

Grahamstown Public School News

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From Mrs Palmer

Thank you for another great week at Grahamstown Public School!

On Tuesday afternoon I attended the Education Week Awards Ceremony held at Irrawang High School. Congratulations to our Award recipients:

Student awards - Renae and Dakota.

Teaching award – Mr Mort

Non-Teaching award– Sheryn Goldie (cleaner)

Community award– Adam Nicholas

Thank you to school captains Kiara and Joel who helped present these awards on stage.

On Wednesday night I had the pleasure of attending the junior and senior discos. It was wonderful seeing the students dressed up, dancing and having a good time! Thank you for your good manners and behaviour. Thank you also to the teachers and parents who helped with the organisation and on the night. Such events could not happen without you!

One thing that has come to my attention here is the number of students arriving late to school. Even by being just a few minutes late your child could be missing out on vital learning time or important information needed for the day. Your cooperation with this would be appreciated. Thank you!

COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 3

August 20th	Zone Athletics
August 21st	Zone Athletics
August 22nd	Book Fair/Parade
August 23rd	Book Fair
August 31st	Regional Athletics/ Art Show Opening 7pm Hunter River High School
September 18th	Nuf Nuf Day
September 20th	Grandparents Morning 9-12

Notes in Circulation

- **Stage 2 Sleep-Over Camp**
- **Stage 3 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: 21 Aug: Cathy Hedges

Wed: 22 Aug: Karen Watson, Jade McCulloch

Thurs: 23 Aug: Leigh Kelty, Fiona Brown

Fri: 24 Aug: Vanessa O'Connell, Danielle Piening, Lyn Dunk,

Mon: 25 Aug: Kirby Cashen, Chantal Gundy

FATHERS DAY STALL 2012

This year's Father's Day Stall will be on **Thursday 30th August!!!**

After the positive feedback from this year's Mother's Day stall, we have purchased more great items for dads & grandfathers from catalogues aimed at schools. Something for every Dad.

Awesome presents will be between \$3 to \$7. We would love it if a few parents could spare an hour and come along and help on the day. Students need to bring a bag to put their purchases in please.

Defence School Transition Aide News

If families are being posted or a member deployed, etc, I would appreciate it if you could please contact me: deborah.odonoghue1@det.nsw.edu.au or leave a message with the front office. Thank you.

A Pre Posting Forum will be held at the Kitty Hawk Club, RAAF Base Williamtown on Wednesday 29th August, from 10-11.30am to assist ADF personnel who have been relocated and receive advice regarding moving. If interested in attending please contact DCO Hunter by 27th August via phone: 4034 6973 or email : DCO.Hunter@RIMS@defence.gov.au

Many thanks,
Deborah O'Donoghue
Defence School Transition Aide

ASSEMBLY AWARDS 17 AUGUST 2012

KA	KF
Arianna	Eleanor
Azaria	Stephanie
Chloe	Kaidee
KH	K/1W
Elyssa	Kayden
Lilly	Jessica
Mia	Sahara
1K	1R
Sean	Lily
Ellie	Clare
Dakotah	Liam
2B	2M
Beau	Ashley
Tahlia	Sebastian
Aiysha	Jack
3C	3S
Kasey-Rose	Jacob
Harrison	Angel
Kaylah	Codie
	Bailey
4/5R	4K
Raabi	Makayla
Mitchell	Bayley
Matilda	Tenille
4P	5/6W
Montanna	Joel
Kaylah	Hannah
Angel	Beatrice
5S	6F
Jesse	Lachlan
Ruby	Hayley
Jaiden	Dakota

6S	
Kyrsten	
Andrew	
Bailey	

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

BOOK WEEK

Champions Read!

Well Book Week has finally arrived and all the students are eager and ready to enjoy activities.

All competition entries must be handed into the Library staff by Tuesday afternoon 21st August to allow our judge time to consider all the efforts made by the children.

The Book Week Parade will be held in the Hall on Wednesday 22nd August, commencing at 10.30am. Please remember that if you wish to take a photograph of your child you are requested to wait until the end of the parade and take their photograph by themselves in their costumes. No photographs or videos of the parade in progress are permitted due to privacy issues.

Finally, please come and support the Book Fair in the Library on Wednesday and Thursday 22nd & 23rd August. The school receives a percentage of all sales, which will allow us to purchase new resources for the school, which will benefit everyone.

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.

Raymond Terrace Athletic Centre

Registration days for the 2012/2013

At Raymond Terrace Athletics Centre,
Kangaroo Street, Raymond Terrace on
Saturday August 25th, from 10am to 1pm
Registrations fully paid on that day will
receive a discount

A "Come & Try" morning will be held on
Saturday September 1st at 9am for anyone
interested in trying athletics.

First competition day is Saturday
September 8th

Enquiries Deidre 0418 962 185

Surprise Raffle

The raffle will be drawn on Grandparents Day, Thursday 20th September 2012. All money and tickets need to be returned to the P & C box in the school foyer by Wednesday 19th September 2012. Tickets can also be purchased from the uniform shop and they will be sold at the Book Week Parade. If you require more tickets please see the ladies in the office.

Art Show

The Raymond Terrace Art Show opens on Friday 31st August 2012. If there are any parents out there who can volunteer their time to help, this would be greatly appreciated. On Thursday 30th August volunteers are needed at Hunter River High School to help hang the art, Friday 31st August volunteers are needed at the opening night to sell raffle tickets and help out with the general running of the evening. Volunteers are also needed over the weekend to help with sales and packing up of the hall. Our

school benefits from the Art Show every year, so it is very important that we show our support.

Thank You

I would like to thank all the hard working members of the Grahamstown Public School P&C. Without the dedicated support of these parent helpers we would not be the successful fundraising P&C Committee that we are. Thank you for the organising of all the BBQ'S, the Mother's Day Stall, the Fun-a-thon, the Discos, the Raffles and all the hard work that you put in behind the scenes that people aren't aware of. Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!!

Kellie Sandeman
P&C President

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Tomorrow, our school will host the Zone Public Speaking Finals. Congratulations to the following students who were selected to progress through to the Final from the heats held last week.

Early Stage 1 – Ellie and Wilbur
Stage 1 – Sophie
Stage 2 – Caitlin
Stage 3 - Kiara

KINDERGARTEN EXPO 2013

For all Kindergarten 2013 Students from the Raymond Terrace Community
When: Wednesday 12th September
Time: 4pm-6pm
Venue: Irrawang Primary School Preschool

For more information contact your local Primary School, Childcare Centre or phone 49876784

NOW OPEN TO YEAR 3

Expression of Interest for swimming (Year 3 students only)

A majority rule will determine transport to and from the venue. Thanks to all Year 2 who returned their EOI. This will now be open to Year 3. If enough Year 3 students do not take up the offer of swimming lessons the offer will be extended to Year 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: _____