

Grahamstown Public School News

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From the Principal

Mrs Sharon Palmer has visited our school and is looking forward to meeting everyone during the time I am on leave.

Coins

The canteen has been receiving some coins that could possibly be from someone's collection. If you have a collection of coins it could be worth checking to see if the supply is diminishing.

Uniform Policy

The current uniform policy and guidelines have been reviewed and ratified by P&C. Those wishing to have a copy of the policy and guidelines document are welcome to collect one from the office.

We actively encourage students to wear complete school uniform. If there are difficulties providing school uniform for your children the uniform shop may be able to provide a cheaper alternative for you, depending on available stock.

Fun-O-Thon

The P&C would like to present the prizes for the Fun-O-Thon on Friday 27th July at 2:30pm in the hall. For your family to be eligible for the fabulous prizes please return your sponsorship money by Wednesday 25th July. Even a small amount of sponsorship money returned will make your family eligible for prizes. The sponsorship money is used to buy extra resources for the school. Last year's money assisted in purchasing additional readers and maths equipment for classrooms.

P&C

The P&C are asking for volunteers to assist at the Zone Athletics Carnival. Grahamstown P&C will be running the barbecue and the profits will be returned to our school. If you can assist for the whole day or a portion of the day please leave your name and phone number at the office. The carnival will be held on August 10th at Vi Barnett Oval with a backup date (in case of rain) of August 17th.

Grandparent's Day

Grahamstown Public School will be holding a grandparent's day on September 20th.

Grandparents will be invited to have some special time with their grandchildren at school. Final details will be added at a later date but set aside the day and await further news of the activities that will be held on that day.

Visitors

For the safety of all children all visitors to school are expected to sign on in the foyer and collect a visitors badge before approaching classrooms or visiting the playground. At the beginning of second semester and with the influx of new parents this is a timely reminder of our safety expectations.

Please do not go to classrooms or visit students in the playground environment without following these guidelines. Visitors who are not signed in are not covered by insurance.

During special events **where parents have been invited to join us** and many staff are with the students in the playground parents are not expected to sign the visitors register or collect a badge.

It is also an expectation that all parents visit the office to sign children in if they are late to school. This also applies if children are to be picked up early; a visit to the office first is required.

Children cannot be picked up by anyone other than those registered to do so on enrolment. If another person is required to pick your child up advance notice in writing must be given.

We are concerned for the safety of all our students and apply these measures to ensure children are as safe as possible. Thank you for your cooperation in these matters.

Apologies

I wrote in last week's newsletter that the art show was on August 3rd. This is the Art Show meeting with the opening being held on August 31st.

COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 3

July 25 th	Oakvale Excursion Kindy
August 1 st	Showcase – Irrawang High
August 2 nd	Education Week
August 3 rd	Art Show Meeting

Stage 3 Camp

The Stage 3 camp early in Term 4 is getting closer. **If you are following the instalment schedule then the fourth instalment of \$50 is due now.** The initial deposit of \$50 and the first, second and third instalments of \$50 should have been paid.

Installment 4: \$50 beginning of Term 3

Installment 5: \$35 early September.

Of course the amount may be paid in full at any time.

THANK YOU

A very big thank you to the Lions Club of Raymond Terrace for donating \$300.00 to our school. Their continued support is greatly valued, it's donation like this which help fund our programs and purchase equipment to enhance our students' education.

Notes in Circulation

- **Mathletics 2012**
- **Sport In Schools Australia**
- **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.**

Canteen News

Roster: Term 3

Tues: 24 July: Cathy Hedges

Wed: 25 July: Karen Watson

Thurs: 26 July: Leigh Kelty, Fiona Brown

Fri : 27 July: Danielle Piening, Lyn Dunk

Mon: 30 July: Kirby Cassen

We cannot accept foreign coins, there have been many coming across the counter over the last few weeks.

WOOLWORTHS STICKERS

Thank you to all those parents and community members who are collecting stickers for Grahamstown Public School. We have over 32,500 stickers so far. Keep up the good work and we will be able to trade our total in for some great resources.

ASSEMBLY AWARDS 20 JULY 2012

4P	3C
Montanna	Naomi
Brandon	Jack
Luke	Ty
KH	3S
Ellie	Lachlan
Nicholas	Haylee
Elyssa	Gabriella
KF	4K
Cody	Sharna-Lee
Lilly	Harrison
Jonathan	Alana
	Shania
	Tenille
K/1W	4/5R
Logan	Mitchell
Ruby	Eliza
Lili	William
	Mathew
1R	5S
Aidan	Harley
Lily	Sam
Tora	Synara
2B	KA
Jake	Will
Emalee	Stephanie
Caitlin	Alexys
5/6W	6S
Emily	Harrison
Tom	Bailey
Jazmine	Kayla
6F	1K
Jacobi	Tayah
Adrian	Charlie
Rebecca	Janae

"Congratulations to all students"

who received Merit Awards?"

Captain / Prefect Elections

The nomination process will begin in Week 2 Term 4 (As soon as we arrive home from camp) The criteria for nomination has been explained to all Year 5 students on a number of occasions in 2011 and again this year.

To be eligible Year 5 students need:

- to have a Stage 3 person to nominate them and another to second the nomination.
- the principal or a Stage 3 teacher must also endorse the nomination having checked a candidate's eligibility.
- to have had **less** than 3 strikes. If there are 3 strikes a student is ineligible. They can't have been ineligible for any reward days this year; must have had less than 3 visits to the Discussion Room where they have been at fault. Must not have turned all the cards in a week more than twice.

If there are more than 8 nominations for boys or girls, Stage 3 students will hold a pre selection vote to narrow the field to 8.

The criteria for selection as a captain or prefect at Grahamstown Public School is a reflection of the expectations held for these positions. We hold the school leaders in high esteem and therefore expect excellence from the candidates for the position. Leaders not meeting these expectations can be removed from their position and replaced by the next eligible candidate.

The nominations will take place during Week 6 of Term 4 and the election will be held during Week 7. The positions will be announced at the presentation day assembly.

We wish all candidates good luck and thank them in advance for their contributions to the school and their citizenship. Making the candidates' list is an honour in itself because students have to have proven themselves to have been nominated.

I know that it is early in the year but I am trying to get organised early. Any parents who wish to view samples may do so at the office. Any parents who wish to purchase one of these items and don't have children in Year 6 may obtain an order form at the office.

\$1 from each sale will go towards the Year 6 Farewell.

There is no obligation to order! Money is to be paid at the office, before 9am, on ordering.

2012 Year 6 Farewell.

The initial meeting to organise this year's event will be held on Wednesday July 25 at 3.15pm in Miss Shepherd's room. All Stage 3 parents are welcome to attend although traditionally Year 5 organises this event for their Year 6 peers.

SPORT IN SCHOOLS

We need to 'make up' 3 'Sport In School' sessions from Term 2. These will be held this term on the Mondays of Weeks 3, 4 and 5 (i.e. Monday 30th July, Monday 6th August, Monday 13th August). If you have not already done so, would you please ensure that all payments are completed this week. Please contact Mrs South if you have any questions regarding the 'Sport In Schools' program. Your support is very much appreciated.

Parliament

Thankyou very much for bringing a gold coin donation for the koala preservation, we raised \$284.90. It was a great success.

DEFENCE SCHOOL TRANSITION AIDE NEWS

I hope families received the note regarding the **Tenpin Bowling** afternoon on Friday 3rd August. Glenda & I look forward to having an opportunity to meet with you, if you are able to make it. (There are spare copies of the invite at the front office). The Williamtown Umbrella Support Group is hosting a **Finance Management and Budgeting** session at Williamtown RAAF Base Tuesday 7th Aug 10am-11.30am followed by morning tea. (child minding is available) For more information please phone Sue 4982 9253 or email: wlm_usg@yahoo.com. The Buzz Newsletter contains much information for local Defence families, if interested to receive your copy, please email: thebuzz@live.com.au. If families are being posted, or a defence member is being deployed, etc I would greatly appreciate if you could please contact me via email: deborah.odonoghue1@det.nsw.edu.au

Many thanks

Deborah O'Donoghue

Defence School Transition Aide

RAYMOND TERRACE ART SHOW RAFFLE

Raffle tickets went home today for the Raymond Terrace Art Show one book per family.

Big Arvo

Tomorrow, every student at our school will receive a "Big Arvo" registration form and information letter outlining all the details of our "Big Arvo" program. This is the 4th year that "Big Arvo" has been offered to the students at Grahamstown P.S. The "Big Arvo" program offers students a range of activities after school, run and organised by teachers from our school and parent volunteers.

The "Big Arvo" program will operate over 4 Tuesday afternoons in Term 3 (Weeks' 4, 5, 6 and 7) from 3.15 – 4.15 p.m.

Tuesday 7th August

Tuesday 14th August

Tuesday 21st August

Tuesday 28th August

"Big Arvo" is NOT a compulsory activity.

The letter being sent home tomorrow will outline all courses in which students may wish to enrol. There are a limited amount of places in each of these courses and there is a cost of \$10 per course for the 4 weeks. REGISTRATION FOR THE COURSES WILL OPEN FROM NEXT **MONDAY, 30TH JULY.** In order to register, students will need to bring their permission slip and \$10 payment (no credit cards) to the school office from 8.30 a.m. Places in the courses will fill up quickly and will be awarded on a "first in best dressed" basis. Once activities are filled, students will receive more information concerning requirements. Please contact Mrs South if you have any questions regarding the "Big Arvo" program.

Graduation Bears/Balls

Name: _____

Class: _____

____X Bears @ \$15 each

____X Balls @ \$14 each

Total _____

Graduation Bears and Balls

Teachers will not sign items of school clothing and children will be actively discouraged from defacing school uniforms.

Year 6 have been given an opportunity to purchase a graduation bear or ball to sign as a memento of their years at Grahamstown PS. The Bear stands 40cm tall with moveable arms and legs. The ball is 8inches around. Both come with a pen for signatures.

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 has started. Thank you to all those parents and community members who have been placing vouchers in the box in the foyer of the office.

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: _____