

Grahamstown Public School News

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From the Principal

Art Show

The 45th annual Raymond Terrace Art Show is fast approaching. There will be a committee meeting held at Raymond Terrace Public School at 5:15 on May 29th. Anyone wishing to lend a helping hand would be very welcome.

Opening night for the Art Show is on Friday August 1st at 7pm. Please come along to support this community event.

Grahamstown will hold its judging prior to the Art Show and the winners will represent our school at the event. The quality of the children's work is truly amazing.

Fun – a – Thon

The annual Fun-a-Thon will be held on June 14th (weather permitting). Years 3-6 will be experiencing the fun between 12 and 1:30pm. K-2 will be enjoying their activities between 1:45 and 3pm.

We would like to invite parents to come and join in the fun and if you can assist the class teacher please let them know you're available.

007

The 007 program is working very well. This is due to the excellent training the students were given at the beginning of 2012 and the enthusiasm and dedication of the 007 students. Each lunch break the rostered students organise activities that would not otherwise be offered during break times. The children appreciate and enjoy the extra activities and the 007 team are developing excellent leadership skills.

The program is designed to develop skills such as planning, accepting responsibility, tolerance and organisation. Each of the leaders is demonstrating the development of

these skills and are to be congratulated and thanked for their efforts.

Hunter Irrigation and Water Supply

Hunter Irrigation and Water Supply has kindly donated materials to repair the sprinkler system that keeps our playing fields well watered.

We appreciate their donation and acknowledge their assistance to our school. Thank you.

Sue Kane
Principal

COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 2

May 21 st	Digi-Ed Stage 3
May 22 nd	Digi-Ed Stage 2
May 23 rd	Zone Softball
May 30 th	Disco
June 11 th	Public Holiday
June 14 th	Fun-A-Thon

Notes in Circulation

- **Mathletics 2012**
- **Sport In Schools Australia**
- **Star Struck**
- **Lakeside Aquatic Centre**
- **Digi-Ed**
- **Fun-A-Thon**
- **Planet Savers**

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:

Tues22 May: Sally Douglas, Vanessa Henderson

Wed 23 May: Lily Francisco, Barbara Govan

Thurs 24 May: Tanya Picot, Sharmaine Connor

Fri 25 May: Susan Martin, Danielle Piening

Mon 28 May: Cathy Hedges

New price list is now in effect. Copies available at the canteen.

Hot Milo is no longer available.

Lunch orders must be in by 9am to allow for preparation and cooking. Late orders will be given a simple sandwich.

If you can spare a few hours each month please consider putting your name down on the roster. We have days where we have no volunteers and would like to fill these places soon.

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.

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.

Sport In Schools Program
Just a friendly reminder that
the second instalment of
\$15 is due this week.
Thank you for your support.

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.

Live Life Snippets

Iodine and learning

Iodine is needed for the thyroid gland, growth and brain development. Sources of iodine include:

Cow's milk, yoghurt and cheese
 Seafood

Seaweed - as used in sushi or nori rolls

Softball News

The boys softball team will be facing Clarence Town on Tuesday 22 May. The game will commence at about 10am in the school playground. If the boys are successful their next game will be on June 1 against Nabic after the girl's game. The girls softball team will be playing Nabic on June 1st in the playground.

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 at 1.30pm. Children should arrive at the high school by 1.10 in preparation for the test. 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. The High School will inform students who have made it to the interview stage within 2-3 weeks of taking the application exam. In the past we have been able to arrange transport to Irrawang High School but this is not the case in 2012. If you wish for your child to sit the exam **you will need to arrange transport for them** to and from the high school. If you have any questions see Miss Russell.

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.

We would like to invite all parents
and Caregivers to a
DEVONSHIRE TEA
to support

Cancer Council's
Australia's Biggest Morning Tea
On Thursday 24TH May

From 9:15am in the school hall

We look forward to see you there!

Deborah O'Donoghue, DSTA

Glenda De Wit, DTM, Irrawang HS

If you are able to attend, we would appreciate it if you could leave this note at the front office by Tuesday 22nd May. Thank you.

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

Yes, I can attend Morning Tea on
Thursday 24th May