



# Black Swan News

Grahamstown Public School

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## Term 4, Week 4 2 November 2020

### Term 1, 2021

The Department of Education last week announced mandatory changes to the first week of school for 2021. Both **27 and 28 January 2021** have now been mandated as pupil-free staff professional development days, with the first day back for students being **Friday, 29 January, 2021**. Kindergarten's first day will now be **1 February, 2021**.

### Holidays during School Term

If you are taking a holiday during the school term that is 5 school days or longer you must complete an Application for Extended Leave form. These forms must be approved by Ms Winn prior to your departure date. Forms can be collected from the school office or we can send a form home with your child. Once approved you will be issued with a Certificate of Extended Leave which should be carried with you throughout your travels.

### School Swimming & Water Safety Program 2020

Grahamstown Public School is again offering the School Swimming & Water Safety Program for Term 4 at Lakeside Leisure Centre, for year 2 and 3 students. There are only 60 places available. The program develops water confidence and provides students with the basic skills in water safety and survival. The program will be conducted for 8 days from the **30 November – 10 December 2020**. The program cost including pool entry is **\$26**.

### Online Enrolment System

We are excited to announce we will be rolling out the new Online Enrolment System from Monday, 26 October 2020. The Online Enrolment System is designed to provide flexibility for our parents to submit an enrolment application online and at a time that best suits you. The application can be accessed on all browsers and mobile devices including iOS and Android.

The online application process is currently restricted to:

- Enrolments into local schools only
- Children who are Australian citizens, New Zealand citizens or permanent residents
- Children who live in NSW

We offer our support and encourage you to complete your application to enrol online. If, however, you do not feel comfortable completing an application online, a paper copy will be available for collection from the front office or can be downloaded from the Grahamstown Public School website.

## Life Education

The Life Education van is arriving tomorrow and students that have returned their \$10 and permission note will attend between Wednesday 4 November and Monday 9 November.

## 2021 Student Classes

We are currently developing class lists for 2021, in the hope that we can begin the transition to new classes in the last 2 weeks of school this term. **If your children will not be attending Grahamstown Public School next year (apart from Year 6 students), please let the school know as soon as possible.** Alternatively, if you know of new families coming please encourage them to contact the school and let us know if they haven't already. The placement of students in their classes is something we take very seriously. We look at academic achievement, friendship groups, best work situations, personalities, teacher suitability, 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 7. Please send emails to [grahamstow-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:grahamstow-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

## NAIDOC Week Celebrations 9-13 November

The NAIDOC Week theme for 2020 is: *Always Was, Always Will be*. The week is a great opportunity for students to participate in a range of classroom activities and to support our local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

## Kindergarten Orientation

Kindergarten orientation can go ahead this term; however, we still have some restrictions in place in regards to adults in the school. Letters regarding orientation have been sent to all enrolling families. The letter includes the date and time for each family's small group orientation session that will occur in week 5. This session will include interview, handing out of information pack, meeting the teacher and buddies for 2021 as well as familiarising with the site and playground. The orientation is modified at this stage but if we get further advice as the term goes ahead, we may be able to schedule another event for the end of term. In addition, we will have a virtual orientation available online from week 4.

## Kindergarten 2021 Enrolment

If you have a child enrolling in Kindergarten for 2021, it is important that you contact our office ASAP to be counted in our 2021 numbers. An enrolment form can be collected from our school office. The enrolment form will not be accepted without sighting and taking a copy of your child's original Birth Certificate, Immunisation Record and the 100 points for the residential address check (See over the page).

# Residential address check

## For the enrolment of students in NSW Government schools

Persons seeking to enrol a child in a NSW Government school may be required to show documents to establish the child's address

### Key principles

The *Education Act 1990* provides the key principles that govern the enrolment of students in NSW Government schools. Some of them are summarised below.

The parent of a child may enrol the child at any government school if the child is eligible to attend the school and the school can accommodate the child (section 34.1).

A child is entitled to be enrolled at the government school that is designated for the intake area within which the child's home is situated and that the child is eligible to attend (section 34.2).

The principal may, for the purpose of establishing a child's eligibility to attend or entitlement to be enrolled at the school, require a person seeking to enrol the child at the school to provide proof, to the satisfaction of the principal, of the child's identity, date of birth and home address (section 34A.1).

In determining whether a child could be accommodated, the number of classrooms and other facilities may be considered (section 34.6).

The enrolment of a child who is not entitled to be enrolled at the school may be terminated if the child was enrolled as a result of false information or a false document provided (section 34A.4).

### Establishing the child's residential address

To determine a child's eligibility to attend or entitlement to enrol in the school, the principal may require documents to establish the child's address.

Generally, acceptable documents show the full name of the parent and address of the parent or carer with whom the child lives. However, any requests for proof of address must be reasonable in the circumstances.

Staff in schools abide by the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 (NSW). Residential address information provided will be used to process applications for enrolment and associated purposes and the information will be stored securely.

### 100-point residential address check in some schools with a designated intake area

Schools that are above or near (i.e. the number of non-local enrolment applications received exceeds the number of enrolment places available outside the local enrolment buffer) their buffer level use the following 100-point residential address check to verify that the student being presented for enrolment lives within the intake area.

Document showing the full name of the child's parent	Points
1. Only one of (i.e. no additional points for additional documents) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.1. Council rates notice</li> <li>1.2. Lease agreement through a registered real estate agent for a period of at least 6 months or rental board bond receipt</li> <li>1.3. Exchanged contract of sale with settlement to occur within the applicable school year</li> </ul>	40
2. Any of the following <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2.1. Private rental agreement for a period of at least 6 months</li> <li>2.2. Centrelink payment statement showing home address</li> <li>2.3. Electoral roll statement</li> </ul>	20 each
3. Any of the following documents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3.1. Electricity or gas bill showing the service address*</li> <li>3.2. Water bill showing the service address*</li> <li>3.3. Telephone or internet bill showing the service address*</li> <li>3.4. Drivers licence or government issued ID showing home address*</li> <li>3.5. Home building or home contents insurance showing the service address</li> <li>3.6. Motor vehicle registration or compulsory third party insurance policy showing home address</li> <li>3.7. Statutory declaration stating the child's residential address, how long they have lived there, and any supporting information or documentation of this.</li> </ul>	15 each

\* up to three months old

### More information

Contact your local school or visit <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school/enrolment>

## Assembly Awards Term 4, Week 2 & 3

<b>Kinder Koalas</b>	<b>Kinder Joeys</b>	<b>1/2 Fruit Bats</b>
Jessie	Riley	
Mia	Lilly	
Reece	Jaiden	
Boston	Gypsie	
Cruz	Jaxon	
Maxwell	Cindy	
	Adam	
<b>1/2 Magpies</b>	<b>1/2 Marsupial Mice</b>	<b>1/2 Tawny Owls</b>
Peyton		Kiralee
Lucy		Phoenix
Maddison		Matthew
Amelia		Aiden
Mackenzie		Jackson
Charlotte		Trae
<b>3 Bilbies</b>	<b>3/4 Kookaburras</b>	<b>3/4 Lorikeets</b>
Amelia	Ally	Jack
Noah	Jake	Blaze
Katelyn	Crystal	Alec
Blake	Dylan	
Taahir		
Kayley		
<b>4/5 Herons</b>	<b>5/6 Bees</b>	<b>5/6 Cassowaries</b>
Chase	Emily	Aydyn
Sophia	Kiahlani	Jordan
Matthew	Skye	Chantelle
Ellyse		Kiara
Connor		Abby
Mitchell		Amarli
<b>5/6 Honey Ants</b>	<b>Badges</b>	<b>Badges</b>
Mia-Lea	Maddison – Yellow	Amelia - Yellow
Edith	Lilly – Green	Evanna - Red
Max	Riley - Green	Parker-James – Green
Branden	Alesha – Yellow	Aisha - Green
Gracie	Liam – Whole Graham	
	Kaylee - Red	

# Good for Kids good for life

## MOVE AND PLAY EVERY DAY



For their best health, kids aged 5-13 years should aim for:



At least 60 minutes of physical activity each day – the more you huff and puff the better!



Non-educational screen-based activities limited to less than 2 hours each day. In your spare time, move more and sit less.



9-11 hours of uninterrupted sleep each night.

Source: Australian Movement Guidelines; [www.health.gov.au](http://www.health.gov.au)



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# Healthy Lunch Box website

A one-stop-shop for everything you need to know about packing a healthy lunch box.



## Here's what you'll find on the website:

- Interactive lunch box builder that helps parents and kids plan and pack a healthy lunch with foods they like.
- Lots of quick and easy recipes and snack ideas.
- Informative blogs about healthy eating for the family.
- Sign up to receive the Healthy Lunch Box e-newsletter for ideas, updates and recipes.

[healthylunchbox.com.au](http://healthylunchbox.com.au)



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Healthy Lunch Box