



From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Term 4 Week.

My visit to Nymagee in the holidays was a mix of emotions for me. Seeing people I hadn't seen since I left the area was just wonderful. Being in Nymagee and seeing it so dry and desolate was heartbreaking. Staying with friends overnight and touring their farm and seeing the devastation of the drought and the damage being done by thousands of kangaroos and listening to their stories of how it is costing them \$25,000 a month to feed their stock which are still dying was so sad. This beef and sheep station has produced 3 lambs and 2 calves this year when they usually have hundreds! I saw a mix of those determined to fight on and those who are just so broken and tired. The care packages I took out that you all helped to provide, brought a sparkle to their eyes and they were just so grateful and thankful. Your kindness made a difference - thank you!

We received these messages of thanks from some of the families:

To Whom It May Concern

To each and everyone that was involved in sending out to us out here at Nymagee, your beautiful collection of generous gifts . It was so wonderful to receive and gives us a nice relief within the home.

It would not be easy to put all those things together and we do appreciate your time and effort. Please give each other a pat on the back as you have given to us a very special message that people do care ---especially a great school at Raymond Terrace --- Grahamstown Public School !!

Thank You Thank You Thank You Thank You Thank You !!!

From Terry and Dianne Roche

I sincerely wish to thank everyone for your lovely grocery parcels and also the nice poem and best wishes you sent to us all. We have had a bit of rain about half an inch or

12.5 mls but it is a start. Thankyou all again and stay safe and well.

*Love from Howard and Michelle Weber
CENTRE OF NSW near Bobadah*

It was just lovely to see all our children back at school this term looking happy and refreshed. It is yet another busy term ahead with lots of fun and learning for all.

This term, our transition to school will begin for our 2019 kindergarten students, and our Year 6 students who will move into various High Schools. Transition programs are extremely valuable in setting our children up for success as they move to the next stage of their learning. Please keep an eye on any notes and information that come out regarding these events. If we can support you in any of these events in any way, please let us know.

We are also looking at our planning for 2019 in many areas across the school. We are currently looking at our staffing for next year. We will definitely lose a classroom teacher position due to the high number of Year 6 students leaving us, and other movement among families. We may even lose a 2nd teacher if our numbers don't increase at the start of the year. Please make sure you let us know if you are moving away from our school if your children are in grades other than Year 6. Likewise, if you know of people moving in to the area, or any child starting kindergarten next year, please ask them to contact the school and let us know.

I am changing procedures a little this year and am hoping to put children into their 2019 classes for short periods of time during the last 2 weeks of school. I think it will relieve a lot of anxiety of children and yourselves, if you know who your teacher will be for next year, so you can relax over the holidays. This will allow us to have thorough handovers, teachers to get to know their children and children to feel comfortable with their new teachers before



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the end of the year. Having said this, we will have some new staff next year as we have staff transitioning to retirement, taking part time leave and changing their roles in the school, so meeting all teachers may not be possible, but we will do our best to organise it so that all children will at least meet their teacher once by the end of year.

The placement of students in their classes is something we take very seriously and put huge thought into. We look at academic achievement, friendship groups, best work situations, personalities, teacher suitability and experience and many more factors. We know your children very well and know how they work with others and which staff would best be suited to their needs. We ask you to trust that we make the right choices when it comes to class placement, however, if you have a particular concern and would like to make a placement request, please do so in writing before the end of Week 4. Please email me at grahamstow-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au to do this.

There are a lot of activities happening this term and this was kicked off with our Stage 3 camp. I know teachers and students alike returned very exhausted after a wonderful 4 days away, and the photos we shared with you showed the great time they had and the wonderful experiences they were given the opportunity to be part of. A huge thank you to our Stage 3 staff for giving up their own family time to accompany the children on camp and allow them to have the valuable experiences they did which gave them great skills and values for life.

Other things coming up this term include:

- K-2 gymnastics lessons. These will take place every Wednesday afternoon for all children who have paid to participate as of this week. If you

would like your child involved, please make sure your \$35 is paid to the office before Wednesday.

- Life Education Visit. This event happens every 2nd year and is extremely valuable in giving the children health and safety education aligned to our PD/Health curriculum in an engaging way. Notes for this have been sent home today. The Van will be here during Week 6.
- Grandparents Day – Friday 26th October.
- Intensive Swimming Program. This program runs during Week 3 and 4. Children are already registered for this but please remember to send along their swimmers and other necessary equipment each day.
- Bogan Bingo – don't miss this event which apart from being the P&C major fundraiser for the year, will be a lot of fun. We have great prizes to win also. Please support this event which is helping to raise money to provide better learning spaces for our children to access 21st learning skills.
- Kindergarten Transition – this is happening During Week 4. More information has been given to those involved.
- Youyoong AECG Awards Night being held at Murrook Cultural Centre on Wednesday 21st November.
- Smart Start Financial Literacy – This is a free program that teaches the students the value of saving and being aware of how they spend their money.
- 2019 School Leader Elections – Thursday 15th November
- Surf Education – Friday 30th November
- Parent Helper Afternoon Tea - Tuesday 4th December
- High School Orientation at Irrawang High School – Thursday 6th December

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- Presentation Day Assemblies – Monday 10th December
- Stage 1 Excursion and Christmas Event – Reptile Park - Wednesday 12th December
- Carols by Candlelight – Thursday 13th December. Come along and have a picnic tea on the school grounds, enjoy some fun events and listen to the children singing beautiful Christmas carols. More information coming.
- Stage 3 Christmas event – Revolution Friday 14th December
- Stage 2 Christmas event – Tuesday Week 10
- Reports sent home – Monday 17th December
- Year 6 Farewell – Tuesday 18th December
- Kindergarten Christmas Party – Tuesday 18th December
- Last day of school – Wednesday 19th December

Have a great fortnight ahead

Michele Winn

Principal

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Second Hand Uniforms

There will be a rack of second hand uniforms on sale in the front office this week. Everything is selling for \$1.00. There is a variety of sizes.

Notes Home

- Yearly Permission
- Athletics
- Grandparents Day Lunch Order Forms
- Life Education

- Hunter Surf Life Saving
- Stage 1 Australian Reptile Park
- Gymnastics K-2

Canteen News

Tues 23 Oct:

Wed 24 Oct:

Thur 25 Oct: Crystal Brown

Fri 26 Oct: Pru Green

Mon 29 Oct:

Tues 30 Oct:

Wed 31 Oct: Megan Sheedy

Thur 1 Nov: Jodie Bennett

Fri 2 Nov: Sally Douglas

Mon 5 Nov:

Grandparent's Day notes to be handed in no later than 9am Tuesday 23 October. No late orders can be accepted.

Only the 'Meal Deals' that are ordered for Grandparents day are available for lunch. Other food on the canteen menu will be unavailable on Friday 26 Oct, to allow for preparation and serving of the 'Meal Deals'. Drinks, iceblocks and snacks will be available after lunches are handed out.

If you can spare a few hours each month to volunteer at the canteen it would be very appreciated.

Bogan Bingo

The Grahamstown P&C are hosting their major fundraiser for the year, a Bogan Bingo night on Saturday 3 November. Come along and enjoy the fun and support our school. Tickets are \$25.00 per person with 10 people to a table. There are lots of prizes to be won, such as a family pass to Taronga Zoo and a Moonshadow cruise and many more. We hope to see you there, come as your best Bogan!!!!



Term 4 Assembly Roster

Week 2	K-6	Grandparent's Day
Week 3	K-2	KF & 1/2H
Week 4	Stage 2 & 3	4/5B
Week 5	Early Stage 1 & Stage 1	No Performance
Week 6	Stage 2 & 3	3/4H
Week 7	Early Stage 1 & Stage 1	No Performance
Week 8	Stage 2 & 3	3/4C
Week 9	Presentation	No Performance

Stage 3 Cake Stall Grandparent's Day 26 October

This year our annual Grahamstown cake stall is on Friday 26th October. This will be Grandparents day. Our cake stall is one of the biggest fundraisers for the senior farewell and school present each year. This year we are hoping to continue its success. Each Stage 3 student is to bring one item to sell. We would love donations of

- whole cakes (big sellers last year)
- slices (also big sellers)
- Gluten free cakes & slices
- biscuits and
- all other baked goods



Yes, we are able to use nuts and chocolate or any other ingredients as long as this is stated. Please attach a list of ingredients to your food items.

If you have **grandparents or friends** who enjoy cooking, please encourage all to help in any way possible.

Please bring all cake stall items to school on Friday morning – just come and drop them off at the Stage 3 classrooms. We will price items on the day.

Thank you once again to all parents and carers who have been supportive in various ways so far.

Stage 3 Teachers

The PBL focus for weeks 2 & 3 is respect in the classroom.

- All adults working and volunteering within the school deserve respect
- Listen carefully when you are given instructions or directions
- Speak politely and use people's names
- Think about how and when you speak with adults
- Use a positive tone and attitude
- Show integrity and don't wait to be told to use your manners

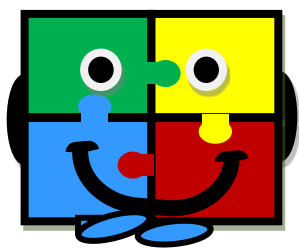


State Softball

Lilly and Ashby played in the Hunter softball team at the State Softball Championships.

Day 1 at Mudgee: on Tuesday we played 4 teams. We won 2 and we lost 2. A batter hit a fly ball, Ashby was short stop and jumped for the ball but just missed it so Lilly slid on her knees and caught the ball, 3 outs.

Day 2 at Mudgee: Lilly batted and hit in between left and centre field but they missed it so Lilly ran as fast as lightning to get a homerun. Ashby pitched and got 2 people out by pitching strikes really well. A person hit it really hard right at Ashby's face and I nearly caught it but it slammed and bounced off her glove and I threw it to first and got 3 outs in a row. Lilly got 3 out by catching 2 fly balls a tag the runner at 2nd base. Everyone in the Hunter team did really well. All of us worked as a team and we supported each other and sang chants to encourage each other. Day 3 was a blast. Every team from state sat in lines to find out who got pick to be in the state team and what place we came in as a team. We came in 8th place but we didn't get selected for State. After that we had to go back where we played our last game. We all sat down and sang happy birthday to Ashby and we all got cupcakes. Lilly got the most valuable trophy.



PBL Awards

Early Stage 1

Jorja, Mackenzie, Kaylee, Levi x3,
Bentley, Marley x2, Bella-Rose, Lillarna,
Caitlyn & Trae x2

Stage 1

Aliyah, Zaine, Lailah, Rubijane, Nevaeh,
Alana x2, Kobi, Sophia, Millah x2,
Emmeline x2, Mason, Lilly x2, Liam x2,
Emillee, Taj x2, Ella, Isabella, Samuel x2,
Mila, Teneisha, Cooper, Jack & Chloe

Gold

Levi, Millah, Olivia, Luca, Taj, Ruby &
Griffyn

Badges

Zayden & Ivy

Principals Award

Piper, Serina & Mason

Buds & Blooms Family Daycare

Buds & Blooms Family Daycare provides quality care for children 2-5 years. They have vacancies available Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday. Please contact Jennifer Armstrong for further information. Phone : (02)4987 5558, Mobile: 0412 736 323, Email: budsanbdbloomsfdc@gmail.com.

Assembly Awards Term 4 Week 1

KF	KR
Blake	Noah
Ella	Amelia
Camden	Khobe
Matthew	Marley
1/2M	1/2T
Rubijane	Mila
Lailah	Samuel
Blade	Ella
Quade	Lily
1/2G	1/2H
Grace	Ivy
Mitchell	Riley
Griffyn	Olivia
Lily-Anne	Alana
3/4C	4/5B
Cade	Tobias
Logan	Ryda
Jaxon	Flynn
Gracie	Tia
3/4MC	5/6A
Chase	Breanna
Isabelle	Tristan
Shelby	Chantelle
Zack	Archy
5/6R	6T
Jake	Riley
Aiden	
Nate	
Jackson	

Good for Kids good for life

CHOOSE WATER as a drink

Water is the best drink as it does not have any added sugar. Fruit juices, soft drink, sports drinks or cordials should not be given to your child everyday as they contain a lot of added sugar. Tap water is the best choice. In most areas, tap water contains Fluoride, which helps children to develop strong teeth.



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Steps to Starting School

Our Curriculum

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A Sense of Agency

This term describes the sense a child develops when he/she is able to contribute ideas to their own learning. It is important for emotional wellbeing for children to have opportunities to practise making decisions and developing their own sense of agency. In the photo on the right, we see Sarah creating a piece of artwork, initially using the brushes provided to her by her teachers and educators. Sarah then decides to engage in a sensory experience by dipping her fingers in the paint and creating patterns of dots across her page. "Dot, dot, dot, dot, dot," sang Sarah as she completed her artwork.

A sense of agency promotes independence and opportunities for a child to develop a sense of belonging.



Time

Today we spent time at the yarning circle.

Greeting Apron

We pinned some different ways of saying hello to our friends onto a special apron.

Sarah popped on the apron and she walked around to everyone in the group, so they could choose how to say hello.

Sandra chose a fist bump. Tracie chose to wave. Chloe chose a hug, and so did Michael. Then Michael had a turn. Christelle chose a fist bump. Brett chose a handshake.

Playdough Letters

We stirred and kneaded to make our own playdough. Then we made the letters and sounds of our names.

