

# Grahamstown Public School News

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## From the Principal

### Fun-O-Thon

Everyone is welcome to come and watch the Fun-O-Thon in action this Thursday. Weather permitting fun will be had by all. The Year 3-6 students will be participating between 12:20 and 1:20 and the K-2 session will be between 1:50 and 2:50. Bring a chair and watch the fun or join in by helping out. We would love to have you here.

Don't forget the great prizes on offer for those who gain sponsorship for the event.

### Resources

The fundraising efforts, such as the Fun-O-Thon, have enabled the purchase of dictionaries for our classrooms, a considerable number of new home readers for the K-2 classes and a valuable amount of maths resources for all classrooms. We are still waiting for the phonics CDs and sets of class novels to arrive.

We are appreciative of being able to purchase the extra resources for our classrooms and are thankful for the P&C providing the funding through their fundraising efforts.

The students will have greater access to engaging activities.

### P&C

The P&C meeting will be held tonight (12/6/12) at 7pm in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### Vandalism

Our school has been targeted again of late by graffiti vandals. Luckily we are able to remove most of the vandalism but sometimes not all.

This is mainly happening of a weekend but has happened of a week day after school hours.

As much as a big black fence would be of assistance that is not forthcoming in the near future. If you live near the school and see or hear anything happening within the school boundaries

the school security number is 1300 880 021. Please call and save our school from vandalism.

### Reports

Your child's report will be sent home on Thursday of this week. If you are yet to book an interview time with your child's teacher there are still times available during interview week. Contact the class teacher to organise an interview.

Have a good week

## COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 2

June 12 <sup>th</sup>	P & C Meeting 7pm
June 14 <sup>th</sup>	Fun-A-Thon
June 19 <sup>th</sup>	Stage 3 Excursion Blackbutt Reserve
June 29 <sup>th</sup>	Mufti Day
July 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Hunter Art Show

## Notes in Circulation

- **Mathletics 2012**
- **Sport In Schools Australia**
- **Star Struck**
- **Fun-A-Thon**
- **Planet Savers**
- **Parent Teacher Interviews**
- **Blackbutt Reserve Excursion**

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.**

## Hunter Region Botanic Gardens Annual Children's Art and Discovery Day and Art Competition

This event will be held in the holidays, on Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> of July. If children have art works that they would like to enter they can give them to Mrs Fuller who will deliver them to the gardens at the end of term and collect them as well. The special day highlights gardening as a recreational hobby and everyone is welcome to attend.

## BOYS BASKETBALL

On Tuesday June 5, Grahamstown Public School's basketball team headed to Irrawang High School to play in their first ever game in the PSSA state knockout against Irrawang Primary School. Will scored our first ever goal. Bailey was an attacking weapon. Eric, Oliver and Hansie were great in defence. Jayden, Robert and Caleb were super substitutes. In a game full of enthusiasm and with the players learning in leaps and bounds, Grahamstown ended up victorious 20-5. The boys were a credit to their coach Mr Mort. Thank you to those parents who supported us on the day.

## WOOLWORTHS STICKERS

Thank you to all those parents and community members who are collecting stickers for Grahamstown Public School. We have over 16, 400 stickers so far. Keep up the good work and we will be able to trade our total in for some great resources.

**Family Photos are at  
office ready to pick  
up.**

## 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.

## Canteen News

### Roster:

**Wed: 13 June:** Simone Adam

**Thurs: 14 June:** Janet Allen, Fiona Brown

**Fri: 15 June:** Tracey Singleton, Jessica Fenwick

**Mon: 18 June:** Sue Ryan

## Water

Tap water makes the best drink!

Not only is it thirst quenching, but also contains fluoride which helps make teeth stronger. Here's what water has to offer:

- it is cheap and readily available
- it doesn't contain any kilojoules or sugar
- it encourages optimal function of the body

We should all aim to drink between five to eight cups of water a day. In the warmer months it is important to keep well hydrated. Always have water available when children are active. Encourage them to drink water regularly, even in cooler months.



## ASSEMBLY AWARDS 8 JUNE 2012

<b>4D</b>	<b>3C</b>
Shakira	Ashley
Kyra	Daniel
Lachlan	Kyle
<b>KH</b>	<b>3S</b>
Ellie	Codie
Seth	Zachary
Elyssa	Shaelee
<b>KF</b>	<b>4K</b>
Jonathan	Jasper
Cody	Clare
Nikala	Sharna-Lee
<b>K/1W</b>	<b>4/5R</b>
Ally	Mathew
Jackson	Jayden
Decklan	Bailey
<b>1R</b>	<b>5S</b>
Clare	Will
Lily	Tasmyn
Tasyn	Hansie
<b>2B</b>	<b>KA</b>
Beau	Felicity
Tahlia	Bailey
Alyssa	Caylee
<b>2M</b>	<b>6S</b>
Samara	Ben
Ashley	Jesse
Kostya	Jessica
<b>6F</b>	<b>1K</b>
Andrea	Chelsey
Brooklyn	Dakotah
Tyler	Henry

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

## 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.

## Mufti Day

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2012 is a Mufti Day, to raise money for the Koala Preservation Society. Please come out of uniform and support this great cause. **A gold coin donation** is required for being out of uniform. So let's join together to help the Koala's.

Thanks

Minister for Playground, Land and Environment.

## STUDENT ABSENCES REMINDER

- Students between the ages of 6 and 15 are required by law, to attend school.
- Parents should ensure that their children attend school regularly.
- Students are allowed to be absent from school due to illness, incapacitation, or if they accompany their parent/caregivers for a legitimate reason.
- Explanations for their children's absences are to be provided promptly.
- Parents are expected to contact the school if their child will be absent for more than two days or if their child is reluctant to attend school.

**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.**

# Contact numbers

Changed your mobile phone number recently? Please inform the school office of any changes in your contact details so we can have up to date information.

## DEFENCE SCHOOL TRANSITION AIDE NEWS

The **Defence Family Forum** was held for three days from 30<sup>th</sup> April at Darling Harbour to explore the military lifestyle and future of family support. The Forum examined how Defence families overcame the challenges of military life, but also the benefits with opportunities presented to them and ways to connect with the wider community. DCO will use the information gathered at the Forum to support Defence families and later in 2012 will host a Defence Community Forum to help establish these ideas and strategies.

The **Defence Family Helpline** operates 24-7 and is staffed by qualified professionals including social workers and psychologists, to assist ADF members and their families with a variety of issues including: managing during deployment, posting and relocation, support for a member's family education and help during crisis and emergency. The Helpline can also be emailed at [DefenceFamilyHelpline@defence.gov.au](mailto:DefenceFamilyHelpline@defence.gov.au).

Enquiries will receive a response within 24 hours. Reservists and their families are also entitled to call the Helpline and they will be referred to appropriate Defence-delivered or community-based services as required.

For more information on the Family Helpline and to view photos, videos and planned projects from the Defence Family Forum, please go to [www.defence.gov.au/dco](http://www.defence.gov.au/dco).

If you would like to contact me, please email: [deborah.odonoghue1@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:deborah.odonoghue1@det.nsw.edu.au) or leave a message with the front office,

Many thanks,

Deborah O'Donoghue

Defence School Transition Aide



**HEALTHY · ACTIVE  
HAPPY · KIDS**

**WHERE?**

**WHEN?**

**VARIOUS LOCATIONS ACROSS  
NEWCASTLE,  
LAKE MACQUARIE AND  
MAITLAND**

**EACH PROGRAM RUNS OVER A  
10-WEEK**

**SCHOOL TERM WITH TWO  
SESSIONS A WEEK**

**AFTER SCHOOL. THE NEXT  
PROGRAM BEGINS**

**IN TERM 3, 2012. A PARENT OR  
CARER MUST**

**ACCOMPANY EACH CHILD TO  
EVERY SESSION.**

**CALL TODAY TO REGISTER ON  
1800 780 900**

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