



Black Swan News

Grahamstown Public School



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School is Safe

Our school continues to be safe and operates strictly in line with the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) and NSW Health advice. We are vigilant in maintaining and implementing the department's infection control and physical distancing measures which are consistent with the AHPPC Guidelines for schools.

Environmental hygiene

The school is ensuring that daily cleaning takes place in our classrooms and school grounds.

- cleaning arrangements include an additional focus on high touch surfaces in common areas and recreational spaces
- daily cleaning of all classrooms and staff areas
- vigilant cleaning and personal hygiene practices in all canteen and food preparation areas
- cleaning arrangement in toilet blocks areas during the day, at least after lunch and recess
- sufficient soap and hand sanitiser is available at all times.

Personal hygiene

Students should be reminded regularly on the importance of adopting appropriate personal hygiene practices.

Information should include:

- washing hands for 20 seconds with soap and water at regular intervals throughout the day, particularly before and after eating and after going to the toilet
- regular and appropriate use of hand sanitiser throughout the day
- respiratory hygiene – covering a cough or sneeze and then hand washing
- advising staff immediately if they feel unwell or have any flu-like symptoms
- placing used tissues and other personal hygiene items straight into a bin and then hand washing
- avoiding touching eyes, nose and mouth
- not sharing food or drink
- not sharing personal items such as mobile phones, pens and pencils etc.
- wiping down shared surfaces before and after use (e.g. where students study and in recreational areas) or when sharing equipment in common areas or in shared rooms arrangements
- maximizing physical distance, reducing contact with other students and staff.

Activities that can still take place:

- School photos
- All school sport and activities including competitions aligned with current health advice (including those activities run by external organisations)
- Inter-school student events and competitions (choirs, sport, debating, public speaking, performing arts, Selective Sports High School trials etc)
- SRE/SEE lessons
- P&C meetings – with a strong preference for on-line where possible
- Parent/teacher meetings – where these need to take place – strong preference for on-line where possible unless involving serious matters that require face to face discussion.

The following events must remain on hold:

- Kindergarten orientation
- School camps
- Excursions (other than field trips explained above)
- Parent attendance at assemblies and other school events
- Parent volunteers – e.g. parent reading helpers (note: canteen and uniform shop volunteers are permitted)
- Interstate excursions
- School-based activities that involve large gathering of adults are not permitted at this time. These include parent/community gatherings such as parent functions, working bees, fundraisers, school BBQs, large parent information evenings, and large on-site cultural events. These large gatherings and the following activities will continue to be reviewed and assessed based on AHPPC and NSW Health advice and may be permitted at a later date.
- School assemblies (limited to 15 minutes and no external visitors)

New Teacher at GPS

This term we welcomed Miss Shelby Matthews as a permanent staff member. She is joining our team after 5 years at Dungog and Adamstown Public Schools. Miss Matthews is now teaching the Herons for the rest of this year and looking forward to furthering her career here with us at GPS!



Kindergarten 2021 Enrolment

If you have a child enrolling in Kindergarten for 2021, it is important that you contact our office 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 attachment below).

If you are leaving Grahamstown Public School at the end of 2020 please let the office know as soon as possible. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact our office on 4987 6510.



June 2019

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) 1.1. Council rates notice 1.2. Lease agreement through a registered real estate agent for a period of at least 6 months or rental bond receipt 1.3. Exchanged contract of sale with settlement to occur within the applicable school year	40
2. Any of the following 2.1. Private rental agreement for a period of at least 6 months 2.2. Centrelink payment statement showing home address 2.3. Electoral roll statement	20 each
3. Any of the following documents 3.1. Electricity or gas bill showing the service address* 3.2. Water bill showing the service address* 3.3. Telephone or internet bill showing the service address* 3.4. Drivers licence or government issued ID showing home address* 3.5. Home building or home contents insurance showing the service address 3.6. Motor vehicle registration or compulsory third party insurance policy showing home address 3.7. Statutory declaration stating the child's residential address, how long they have lived there, and any supporting information or documentation of this.	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>

Kindergarten 2021 Orientation

Due to the current COVID-19 climate and restrictions on formal events and gatherings that are allowed to take place within schools, Kindergarten orientation processes have been placed on hold and will be reconsidered over the coming weeks.

Please be reassured, we are currently planning alternate processes to support with transition and a transition program will still go ahead. Please continue to watch for Kindergarten 2021 updates in our Newsletter and on our Facebook page.

School Photos

School photos are being taken on Friday, 21 August 2020. Order forms have been distributed to students to take home. Please see information below for ordering details. Sibling order forms are available for collection by the eldest student at the office.



Grahamstown Public School

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE TAKEN ON:

Friday 21 August 2020

**ORDER NOW go to www.advancedlife.com.au and enter the code
L6Y 7C2 DMX**

Dear Parents,

School photographs are scheduled to be taken by *advancedlife*. Whilst an envelope and flyer will be distributed shortly, if possible it is our preference that ordering be completed online to reduce administration and potential security issues related to the return of cash and envelopes on photo day.

Orders for packages and sibling photographs can be placed securely online at www.advancedlife.com.au using our school's unique 9 digit **advancedorder code**. Portrait and group package orders are due by photography day.

Should you wish to purchase a sibling photograph online, the order must be placed no later than the day before photography day. Sibling photographs will only be taken if an order has been placed.

Should you have any queries concerning school photographs or online ordering, please contact us at www.advancedlife.com.au/contact

Assembly Awards

Term 2, Week 10 & Term 3, Week 1

Kinder Koalas	Kinder Joeys	1/2 Fruit Bats
Cruz	Adam	
Arthur	Cindy	
Mitchell	Quinten	
Mia	Jaiden	
1/2 Magpies	1/2 Marsupial Mice	1/2 Tawny Owls
Hayden		
Harvey		
Mackenzie		
3 Bilbies	3/4 Kookaburras	3/4 Lorikeets
Noah	Alana	Kobe
Grace	Elsie	Jack
Katelyn	Jake	Alec
4/5 Herons	5/6 Bees	5/6 Cassowaries
David	Noah	William
Zoe	Isabelle	Zac
	Kaylee	Frances
5/6 Honey Ants	Badges	Badges
Chloe	Riley	
Bailey		
Ryder		

Nutrition Snippet

KIDS AND CALCIUM.



Calcium is important for growing healthy bones and teeth.

Our calcium-rich custard pudding makes a delicious lunch box treat, snack or dessert.

healthylunchbox.com.au



Cancer Council
Healthy Lunch Box

Good for Kids good for life

EASY SWAPS IN THE LUNCHBOX

Packing healthy snacks in the lunchbox does not have to be time consuming. Swap from some of these common 'sometimes' lunchbox products to easy alternatives that add extra fibre and nutrition to your child's day:

- Chips → Wholegrain rice cracker bites



- Biscuit and cream cheese snack → carrot sticks and hummus



- Muffin or muffin bar → pikelets



- Tiny teddies → Whole grain fruity bites



Health
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Local Health District

HNELHD-GoodForKids@health.nsw.gov.au
<http://www.goodforkids.nsw.gov.au/>

www.parentingideas.com.au

At Parenting Ideas, we're here to help people successfully raise confident, happy and resilient kids.

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- Regular parenting blogs
- Online courses for parents
- Parenting guides and resources
- Books from our founder and best-selling author, Michael Grose
- Presentations, keynote speaking, workshops and conferences for parents and educators