

Grahamstown Public School News

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From the Principal

Principal's Report

Education Week

Don't forget the open day on August 2nd. Classrooms open at 10:30am followed by a picnic lunch and sporting activities for 3-6 and K-2. Irrawang High School will host Showcase on August 1st. All children involved have had notes home regarding the performance.

Big Arvo

Big arvo starts next week for those who register. Activities start at 3:15pm and finish at 4:15pm. Registrations started today and will continue until the courses are full.

Stickers

A huge thank you goes out to our wonderful community who have managed to contribute 71000 stickers in the Woolworths earn and learn promotion. We will be able to purchase some excellent resources for our school due to the efforts of everyone who collected.

Parking

The parking ranger has once again visited the school. Please use the parking zones around the school correctly for the safety of all children. I'll use this as a timely reminder to discuss with your children the need to wait for your vehicle to be completely stopped before they leave the footpath in our 'kiss and drop zone'. Once they have focused on your vehicle they become unaware of the movement of other vehicles in that area, including buses. Please encourage them to get into the car on the safe passenger side, not the unsafe driver's side.

Bikes

If your child rides a bike to school it is essential they lock it to the bike racks. Bikes that are not locked down get stolen. We have had our third bike for the year stolen.

Reward Day

At the end of Term 2 the vast majority of our students enjoyed the activities provided for **reward day**. To be eligible for reward day students simply need to follow our school beliefs

of respect, responsibility and pride. The students who have been to discussion **room on three occasions** (not witnesses) are **not eligible** as it is a reward for good behaviour.

007

As a principal I am extremely proud of our 007 leaders who are well organised and involved enthusiastically with the students in the playground. They are also displaying great responsibility by being available for all their duties.

The lunch time soccer match and disco have to be seen to be believed. The 007 leaders have the participating students enjoying the activities and regularly ask for assistance when needed.

The 007 program is successfully developing the leadership skills of our senior students. This is the purpose of the program and our leaders are meeting the challenge. Well done!

Enjoy your week

COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 3

August 1 st	Showcase – Irrawang High
August 2 nd	Education Week
August 3 rd	Art Show Meeting
August 15 th	Disco
August 22 nd	Book Fair
August 23 rd	Hat Parade / Book Fair

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.

Notes in Circulation

- **Mathletics 2012**
- **Stage 2 Sleep-Over Camp**
- **Big Arvo**
- **Showcase 2012**
- **Girls Talk**

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

Tues: 31 July: Vanessa Henderson, Jo Delaforce

Wed: 1 Aug: Leanne Cook

Thurs: 2 Aug: Tanya Picot

Fri : 3 Aug: Sue Ryan, Kris O'Brien

Mon: 4 Aug: Diane Holden

BOOK WEEK 2012! CHAMPIONS READ!

Book Week this year will be held from the 20-24th August. We have lots of fun activities planned for students at Grahamstown Public School!

Our Annual Book Fair will be held in the library on Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd of August at times to be announced at a later date. Everyone is welcome to come in and have a browse, buy a book, or even purchase one to donate to the library!

We will be having a Book Week parade in the school hall on Wednesday 22nd of August at 10.30am. Please come and join in the fun of seeing students dress up as their favourite storybook character or sportsperson, or even community champion!

There will be competitions for all interested students, and great displays to see in and around the library.

More news to come in following weeks, so start planning!

ASSEMBLY AWARDS 30 JULY 2012

4P	3C
Lachlan	Jessica
Megan	Sophie
Emily	Jared
KH	3S
Mia	Grace
Tahlia	Bryson
Harley	Emily
KF	4K
Jonathan	Lilly
Nikala	Hayden
Kaidee	Gabrielle
	Lachlan
K/1W	4/5R
Bailey	Mathew
Chloe	Corann
Phoebe	Shiarnie
1R	5S
Brendan	Jack
Kiah	Samantha
Toby	Jessica
2B	KA
Owen	Xander
Aiysha	Mia
Taleaha	Felicity
5/6W	6S
Teeya	Kiara
Jacob	Jacob
Georgia	Michelle
6F	1K
Joel	Zac
Jada	Chloe
Eleanor	Chloe

"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.

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.

RAYMOND TERRACE ART SHOW RAFFLE

Please bring your raffle tickets to the office.

Fun-a-thon Presentation

Fun-a-thon was a great success, the amount raised by the students was \$4721.45. The Major Stage Prize winning students were:

Early Stage 1

- 1st Mia KH
2nd Kaidee KF
3rd Alexys KA

Stage 1

- 1st Chelsey
2nd Phoebe K/1W
3rd Emerson 1R

Stage 2

- 1st Dominic 3S
2nd Emily 3C
3rd Emily 3C

Stage 3

- 1st Jemma 4/5R
2nd Andrea 6F
3rd Tasmyn 5S

Major Draw

- 1st Grace 3S
2nd Andrea 6F
3rd Kaidee KF

Graduation Bears/Balls

Name: _____

Class: _____

_____ X Bears @ \$15 each

_____ X Balls @ \$14 each

Total _____

Signed Parent/Caregiver:

Graduation Bears and Balls

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 do so. \$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.

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 8 inches around. Both come with a pen for signatures.



**Congratulations to the Olympic Art Competition Winners.
Thank you to all students who entered.**

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: _____