

# Grahamstown Public School News

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## From the Principal

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#### Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

Thank you to the parents who have returned their PBL surveys, your input is a valuable part of our planning for this effective program. If you have not yet returned the survey please think about how you would like our school to develop over the next three years with regards to student behaviour.

Our school is already a great school with the majority of children reflecting a solid grounding in good manners and appropriate behaviour. PBL will give us the opportunity to teach our rules to the children so everyone is aware of the expectations; parents, teachers and students.

#### Attendance

If your child arrives late to school and are not accompanied by a parent the following letter will be sent home along with the yellow slip from the office so you can sign and return it to school.

This is a request from the Home School Liaison Officer who regularly checks our attendance registers. It is a legal requirement for children to attend school and also for parents to explain absences when they occur.

Sometimes children are sent to school on time but are delayed without parent or school's knowledge of where they are. This process will also serve as a double check that parents are aware of the time their children are arriving at school.

We appreciate your assistance in this matter.

**Letter:-**

#### Arrival Late to School

Regular attendance at school is essential if students are to maximise their potential. Schools, in partnership with parents, are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students. While parents are legally responsible for the regular attendance of their children, school staff, as a part of their duty of care, monitor **part or whole day** absences.

Parents are required to explain the absences of their children from school promptly and within seven school days to the school.

The Home school liaison officer and other regional attendance personnel conduct regular audits of school attendance registers and provide support to principals in maintaining these documents.

On late arrival to school a parent signature is required on the yellow slip that is completed through the office. If you are unable to attend to this on the late arrival a signed note can be sent with your child explaining why they are late on that day.

For all unexplained late arrivals the yellow slip is sent home for parents to sign and return to school the following day.

We do this so parent and staff are aware of student arrival times and to raise awareness of the need for student's timely arrival to school.

We appreciate your understanding and assistance in this matter.

#### Disco

A huge thank you goes out to the parents who volunteered to man our canteen for the disco. Without their help children would not be able to have the hot food, drinks or lollies.

Thank you also goes to Sherri, our canteen supervisor, who organises the ordering of the extra supplies for the disco. Without the extra effort this dedicated group of people give the disco would not be as successful as it is.

The children are to be commended for their excellent behaviour also.

## COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 2

June 5 <sup>th</sup>	Wetland Excursion Yr 4
June 11 <sup>th</sup>	Public Holiday
June 14 <sup>th</sup>	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.**

## Scholastic Book Club

Scholastic Book Club ISSUE 4 catalogues were handed out last week. Orders are to be returned to the front office no later than - Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June. 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

## Library News!

Just a reminder that every class has the opportunity to come to the Library each week and borrow books to take home and share with family and friends. K-2 children are required to have a library bag for borrowing so that books are kept safe at all times. It is important that students bring in their bags on their library day each week so that they can experience the fun and excitement of reading and sharing a book. If you are not sure what day your child has Library, please check with the class teacher or come and pay a visit to us in the Library and we can fill you in!

## COLES VOUCHERS

Last year our school collected 23,000 Coles vouchers despite not having a store in our local area. As a result we managed to obtain extra sporting equipment. This program will be starting soon. Keep an eye out and **when it starts** please ensure that you ask for your vouchers and place them in the box that will be placed in the office foyer to collect them.

## 2012 GPS FUN-A-THON Space Invaders

This year's GPS FUN-A-THON will be held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2012. 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. The list of fabulous prizes can be found at the end of this newsletter.

## 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.

## DEFENCE SCHOOL TRANSITION AIDE NEWS

The total amount raised for the Cancer Council was \$81-Many thanks to everyone who contributed.

Raymond Terrace YMCA will be holding a Health and Well Being seminar with Sheryl Hockey, "Keeping Mum's Healthy" starting at 10.30am, Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June. If interested in attending, you are welcome to bring a friend, please Email: [samantha.rowe@ymca.org.au](mailto:samantha.rowe@ymca.org.au) or Phone: 4983 1703

If you are wishing to contact me I would appreciate it if you could email: [Deborah.odonoghue1@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Deborah.odonoghue1@det.nsw.edu.au) or please leave a message at the front office, Thank you,  
Deborah O'Donoghue  
Defence School Transition Aide

I liked the muscle machine because it makes my muscles bigger and stronger. By Tomas  
I liked playing with the foam rocket. I had to pull the yellow handle and the rocket came out and flew in the air. By Brendan  
1R are very excited to see what activities we get to do this week!!!

## Sport In Schools

Just a reminder that the second instalment for the Sport in Schools program was due at the end of Week 5 and the final payment is due at the end of next week. Students will only be permitted to continue with the program who have made these payments. Thank you for your support with this.

### Students enjoying Sport In Schools

## Canteen News

### Roster:

**Tues: 5<sup>th</sup> June:** Vanessa Henderson, Jo Delaforce

**Wed: 6<sup>th</sup> June:** Skye McAlpine, Leanne Cook

**Thurs: 7<sup>th</sup> June:** Tanya Picot

**Fri: 8<sup>th</sup> June:** Sue Ryan, Kris O'Brien

**Mon: 11<sup>th</sup> June:** Cathy Hedges, Diane Holden

*Volunteers needed to help the canteen.*

## Sport in Schools

Year 1 look forward to Sport in schools every Monday morning. We wrote some sentences about why we like Sport in Schools. Here are some of our sentences:  
I liked the parachute because it is funny when the balls flip up in the air. By Alice  
I liked the boingo zoingo because when we jump on it we get to jump really high in the air. By Noah  
I liked the activity where we got to twist because it was lots of fun. By Byran



# 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.

**Instalment 3: \$50 week 10 Term 2**

**Instalment 4: \$50 beginning of Term 3**

**Instalment 5: \$35 early September.**

The amount may be paid in full at any time.

## ASSEMBLY AWARDS 1 JUNE 2012

4P	3C
Megan	Xander
Luke	Emily
Tazmyn	Lachlan
KH	3S
Reuben	Cody
Mia	Jackson
Aidan	Mason
KF	4K
Heath	William
Dakota	Lilly
Cayden	Lachlan
	Harrison
K/1W	4/5R
Sahara	Zahli
Wilbur	Breanna
Phoebe	Matilda
1R	5S
Noah	Synara
Lilliana	Jayden
Alice	Makenzi
2B	5/6W
Tyler	Zack
Piper	Beatrice
Sophie	Jackson
2M	6S
Kiana	Michelle
Ethan	Harrison
Thomas	Natarsha
6F	1K
Caitlan	Denzel
Brooklyn	Kaytlin
Jacobi	Samuel

*"Congratulations to all students  
who received Merit awards"*