

Grahamstown Public School News

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From the Principal

Hunter School of Performing Arts (HSPA)

Applications for HSPA **Year 2 -6** students close **Friday 20th July, 2012**. If you are interested in applying for HSPA for Years 2-6 you can collect an application package from the office or visit the HSPA school website to download an electronic version. All applications are administered through HSPA. No late applications will be accepted.

Fun-O-thon

The Fun-O-Thon was a great success. Thank you to Mrs Webb and Mr Mort for all of their organisation and to the children for their brilliant behaviour. Fun was had by all.

Thank you also to all the parent helpers who made the day a success. Without your help the day would not have been as organised as it was. It is now time to start returning sponsorship money **to the office**. On Friday June 29th at 2:30 pm prizes will be given out in the hall. Parents are welcome to come and watch if they wish.

Holidays

School holidays begin on Friday 29th June with **school resuming** for students on **Tuesday July 17th**.

We hope you all have a safe and enjoyable break.

Swimming Scheme

Grahamstown Public School has been accepted into the Department's swimming scheme. Several complaints were made about the cost of the scheme organised by the school for 2011 and requests were made that we reduce that cost.

The Department scheme will be at a reduced cost but we are restricted to taking 60 students.

We have been **allocated** a set time and date at our local pool for our lessons and this is not negotiable.

Please complete the expression of interest attached to this newsletter and return to the school before the end of term. The decision to walk or transport by bus will be made through the expression of interest.

Vandalism

We are experiencing vandalism on a regular basis. Please contact school security on **1300880021** if you see anyone suspicious around the school. It is very disappointing for our whole school community to see the damage caused to our school by vandals.

Survey

We would like to collect data for future planning and also to evaluate initiatives we have been working on throughout 2012. At the end of this newsletter there is a second copy of the survey sent out last week. Please take a moment to complete the survey and return it to the office during this week. Thank you for your assistance.

Helmets

Although it is not law for children to wear helmets whilst riding a scooter or skateboard we would like to encourage students to wear them for safety reasons. If you could also encourage your child to wear a helmet your efforts would be very much appreciated.

Excursions

We are unable to accept late payments for excursions due to our requirements for bus bookings. We have to inform bus companies in advance of the number of children booked. We can't change the booking once the final number has been given to the bus company at the required time. We set the final payment date according to the date we need to confirm our final numbers.

Have a good week

COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 2

June 28th	Sausage Sizzle
June 29th	Mufti Day Last day school
July 3rd	Hunter Art Show
July 17th	Students return to school
July 25th	Kindergarten Oakvale Excursion

Spare uniforms

If you have any uniforms that your child/children have grown out of, that you no longer require, we would be very appreciative of any donations made to our spare uniform pool. At present we have very few articles of clothing available to change children into if they require a clean set of clothes.

If you have anything in the way of uniform that you are able to donate please send them to the office so the ladies will be able to use them for children in emergencies.

All clothing in our spare clothing pool is clearly labelled "**Grahamstown Public School**" in an endeavour to have them returned once they have been provided for emergencies.

Notes in Circulation

- **Mathletics 2012**
- **Sport In Schools Australia**
- **Fun-A-Thon**
- **Kindergarten Oakvale 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.**

FUN-A-THON

A HUGE thank you to all of the wonderful parents who came to help us at the Fun-A-Thon. We had beautiful weather and a fantastic day which would not have been possible without you!

Don't forget to bring your sponsorship money to the office to be in the running for some spectacular prizes!!

Big Arvo is coming

Big Arvo is coming in Term 3, Weeks 4, 5, 6 & 7. For all the new parents Big Arvo is a program that is run after school for four Tuesdays in Term 3. There are limited places available and places fill very quickly. For a fee of \$10 children are able to participate in one of a variety of activities. More information will be sent home next Term.

Canteen News

Roster:

Tue: 26 June: Skye Noffke

Wed: 27 June: Karen Watson

Thurs: 28 June: Leigh Kelty, Fiona Brown

Fri: 29 June: Vanessa O'Connell, Lyn Dunk, Danielle Piening.

Term 3

Tues: 17 July: Sally Douglas, Vanessa Henderson

Wed: 18 July: Barbara Govan

Thurs: 19 July: Tanya Picot, Sharmaine Connor

Fri 20: July: Susan Martin, Danielle Piening

ACCOUNTS WILL BE GIVEN OUT TO STUDENTS OWING MONEY TO THE CANTEEN, PLEASE HAVE THESE PAID BY FRIDAY 29TH JUNE.

SPECIALTY GROUP PHOTOS

Individual letters were sent home to students who were photographed for the Captains/Prefects and Sport Captains photos. If you wish to place an order, please complete the order form attached and return it with a cheque/money order or credit details. Cheques payable to **MSP Photography**. Closing date for orders is Friday 29 June 2012.

Thanking you

Jacquie Perry – School Office

DEFENCE SCHOOL TRANSITION AIDE NEWS

Defence Family Funded Programs will cease on the 30th June at the Raymond Terrace YMCA. A special 4 month membership price has been set for defence members/partners until the funded program can re-commence. If interested, please phone the Raymond Terrace YMCA: 49831703 or Email: samantha.rowe@ymca.org.au for more details. I hope everyone will have a safe and enjoyable holiday,

Many thanks,

Deborah O'Donoghue

Defence School Transition Aide

ASSEMBLY AWARDS 22 JUNE 2012

4P	3C
Bryce	Sophie
Jayden	Liam
Emily	Jayden
KH	3S
Tahlia	Cody
Sara	Ellie
William	Madison
KF	4K
Emilia	Makayla
Harry	Bayley
Zakary	Macey
K/1W	4/5R
Aiden	Corann
Tyrah	Kimberley
Luis	Jemma
1R	5S
Carly	Samantha
Jordan	Sam
Byran	Jessica
2B	KA
Taleaha	Xander
Kacey	Latisha
Nicholas	Arianna
5/6W	6S
Ismail	Zac
Jazmine	Kiara
River	Renae
6F	
Katie	
Shiralee	
Joel	

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

GPS ART COMPETITION

Theme: Summer Olympic Games

GPS School Parliament are running a whole school Art Competition to celebrate the upcoming Olympic Games. Students are invited to enter a piece of artwork based on the theme of the Olympic Games.

Students artwork will be displayed in the hall, prizes will be allocated to winners on a stage basis. Students are able to use variety of materials to complete artworks, which can be drawings, paintings and collages. Students will need to complete artworks at home and return to school by Friday 20th of July (week1 Term 3).

GPS Parliament & Mrs Blake

Expression of Interest for swimming (Year 2 students only)

A majority rule will determine transport to and from the venue.

If enough Year 2 students do not take up the offer of swimming lessons the offer will be extended to Year 3 then 4.

Please tick the appropriate section

Parent/ Caregiver's Name: _____

Child's Name: _____

Class: _____

I would like my child to attend swimming lessons during Term 4 _____

I would like my child to walk to the pool
_____ (free)

I would like my child to catch a bus to the pool
_____ (\$2 per day \$20 total for bus travel alone)

I understand that pool entry is in addition to bus fare. _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____