

Grahamstown Public School News

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From Mrs Palmer

What a great first week at Grahamstown School! Students here have the opportunity to do so many wonderful things! During the last week we have had students participate in touch football and basketball games against other schools, I have had the pleasure of watching Public Speaking and spelling competitions and the range of activities offered during Big Arvo is fantastic!

On Wednesday there is the disco and then there will be Nuf Nuf Day! What great experiences the teachers provide for the students!

COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 3

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

Notes in Circulation

- Stage 2 Sleep-Over Camp
- 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: 14 Aug: Sally Douglas, Vanessa Henderson

Wed: 15 Aug: Barbara Govan

Thurs: 16 Aug: Tanya Picot, Sharmaine Connor

Fri: 17 Aug: Susan Martin, Danielle Piening

Mon: 20 Aug: Renee Wilkinson, May Lawson

ZONE ATHLETICS

The Track events will be held on **Friday 17 August** and the Field events will now be held on **Monday 20 August**.

\$3 DISCO

Kindy – Year 2, 5pm- 6.45pm
Year 3 – Year 6, 7pm- 9pm

Grahamstown's second disco of the year will be held on Wednesday August 15, 2012. The money raised at the door will benefit the Year 6 Farewell. Please don't wear hats or caps and be aware of safety issues regarding footwear. Thongs and sandals are not appropriate.

A canteen will operate selling hot food and drinks only during the first part of the disco. A **limited variety of lollies will be available** towards the end of the disco. Chomps, Curly Wurlys, Skittles, Sunfruit and chips. This is a down sizing of what has been available in the past. Parents may leave money at the canteen for their child to spend, order for their child or let children make their own purchases.

A **parent must** come into the hall to collect all children unless an alternate arrangement has been made with staff when children are dropped off.

ASSEMBLY AWARDS 10 AUGUST 2012

KA	KF
William	Emilia
Stephenie	Brandan
Charli	Isis
KH	K/1W
Seth	Baydn
Chloe	Ally
Lillie	Decklan
1K	1R
Henry	Trent
Chloe	Tasyn
Chloe	Lilliana
2B	2M
Mabel	Ruqayya
Haylee	Camryn
Owen	Kostya
3C	3S
Kyle	Maddison
Tiahlee	Grace
Jordan	Dylan
4/5R	4K
Julian	Siena
Shakira	Hayden
Katie	Eathan
4P	5/6W
Sharna	Telesha
Natalie	Paul
Jayden	Elissa
5S	6F
Maddison	Katie
Jayden	Dylan
Charlotte	Eleanor
6S	
Ashleigh	
Katelyn	
Jacob	

*"Congratulations to all student's
who received Merit Awards"*

BOOK WEEK

A reminder that the Book Week parade will begin on Wednesday 22nd August in the Grahamstown Public School Hall, starting at 10.30am. Students are encouraged to come dressed as a champion or a character from their favourite book.

The annual Book Fair will be again held in the school library on the 22nd and 23rd August. Opening times for the Book Fair are as follows:

Wed 22/08 and Thur 23/08
8-9am, 11-12pm, 3-3.40pm

Come in and have a browse and buy a book! Our school will receive a percentage of all sales to allow us to purchase additional resources for the students.

BOOK WEEK AUTHOR VISIT

On Thursday August 23rd, Christine Gregory author of the book *Alison's Camels*, will be visiting Stage 3 students to talk about her book and where she gets her inspiration to write. The session is free and will be held in the Grahamstown PS Hall at 12.30pm.

Christine is a retired Primary School teacher and is eager to share her experiences in writing "*Alison's Camels*" with local students. We are very excited that Christine has agreed to spend some time with Stage 3 students during Book Week.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

On Wednesday the 8th of August Grahamstown's first ever girls' basketball team travelled to Gloucester. There were 8 girls that went and they played really well as a team although Kim scored all 8 points. The other team scored 52 points and they played really, really well. The G.P.S team is Natarsha, Dakota, Kim, Eliza, Breanna, Sierra, Matilda and Teeya. They have been training hard during many lunch hours. Thank you Mr Mort for

all the time he has given up in his lunch break to train us. A big thank you for coaching us. Thank you to those parents who drove us to the game as well. Although we lost we are determined to do better next year.

Sports In Schools

Over the last few weeks we have all been doing 'Sports In Schools'. We get to try lots of different sporting activities. Some of the things we have been doing are using big exercise balls and riding on exercise bikes in order to build up strength in our legs. We give our muscles a good work out when doing our push-ups. After we have done all the activities we are really EXHAUSTED! We have had heaps of fun on the variety of equipment that they bring to our school each week.

By Haylee, Isabella, Jayden and Kiana



Big Arvo

Our second session of Big Arvo is on tomorrow afternoon. Just a reminder to bring afternoon tea and anything else you may need. Also, please remember that students need to be picked up from their allocated area at 4.15 p.m. If your child is walking home, a note must be given to their supervising "Big Arvo" teacher with the date/s clearly stated.

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

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: _____

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Early Stage 1, Stage 1 and Stage 2 recently completed their public speaking as part of the Hunter Central Coast Public Speaking competition. Congratulations to the following students who represented their class at their stage final.

Stage Final. Early Stage 1

Wilbur	Ellie
Emilia	Stella
Lillie	

Stage 1

Mabel	Haylee
Ashley	Sophie
Isabella	Kiana
Lilliana	Alice
Emerson	Azhure
Henry	Phoebe

Stage 2

Ellie	Caitlin
Codie	Julian
Sierra	Emilee
Emily	Xander
Tellina	Emily
Megan	Clare
Alana	Bailey

An extra special congratulations to the following students who have been selected to represent Grahamstown Public School at the Zone Heats this week.

Early Stage 1

Ellie & Wilbur

Stage 1

Sophie & Mabel

Stage 2

Caitlin & Ellie

Stage 3

Kiara & Ashleigh

Good luck everyone