

Grahamstown Public School News

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From the Principal

PBL

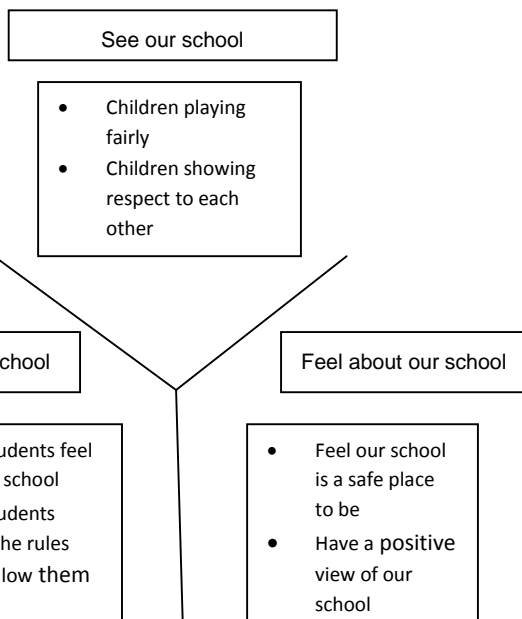
We are asking parents to give their contribution to our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) plan. Parents can give their opinion on what they would like to see within the school in terms of expectations of behaviour in children.

The staff are looking for constructive ideas on how the school will look in three years if PBL is having an affect.

The survey that is at the end of this newsletter looks like this: (Some examples are shown for demonstration only)

Parents

In 3 years time you would



Disco

The school disco is on Wednesday night. The infants (K-2) students attend between 5pm and 6:45pm and primary (3-6) between 7pm and 9pm. Thank you to the volunteers who come to serve at the canteen and to the staff who give up there evening (unpaid) to supervise.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Your child should have brought home their scheduled timetable for parent teacher interviews. Please return this to secure your appointment time. Once the return has been received by the classroom teacher a confirmation of the allocated time will be sent home with your child.

If you have not yet received your parent teacher interview note please collect one from the office.

Principal

COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 2

May 30 th	Disco
June 5 th	Wetland Excursion Yr 4
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**
- **Fun-A-Thon**
- **Planet Savers**
- **PBL Survey**
- **Parent Teacher Interviews**

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 29 May: Skye Noffke

Wed 30 May: Karen Watson

Thurs 31 May: Leigh Kelty, Fiona Brown

Fri 1 June: Vanessa O'Connell, Danielle Piening, Lyn Dunk

Mon 4 June: Cathy Hedges

Volunteers needed for the Disco, let us know if you can lend a hand.

PBL

At Grahamstown Public School (GPS) we believe that effective discipline will enhance effective learning. We believe that children learn best when students, parents, carers and staff have a common understanding of expectations.

The Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) program encourages positive behaviour from all students through the development of a shared language and shared behaviour expectations at our school.

Parents and carers have a responsibility for ensuring their children attend school every day. They share in the responsibility of shaping their children's understandings and attitudes about acceptable behaviour.

Staff have a duty of care to their students and also the responsibility for providing programs which meet the needs of all students.

As part of our PBL program we need to collect information from everyone involved in the school community. The data we gather helps us to make informed decisions about students' behaviour.

To assist us to make positive changes to our school environment we need to know what kind of behaviour you would like to see at GPS. What things you would like to keep and that you feel are working well e.g. *I would like to see students walking safely around the school.*

Please note that this is a behaviour program and we are only collecting data on children's behaviour.

Thank you for your support.

PBL Team

Stage 3 Camp

We have paid our deposit for camp and now the \$235 balance is due early in September.

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.

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.

DEFENCE SCHOOL TRANSITION AIDE NEWS

Sincere thanks to everyone who was able to attend the morning tea last Thursday, it was great to have an opportunity to meet with you. Thank you also for your support of the Cancer Council's Biggest Morning Tea, and for those who couldn't make the morning tea but made a donation. So far GPS has raised \$60, which is greatly appreciated. If you would like to contribute to this cause, donations can be accepted at the front office until Wednesday 30th May. (receipts can be issued). If you wish to contact me, please email: deborah.odonoghue1@det.nsw.edu.au or leave a message at the front office, and I will contact you asap.

Many thanks,

Deborah O'Donoghue

Defence School Transition Aide

ASSEMBLY AWARDS 25 MAY 2012

KA	3C
Stephanie	Emily
Declan	Claire
Jacob	Liam
KH	3S
Nicholas	Zachary
Lillie	Grace
Declan	Haylee
KF	4K
Jada	Phoebe
Kaidee	Brian
Stephanie	Dylan
	Macey
	Tasmyn
K/1W	4/5R
Zack	Bryson
Bailey	William
Tahlia	
1R	5S
Tora	Ruby
Tomas	Robert
Trent	Jaiden
2B	5/6W
Christie	Oliver
Tavis	Hannah
Aiysha	Joel
2M	6S
Brendan	Zac
Deakon	Garry
Maya	Jack
6F	
Chloe	
Jacobi	
Tianna	

Live Life Snippets

Kids love rewards...

Praise healthy habits. This may be snacking on fruit, drinking water and being active. Use treats like stickers, special games and outings, hugs and praise. Avoid using food as a reward

Softball News

On Tuesday 22nd May the Boys Softball Team played against a well skilled Clarence Town in the playground. The game started at 10.00am and ended at 11.15am. The game was hard but in the end we came out on top. The score was 20-6. Thanks to the supporters from 6S, 5S and 4/5R and also to the parents that showed up. Our next game is on 1st June at Grahamstown Public School
By Matt and Jacob.

Sports in Schools

KF has been enjoying taking part in the **Sport in Schools program**. Jessica and Stella liked using the rowing machines. Emilia, Brandan and Heath had fun shooting the rockets. Jonathan, Kaidee, Dakota and Riley said the spinning discs were the best. Isis and Cayden had a great time on the big jumping balls. Nikala and Harry were sitting on the turtles and having fun. Zak thought stepping on the numbered stepping stones was the most fun. They can't wait to do it again next Monday!

\$3 DISCO

Grahamstown's second disco of the year will be held on Wednesday May 30, 2012. The money raised at the door will benefit the Year 6 Farewell.

Kindergarten – Year 2, 5pm- 6.45pm Year 3 – Year 6, 7pm- 9pm

Please don't wear hats or caps and be aware of safety issues regarding footwear. Thongs and sandals are not appropriate.

A canteen will operate selling hot food and drinks only during the first part of the disco. A **limited variety of lollies will be available** towards the end of the disco. Chomps, curly Wurllys, Skittles, Sunfruit and chips. This is a down sizing of what has been available in the past. Parents may leave money at the canteen for their child to spend, order for their child or let children make their own purchases.

A **parent must** come into the hall to collect all children unless an alternate arrangement has been made with staff when children are dropped off.

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.

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

Late Arrivals

If students are late for school, they need to be brought to the school office by their parent or carer so the reason can be verified and recorded. This is a child welfare and protection procedure to ensure children are not turning up late to school without their parents' knowledge. Your support with this matter is greatly appreciated.

Attendance at school is very important. Students need to be at school every day and should arrive prior to the 9 a.m. bell. It is not acceptable for students to arrive late on a regular basis.