



Black Swan News

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Term 4, Week 8 30 November 2020

Grahamstown Public School Fun-a-thon

It was a beautiful day for our 2020 Fun-a-thon. Thanks to our senior students and Mrs Trembath for organising a great event. The students really got into the spirit of the day and had a fabulous morning. Thank you to our families for supporting the event with our wonderful office staff still counting an incredible amount of sponsorships in excess of \$3500.





Last Day Term 4 – Wednesday 16 December 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 **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.

Year 6 Transition to High School

On Thursday 3 December, between 9.15am and 2.30pm there is a transition session organised for students who will be attending Irrawang High School in 2021. Attendance at this session is part of the transition plan for Year 6 students. A bus has been organised to transport children at no cost to parents. Students who are attending transition, need to catch the bus from Grahamstown Public School as High School Staff are not responsible for students who arrive before their school group.

On Wednesday 2 December, between 9:15am and 12:45pm there is an extra transition session organised for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students who will be attending Irrawang High School in 2021. Attendance at this session is part of the transition plan for all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Year 6 students.

Notes for both Transition days are due Tuesday 1 December.

Classroom Transition Day

This Friday, 4 December, all students will be going into their 2021 class groups for the morning and where possible, meeting their 2021 teacher. Unfortunately, we are still waiting on staffing to finalise some new staff members for next year, but children in these classes will have the opportunity to meet with other students they will be in class with for 2021. This is always an exciting time for most but we recognise that it can cause anxiety for others, so we hope that having this information before the end of the year will alleviate some of this for families.

Party Day

This fun event will happen for the whole school on Friday, 11 December. Each class will put out information regarding what their activities will be in the coming days.

Construction of Multi Categorical Class (MC Class)

We are very excited to announce that next year we will have a new MC class being established at our wonderful school. This special class will cater for students with a range of special needs and will be a great addition to our school. This class will initially cater for students in Kinder and Year 1. Mrs Sue Van Hoof will be the Permanent SLSO in the class, but the permanent teacher is yet to be advised.

School Reports

School reports will be sent home with all children on Monday 14 December. For those parents that do not reside with their child/ren you are welcome to contact our school office to request a copy of a report to be collected, alternatively you can send in a stamped self-addressed envelope so this can be posted to you.

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.

School Swimming & Water Safety Program 2020

Swimming began today and will continue until Thursday 10 December. Please remember to pack a towel, goggles, swimmers, sunscreen, rash shirt, hat and change of clothes to put over swimmers to walk back to school.

Assembly Awards



Assembly Awards Term 4, Week 6 & 7

Kinder Koalas	Kinder Joeys	1/2 Fruit Bats
Maliah	Adam	Aaliyah
Cruz	Zara	Poppy
Willow	Cindy	Lana
Maxwell	Aisha	Miro
Macy	Sophie	Seth
Jaydon	Jaxon	Levi
1/2 Magpies	1/2 Marsupial Mice	1/2 Tawny Owls
Bohdi	Luca	Ava
Hayden	Jaharley	Ashton
Harvey	Khobe	Kiralee
Cyprus		Dixie-Louise
Felicity		Darcy
Kenzie		Mekhi
3 Bilbies	3/4 Kookaburras	3/4 Lorikeets
Nicholas	Alana	Aidan
Olivia	Riley	Blade
James	Elsie	Blaze
Justice-May	Chace	
	Crystal	
	Lily	
	Ruby	
4/5 Herons	5/6 Bees	5/6 Cassowaries
Aiden	Alesha	Abby
Chad	Kaylee	Rose
Seth	Skye	Cooper
Taylor	Emily	Islay
Sophia	Johnathan-Lee	Amarli
Cooper	Isabelle	Ashton
Piper	Pearl	Timothy
William	Xzavier	Michelle
Jeremy	Mia	Connor
	Jordan	
	Mackenzie	
	May	
	Grace	
5/6 Honey Ants	Badges	Badges
Bradley	Edith – Yellow	William – Green
Melina	Cruz – Green	Kaylee – Whole Graham
Abby	Hayley – Blue	Chloe – Blue
Popi	Corbyn – Yellow	Max – Yellow
Zack	Chloe – Whole Graham	Poppy – Yellow
Ryder	Ruby – Blue	Sophie - Green
Sophie	Xzavier – Red	Piper – Red
Edith	Isabelle – Whole Graham	Hannah – Yellow
Gemma	Phoenix – Green	Mitchell - Green
Gracie	Cooper – Red	
Max		
Zac		
Jaxon		

Reading Awards



Sunsmart Snippet

Seek shade at home



Shade alone can reduce UV exposure by up to 75%

Priority areas for shade at home:

- Outdoor eating areas, decks and patios
- Sandpits and play equipment
- Pool areas

www.sunsmartnsw.com.au



Cancer Council
Healthy Lunch Box

Good for Kids good for life

NATURE SCAVENGER HUNT

The days are getting longer and it's a great chance to get outdoors with the family.

Have fun finding as many things as you can in this scavenger hunt, or create your own.

You could go for a walk in your local area, or even just your backyard.

Encourage children not to touch or collect the items, but record them on their hunt sheet.

For an example downloadable list, visit: natureplayqld.org.au/nature-play-scavenger-hunt

Acknowledgement: Northern Sydney LHD

- ☐ An animal's footprint
- ☐ A bird's nest
- ☐ A clover (find a 4 leaf clover for an extra 10 points!)
- ☐ The Southern Cross
- ☐ Paper bark
- ☐ A native Australian animal
- ☐ A mushroom or fungus
- ☐ Spot a creature that lives underwater
- ☐ A large feather
- ☐ A sunrise or sunset over the horizon
- ☐ A lilly pillly tree
- ☐ A gumnut
- ☐ A waterfall
- ☐ A heart-shaped stone
- ☐ A farm animal
- ☐ Spot a witchetty grub
- ☐ A herb garden
- ☐ Nature pushing through concrete



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