLE ANY DAY

PBL

At Grahamstown Public School we have a committed PBL team comprising of teachers, office and executive staff from across the school. This program encourages positive behaviour to achieve the outcome of a safe and happy school for everyone. Grahamstown Public school is proud to be part of this exciting initiative.

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

Sport

On Friday 4th May the girls softball team went to Clarence Town to play a game of softball against Clarence Town Public School. We had an exciting day with great weather, it was really hot all day long. Everyone was playing very well and had a great time at softball.

When we got there, Miss Russell made me the team Captain for the day. We tossed a coin between the two teams and we won, so our team chose to field first. We had two great pitchers for our team. Our team batted next, we had some great home runs by all the team. Great team work by all the players. Grahamstown won and we move onto the next round. Thank you Miss Russell, Ms Kane and all the parents that helped out driving us to Softball.

By Jessica

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.

ASSEMBLY AWARDS 10 MAY 2012

KA	3C
Ariana	Kasey-Rose
Alisha	Benjamin
Mikayla	Kayla
KH	3S
Tiana	Dominic
Breony	Shaelee
Kenneth	Haylee
KF	4K
Stella	Tegan
Kaidee	Seth
Hayden	Clare
	Shania
K/1W	4P
Chloe	Tahlia
Baydn	Alex
Lili	Montanna
	Dale
1K	4/5R
Sean	Jayden
Chloe	Mitchell
Chelsey	Corann
	Raabi
1R	5S
Becky	Will
Aidan	Liam
Ethan	Caleb
2B	5/6W
Hayden	Paul
Taleaha	Georgia
Ashley	Louise
2M	6S
Chloe	Ben
Cooper	Lochie
Ruqayya	Natarsha
6F	
Joshua	
Adrian	
Jada	

Children who miss breakfast are often reported as having poor behaviour and poor concentration. Children who miss breakfast are often unable to meet their daily nutrient requirements. Children who miss breakfast are more likely to have a greater risk of being overweight or obese. Eating breakfast helps children learn and establish healthy eating habits early in life.

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. Additional cards can be collected from the school office.



2012 GPS FUN-A-THON Space Invaders



This year's GPS FUN-A-THON will be held on Thursday 14th June 2012. Information notes will be sent home this week and student sponsorship forms will follow in the next few weeks. The P & C have already started purchasing some fabulous prizes for students who collect sponsors. If you are able to assist on the day please see your child's class teacher. Last year's event was a huge success and we are looking to make it even bigger and better this year. Watch this "SPACE" for updates.

Why is breakfast
important?

Parenting and Family Support Centre

“Tell Us What You Think About Parenting”

The Parenting and Family Support Centre at the University of Queensland is conducting research into parents' thoughts about parenting and parenting programs around the world. If you have a child between 2 and 12 years, we would love to hear your views on your parenting and the services that are available to you as a parent. We are looking for parents with a child aged 2-12 to complete a short survey. To find out more or to participate please visit <http://psy.uq.edu.au/ips>.

Are you looking for ways to encourage better behaviour from your children? Do you have a child with Special Needs and would like some information about supporting their siblings? Come to a FREE Parent Workshop! Wednesday 16th May, 2012 St. Brigid's Hall, Irrawang Street Raymond Terrace 6.30pm for a 7.00pm Start Fabulous supper provided!!

Raymond Terrace Community Markets

Raymond Terrace Community markets which are held the third Saturday of each month down by Riverside Park operate 9am till 2pm. We have a wide range of stalls ranging from fruit and vegie, handmade hair clips, jewellery, handmade craft, pot plants to name a few. Our next market is on Saturday the 19th of May 2012 this market will have the theme of Healthy Lifestyle so come along and view the displays while checking out our regular stalls.

Sport In Schools

Our 'Sport In Schools' program commenced last Monday and is certainly off to a 'flying start'! A huge thank you, as we have had an overwhelming response to the program.

Please remember that if you have not already done so, the second instalment of \$15 is due by the end of next week

Many thanks. Your ongoing support is very much appreciated.

Mrs South.



Some of the students at Grahamstown Public School enjoying Sports in Schools Program.

