

Grahamstown Public School News

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From Mrs Palmer

What a great introduction to Grahamstown Public School! Congratulations to all the students who performed at Showcase on Wednesday night, you made me proud to be part of this wonderful school. You performed well, displayed good manners and had lovely smiles! Well done!!

Thank you also to the teachers that have put in many long hours with planning, preparations, rehearsals, supervision and performances. Your efforts are truly appreciated! A great night!!

Yesterday I had the great pleasure of being part of Education Week celebrations visiting many classrooms and meeting many parents. It is great to see so many parents and grandparents taking part in their child's education!

I will be relieving principal until Mrs Kane returns from overseas at the beginning of September. Thank you to all the staff and students who have made my first couple of days so welcoming! I have come from a smaller school with only 5 classes where I teach for three and a half days per week, so this will be a great learning experience for me.

COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 3

August 14 th	Field Events
August 15 th	Disco
August 17 th	Track Events
August 22 nd	Book Fair
August 23 rd	Hat Parade / Book Fair
September 18 th	Nuf Nuf Day
September 20 th	Grandparents Morning 9-12

'Big Arvo'

Just a reminder that our Big Arvo program commences tomorrow and will run for the next 4 Tuesdays (7th August, 14th August, 21st August, 28th August) from 3.15 – 4.15 p.m. Students who are participating in the 'Big Arvo' program should have now received a confirmation note, detailing any requirements as well as the location of their course. It is important that students are picked up from their assigned classroom or location at 4.15 p.m. If you wish for your child to walk home after 'Big Arvo' written permission MUST be given to the supervising teacher with the date or dates clearly stated. Please also remember to bring along something for afternoon tea. (At 3 o'clock 'Big Arvo' students will sit under the COLA and have their afternoon tea before the commencement of activities at 3.15 p.m.) There are still a few vacancies left in "Big Dance" (Years' 3 -6) and "Team GPS" (Years' 3 – 6). "Beads! Beads! And More Beads" (Years' 1 – 4) has 1 vacancy; "Movie Magic" (Years' 3 – 6) has 1 vacancy; "Painting Master Pieces" (K – 2) has 2 vacancies.

LOST PROPERTY

Lost property has been cleaned out and all items with names have been returned to their rightful owners. Those with no names on them will be given to charity or to the second hand clothing pool this Friday.

Notes in Circulation

- **Mathletics 2012**
- **Stage 2 Sleep-Over Camp**
- **Big Arvo**
- **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: 7 Aug: Cathy Hedges

Wed: 8 Aug: Simone Adam, Sharlene Grant

Thurs: 9 Aug: Janet Allen, Fiona Brown

Fri : 10 Aug: Tracey Singleton, Danielle Piening

Mon: 13 Aug: Diane Holden

STAGE 3 OUTDOOR EDUCATION CAMP

Stage 3 will be going on a 4 day overnight excursion to the Outdoor Education Experience at Morrisset. The camp will take place from Tuesday October 9 to Friday 12 October 2012 (Week 1 Term 4).

The final date for full payment (\$285) will be September 21, 2012. No late payments will be accepted as final numbers have to be submitted the following day and the school will be invoiced on those numbers.

If parents are experiencing difficulty with payment they should make an appointment to speak to the Principal.

Zone Athletics Postponed

The Zone Athletics Carnival set down for August 7 and 10, has been postponed.

The Field events will now be held on Tuesday 14 August and the Track events on Friday 17 August.

BookWeek 2012 Champions Read!

Time is drawing near for our special week in the library, from August 20-24th we will celebrate Book Week. Our Book Fair will be held in the library on Wednesday 22nd August and Thursday 23rd August and everyone is invited to come in and have a look at the items for sale. A percentage of all sales will go towards the purchase of new resources for the students, so pop in and see what we will have to sell!

A reminder to all to start thinking about a costume for the Book Week Parade on Wednesday 22nd August in the school hall at 10.30am. Children can come dressed as their favourite champion or storybook character, and everyone is invited to attend!

All students are invited to enter the Book Week competitions running in the next few weeks. Kindergarten to Year 2 students can enter the Book Week Colouring In competition, whilst Years 3 to 6 can design a poster on the 'Champions Read' Book Week theme! Competition winners to be announced after the close of the competitions on August 21st.

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.

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

3 AUGUST 2012

Principal's	Award
Riley	Jemma
4P	3C
Dale	Xander
Kaylah	Emilee
Tazmyn	Emily
KH	3S
Kenneth	Damien
Declan	Caitlin
Breony	Jackson
KF	4K
Dakota	Seth
Jada	Phoebe
Nikala	Clare
K/1W	4/5R
Kate	Bailey
Wilbur	Corann
Cameron	Kimberley
1R	5S
Tomas	Phoebe
Noah	Blake
Amelia	Lachlan
2B	KA
Eve	Jacob
Jayden	Nate
Alyssa	Felicity
5/6W	6S
Lachlan	Ben
Kynan	Natarsha
Louise	Lochie
1K	2M
Chelsey	
Azhure	
Lachlan	

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

NUF NUF DAY IS COMING AT THE END OF TERM 3

On Tuesday September 18, Stage 3 will be holding a mini fete during the afternoon session. It will be very similar to our fete which was held in 2011.

All children are invited to participate in the activities which will be priced at 5c or 10c so start saving now.

Children K-4 need to have saved their change as **NO CHANGE** will be available at the office or canteen on the day and Stage 3 students will have only limited amounts.

Children from 4/5R, 5S, 5/6W, 6F and 6S need to think of an activity and talk to their teacher to ensure that activities are suitable and not duplicated. Prizes will be small wrapped lollies and toys and will need to be purchased by those children organising the stall.

We are raising money for the Year 6 Farewell.

All parents are welcome.

Stage 3 Teachers.

SCIENCE FAIR 2012

Congratulations to all the students who entered the Science Fair this year.

Prizes of \$20 and \$10 coupons from Big W which were bought with the money from Recycled cans and the Science budget.

ES1/S1

Winner Sophie -Kaleidescope

Second Bailey-Robot.

Stage 2

Winner Lachlan - Helicopter

Second Shania- Chemical Reaction

Stage 3

Winner Jack -Air Boat

Second Charlotte – Gyroscopic wheel

Congratulations to all entrants
Gene Kelly

SPORT'S NEWS

On **Thursday 2nd August** we held our Open Day for Education Week. As part of the day, we held our relay competition to finish our Athletics Events for 2012. Children from Year 2 – Year 6 took part in or watched the relays, cheering wildly for their teams to cross the finish line first and not drop the baton!

Congratulations to all our relay runners who tried hard and earned valuable points for their houses. When added to the points gained at our Athletics Carnival earlier this year, we found our **Trophy winners for 2012.**

Well done Colman House, winners of the Athletics, followed closely by Hastings, Finnan and Eldon.

We also held our **Ball Games and Tug-of-War Competition.** All children from Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 were involved in one of the ball games events, unless sick or injured. The whole group cheered their teams on to victory in each one. Then they attempted to tug another team over the line. Again a very noisy and energetic event. Years 3 and 4 swapped over with Years 5 and 6 and all the points were added up to get the winners.

Congratulations to Eldon House who narrowly won the combined competition from Colman, Hastings and Finnan.

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 8inches around. Both come with a pen for signatures

Graduation Bears/Balls

Name: _____

Class: _____

_____ X Bears @ \$15 each

_____ X Balls @ \$14 each

Total _____

Signed Parent/Caregiver:

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: _____