

Grahamstown Public School News

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Principal's Report

It was great to come back to such a warm welcome from so many students at Grahamstown Public School. I know Mrs Palmer thought Grahamstown was a great school and that the students were a wonderful group of children. I agree with her.

I have been lucky enough to be spending time in the playground at lunch and have been pleased to see so many of our students playing happily and getting along with each other. It was lovely to see a group of stage two children playing soccer and encouraging each other with positive comments throughout the game.

After our long wait we have received advice that the school achieved Priority School Funding for 2013. This will be a significant boost to our school's capacity to improve the literacy and numeracy resourcing within our school. A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who completed the survey, it was this effort that gained us the great result.

If there are any parents who have children to be enrolled in kindergarten for 2013 now is the time to do it if you have not already done so. Also if you know of any new families who have children ready for school please let them know to come and collect enrolment forms from the office.

We are beginning the long process of checking numbers and building classes for 2013. If you have any special request before this process starts please put it in writing and send to the office as soon as possible. With some luck all class placements will be finalised before the end of the year.

Notes in Circulation

- **Stage 3 Girl's Talk**
- **Wetlands Stage 1 Excursion**
- **Nuf Nuf Permission Note**
- **Outdoor Camp Notes**
- **(Grandparents Day) Sausage Sizzle**

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: 11th Sept: Sally Douglas, Vanessa Henderson

Wed: 12th Sept: Barbara Govan

Thurs: 13th Sept: Sharmaine Connor

Fri: 14th Sept: Susan Martin, Danielle Piening

Mon: 17th Sept: Renee Wilkinson

COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 3

September 12th	Wetland Excursion Yr 1 / 2
September 12th	Year 6 Farewell Meeting @ 3.15pm.
September 14th	Girl's Talk
September 18th	Nuf Nuf Day
September 20th	Grandparents Morning 9-12

ASSEMBLY AWARDS 7 SEPTEMBER 2012

KA	KF
William	Harry
Azaria	Cody
Felicity	Brandan
KH	K/1W
Declan	Lili
Lilly	Tahlia
Sally-Ann	Zack
1K	1R
Adam	Macleay
Lily-Jayde	Toby
Denzel	Kiah
2B	2M
Tyler	Deakon
Emalee	Thomas
Taleaha	Rohan
3C	3S
Jayden	Codie
Jack	Bailey
Ashley	Madison
4/5R	4K
Raabi	William
Bailey	Ethan
Sierra	Sharna-Lee
4P	5/6W
Seth	Ryan
Alex	Michael
Jessica	Brittany
5S	6F
Sarina	Tylah
Phoebe	Brooklyn
Caleb	Tianna
6S	
Brittany	
Andrew	
Chris	

*“Congratulations to all students’
who received Merit Awards”*

STAGE 3 CAMP

This week parents will receive medical forms to fill in, an activity permission note to sign and packing checklist. The medical **must be completed before departure for camp**. The activity permission note allows children to participate in activities such as rock climbing and water activities. **Without this note returned children will be allowed to attend camp but would be excluded from some of the more exciting activities.** The packing checklist should be followed carefully. As part of the camping experience we request that children not take anything electronic. Cameras are permitted at the student's **OWN RISK**.

Parents who have any concerns about their child's attendance at camp should talk to their child's class teacher or Miss Russell as soon as possible.

“Girl's Talk”

This will be taking place on Friday September 14 attended by all Stage 3 girls who have returned their permission notes.

Nuf Nuf Day

Each activity will only cost 5c or 10c. Children from Kinder to Year 4 have hopefully been saving their silver change ready to spend. They will get an opportunity to have fun and learn to spend in a safe environment. **It is fantastic value!!!** **All parents are welcome.** Stage 3 parents may wish to support their child and other parents may like to come along and spend with their children. There will be an early recess from 1.15 – 1.30pm. Stage 3 will have set up from the end of lunch. The fun will last from 1.30 – 2.40pm. At 2.40pm children will return to their rooms to tidy up and Stage 3 will pack up. We need your support to make this a success!

On Nuf Nuf Day there will be a White Elephant stall. We are in need of 2nd hand toys that you no longer use or want that are not broken. If you could bring the unwanted toys to Miss

Shepherd's room from now until Nuf Nuf Day that would be great. Small toys will be 5c and the larger toys will be 10c. It will be run by four Year 6 students.

By Kiara and Chris

Year 6 Farewell Committee Meeting

The second meeting of the Year 6 Farewell Committee will be held on Wednesday September 12, in 6S classroom. It will commence at 3.15pm. All Stage 3 parents and their children are welcome to attend.

Art Show

On Friday 31st August the childrens' art that was entered in the annual Raymond Terrace Art Show was judged. The First Prize winners who received a certificate and a \$10 voucher from Sunset Books were Phoebe (Stage 3), Megan (Stage 2), Azhure (Stage 1) and Sahara (Early Stage 1). The Highly Commended awards went to Lochie (Stage 3), Ellie (Stage 2), Beau (Stage 1) and Tahlia (Early Stage 1). Congratulations to these artists and thank you to the people from our school who helped on the weekend.

NAMES ON CLOTHING / UNIFORM ITEMS

It is important that students have their uniform and other clothing named for school...Please spend 5 minutes writing the names on labels or somewhere so that the items can be identified. You would not believe how many "LOST" items we end up with in the Lost Property bin. Owners cannot be found if the items are not named.

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.

Grandparents' Morning Thursday 20th September, 2012. 9.30 a.m. – 12.00 p.m.

Grahamstown P.S. would like to invite all of our Grandparents to visit the school on Thursday 20th September from 9.30 am – 12.30 pm. The morning will be a celebration of the very special role that Grandparents play!

From 9.30 am until 10.15 am grandparents are invited to visit their grandchildren's classroom and join in some fun learning activities.

At 10.15 am all of the students and grandparents will come together in the hall where some of our students will present some items. There will even be a few very special surprise guests.

At 11 o'clock the grandparents are invited to stay for lunch. Our P & C has very kindly offered to provide a free sausage and a cup of tea/coffee/juice to our **grandparents**. (Students will still need to order their sausage sandwiches as normal.)

For catering purposes would you please fill in the separate note that went home today to every student and return it to the school by Monday 17th September. Completed forms can be placed in the P & C box in the school foyer. It is important that these forms are returned.

We look forward to welcoming all of our very special grandparents on Thursday 20th September!!!

Warmest Regards,

The Students and Staff of Grahamstown P.S.

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

HEAD LICE ALERT!

Please check your children for head lice or nits (eggs) and treat them if needed.

A number of students have been affected recently and it is important that you regularly check your children for the condition.

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 candidates eligibility.
- to have had **less** than 3 strikes. If there are 3 strikes a student is ineligible. They can not 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.

Last Week for 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: _____

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Intention to leave Grahamstown Public School -

students in Years K,1,2,3,4&5

..... of class
will not be returning to Grahamstown Public School in 2013.

New school:

New address if known:

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Signed:

Date:

PLEASE RETURN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE