



# Black Swan News

Grahamstown Public School



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## Term 4, Week 6 16 November 2020

### Year 6 Farewell

We will be holding the Year 6 Farewell in honour of the conclusion of Year 6's primary school journey. Students are invited to attend their Farewell Dinner on Tuesday 15 December at the School Hall. \$10 is payable to the school office by Tuesday 10 December. Parents are to drop children off at the front gate at 5.45pm and return at 7.30pm for pick-up. Students are to be dressed in smart casual clothing and sensible shoes. Photos will be taken throughout the night and posted on the school website for students with permission to publish.

### Grahamstown Public School Fun-a-thon

This year as part of our fundraising for the year 6 gift, the year 6 students have decided to have a Fun-a-Thon day on **Thursday 26 November 2020**. As part of the Fun-a-thon, all students will walk laps around the school as well as participate in different activities. Some of the activities will be dancing, hula hooping, jump rope, sprints and making a puzzle. Students can come to school out of uniform. Please ensure they are wearing enclosed shoes and no singlets are allowed. We are asking families to support us by getting some sponsors from friends and family. Sponsorship can be made per lap (example 50cents per lap) or a fixed amount (example \$5.00). The money raised will help to go towards new curtains for our stage in the hall. Our P&C have also donated towards the curtains. Prizes will be awarded to the students who raise the most money per Stage and the class that raises the most money will win a pizza lunch. **All money raised must be returned to the front office on Monday 30 November to be eligible for the prizes. Years 3-6 will complete the course 9.30-11am. K-2 will complete the course 2-2.50pm.**

### 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**.

### 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)

## 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 **Monday 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.

## 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.

## 2020 Youyoong AECG 'Deadly' Awards

Many local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students contribute to society through music, art, culture, community, education, environment and sport. During NAIDOC Week we recognised the following students for their significant influence or contribution to culture:

Connor – Sporting Achievement

Melina – Cultural Leadership

Kiahlani – Love of Learning Year 6

Jayda – Love of Learning Yr 3-5

Sage – Love of Learning K-2



# Assembly Awards

## Term 4, Week 4 & 5

Kinder Koalas	Kinder Joeys	1/2 Fruit Bats
Boston	Jesse	Charlotte
Zaayil	Jaiden	Damon
Lochlan	Koren	Ella
Braxton	Zara	Kamara
Arthur	Damon	Blake
Amarlie	Skylar	Macy
1/2 Magpies	1/2 Marsupial Mice	1/2 Tawny Owls
Jasper	Khloe	Alexander
Cyprus	Anabelle	Lillie
	April	Phoenix
		Teal
		Tyana-Ivy
		Cohen
3 Bilbies	3/4 Kookaburras	3/4 Lorikeets
Samuel		Toby
Angel		Alec
Grace		Blake
Quade		Isabella
Liam		Bhavya
Aziza		
4/5 Herons	5/6 Bees	5/6 Cassowaries
Teniesha	Pearl	
William	Amarlie	
Hannah	Logan	
5/6 Honey Ants	Badges	Badges
Chloe	Boston – Green	Skylar – Green
Luikah	Noah – Red	Arthur – Green
Levon	Kaylee – Blue	Amarlie – Green
Callum	Damon – Yellow	Blake – Yellow
	Koren - Green	Jackson – Yellow
	Trae - Yellow	

# Good for Kids good for life

## KEEP THE LUNCHBOX COOL

As the weather warms up it is important to keep the lunchbox cool so that food stays safe to eat.

Using an insulated lunchbox with an ice brick can keep the lunchbox 12° cooler.

You could also try a frozen:

- Water bottle
- Milk popper
- Yoghurt

These double as a refreshing drink or cool snack as they defrost.



**Health**  
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Local Health District

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<http://www.goodforkids.nsw.gov.au/>

# Nutrition Snippet

## MEAT-FREE MONDAY.

Get your family having more veg by making Monday 'Meat-free'.



### Try these meat-free meals:

- Mushroom, spinach and lentil lasagne
- Green frittata
- Eggplant tagine

Any leftovers can be used in the lunch box the next day!

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



**Cancer Council**  
Healthy Lunch Box