



Black Swan News

Grahamstown Public School

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Term 2, Week 10 23 June 2021

Term 2 has been very busy with lots of sporting activities and extra-curricular programs. It has been wonderful to be able to welcome parents and friends back onto school grounds to see how their children are progressing. Last day of Term 2 is this Friday 25 June and students will return to school for Term 3 on Tuesday 13 July.

School reports are being sent home with students this Thursday. Any split families that require an additional copy please phone the school office and we can email you a copy.

We hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday!

Names on Clothing/Uniform Items

We have quite a significant number of jumpers already in Lost Property that do not have a name on it. Please ensure that every piece of clothing that your child wears to school has their name on it. Owners cannot be found if the items are not named.

Parliament and Civics Education Rebate – Stage 3 Excursion

Students from our school will be undertaking an education tour of the national capital in Term 4. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$30 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

SCHOOL EVENTS

Term 2

24 June – Premier's Spelling Bee

24 June – Multicultural Public Speaking Zone
Final Competition (Medowie PS)

25 June – Last day of Term 2

Term 3

13 July – First day of Term 3

14 July – Zone Athletics (Field & 800/1500m)

16 July – Zone Athletics (Track)

20 July – PSSA Basketball Knockout

2-3 Aug – Stage 2 Camp

16-20 Aug – Science Week

23-27 Aug – Book Week

25 Aug – Book Week Parade

17 Sept – Last day of Term 3

Payments Due

Voluntary School Contribution \$21

Mathletics \$12

Stage 2 & 3 Camps

Star Struck

What an amazing performance by all our students! A huge thanks to Mrs Trembath and Miss Matthews for all the time and work they have put into helping our students be apart of such a wonderful production.



PSSA Netball

Our Stage 3 netballers played a brilliant game of netball against Seaham PS on Wednesday 10 June for Round 3 of the PSSA Netball Knockout competition. Unfortunately, they were defeated but all showed great sportsmanship and stamina. We are very proud of you all. Also, a very big thank you to one of our parents, Melinda, for volunteering your time to umpire all our games.



Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

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PBL



RAYMOND TERRACE COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE

S·T·A·R·S

EVERYONE, EVERYWHERE, EVERY TIME

LOVE THIS PLACE . . . FOR SHOWCASING PBL

S	SAFETY ACT SAFELY, BE ALERT! ✓ Walk safely ✓ Act safely ✓ Keep left, keep moving
T	TRUST & HONESTY OWN YOUR CHOICES! ✓ Tell the truth ✓ Pay for your purchases ✓ Follow the rules
A	ACTING RESPONSIBLY MAKING GOOD DECISIONS! ✓ Toss your trash ✓ Right place, right time ✓ Hands off!
R	RESPECT THINK TWICE, SAY IT NICE! ✓ Mind your manners ✓ Consider others ✓ Look after our community
S	SUCCESS BE A PROUD CITIZEN! ✓ Be positive ✓ Be confident ✓ Be a S.T.A.R.!!!

Each Monday all students are taught a lesson that relates to one of our PBL expectations. We follow the motto: Everyone, Everywhere, Every time. This helps our students understand what is expected of them at all times and ensures we have a consistent message throughout the school. If you wish to nominate a student for following the expectations in the community please email our school grahamstown-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au with your nomination.

Week 10:



RESPECT

Learning Intention

We are learning about being respectful and responsible during the school holidays

Assembly Awards

Term 2, Weeks 8 & 9

Kinder Llamas	K/1 Flamingos	1 Frogs
Eden	Scarlett	Macy
Kyra-Sage	Aston	Adam
	Alexis	
	Bentley	
1/2 Rabbits	2 Marsupial Mice	2/3 Meerkats
Cindy	Kenzie	Jasper
Cruz	Teal	Matthew
Elkie		Khobe
Kobe		Anabelle
3 Lions	3/4 Taipans	4 Chameleons
Tenealle	Taj	Nicholas
Aaliyah	Blake	Toby
Harper		Katelyn
Tyronn		Bhavya
Phoenix		Zaine
Alexis		Olivia
4/5 Fireflies	5 Toucans	6 Butterflies
	Piper	Mia
	Isabella	Ashton
	Jack	Timothy
	Kobi	Kayde
	Liam	Branden
	Zara	Jaxon
		Chase
		Sonny
		Edith
		Bailey
		Kayde
6 Monkeys	MC Lizards	Badges
Gemma		Luca – Red
Jacob		Xaviar - Green
David		
William		
Bella-Rose		
Abby		
Zoe		
Jordan		
Lillee		

Assembly Award Recipients









KINDER 2022 AT GPS

**at a snap
shot**



Have you enrolled at GPS?

All students need to be enrolled online for school before they can attend Transition or Orientation. If you need a hand completing this please call the school 4987 6510.

New Kinder 2022 Term 3 transition program "Little Grahams"

*****Please register your interest 4987 6510**

Kinder 2022 Interviews

You will be contacted during Term 3 to be apart of an informal Kinder Interview so that we really get to know you and your child before starting school.

"Little Grahams" Transition Program 2022

**"Little Grahams" will be commencing
Week 2 Term 3 EVERY TUESDAY from
9:30am -11am.**

**This is a program run by the school
for our 2022 students. You will need
to complete a "Little Grahams"
enrolment to attend.**

**The play based morning session will
focus on school readiness, school
environment and staff familiarisation
and include activites that target
concepts and language development.**





2021 Premier's Spelling Bee

What is a Spelling Bee?

The Premier's Spelling Bee was introduced in 2004 as a fun and educational way for NSW public primary school students to engage in spelling. The program includes activities to encourage all students to improve their vocabulary and spelling and to promote literacy skills in combination with the English K-6 Syllabus.

Who can participate?

- Junior Spelling Bee - Year 3 and Year 4
- Senior Spelling Bee - Year 5 and Year 6

School Finals

Class competitions will determine students from each class who will proceed to Grahamstown Public School's Spelling Bee finals.

Thursday, 24th June 2021 Time: TBA

One winning student from both the Junior and Senior section will then proceed to regional finals.

Interested?

Students and parents can access the word lists on the Premier's Spelling Bee website <https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/premiers-spelling-bee-2021>

The password to access wordlists is available from the GPS office or from your teacher. This password cannot be published due to copyright.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!



The NSW Department of Education is targeting attendance as a state wide initiative . Here at Grahamstown Public School our current goal is to increase our daily attendance target to 95%

We are also looking to increase the percentage of students that attend school all day

DID YOU KNOW ?

When your child misses just...	This equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly half a year
20 minutes per day	1 hour and 40 minutes per week	Over 2.5 weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 and a half years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 and a half years

At Grahamstown Public School we are aiming to increase attendance with these current initiatives:

- ✓ A random raffle draw for students who are present at morning assembly
- ✓ Daily tracking of attendance in classes with students
- ✓ Attendance cup awarded to the class with the highest percentage each week



Graham says:

If you're well, come to school!

Every Student, Every Day, All Day, All the Way!

Free Childcare



mobile preschool.

Growing our community



Free Childcare for Term 1 and 2 for 2021



Who we are

Our Mobile Preschool travels around the Port Stephens region and provides a stimulating educational program for children aged 3 to 5 years. We provide opportunities for children to try new experiences, practice new skills and enjoy playing with their peers.

What we offer

- qualified, experienced and caring educators
- individual attention for children
- a comprehensive school readiness program
- activities for the whole family to participate in
- over 35 years experience educating children
- a State Government licensed preschool that's funded by the Department of Education
- subsidy for low-income families, ATSI families, and for children in the year prior to school entry

We visit Grahamstown! Contact us today to learn more

Grahamstown Public School, Hastings Drive, Raymond Terrace on Wednesdays from 9am to 3pm



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A Port Stephens Council Community Service
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Healthy Lunch Box recipe

Zucchini muffins.



Ingredients

2 zucchinis, grated & liquid squeezed out
1 carrot, grated
125g tin corn kernels, drained
1 small red onion, finely diced
1 cup baby spinach leaves, chopped
1 cup wholemeal self-raising flour
6 eggs, beaten
1 cup reduced-fat tasty cheese, grated

Method

Preheat oven to 180°C. Line a 12-hole muffin tin with muffin liners.

Heat a non-stick frypan over medium heat and cook the onion until translucent. Allow to cool.

Place all ingredients into a large mixing bowl and mix until well combined.

Divide the mixture between the 12 muffin liners. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes or until muffins are golden and a skewer comes out clean.

For more recipes visit:
healthylunchbox.com.au



Cancer Council
Healthy Lunch Box

Good for Kids good for life



**HEAL
COUNTRY!**
4-11 JULY 2021

With the theme of NAIDOC this year being "Heal Country!", it is an opportunity for all Australians to come together to celebrate the rich history, diverse cultures and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as one of the oldest continuing cultures on the planet. Here's a healthy Indigenous recipe to share with your family from the Heart Foundation Cookbook 'Flavours of the Coast' Koori Cookbook!

Kangaroo Spaghetti

10 minutes preparation time + 25 minutes cooking time

By Terry Rankmore



Ingredients:

1 tablespoon of olive oil
600g of kangaroo mince
500g of fresh mushrooms,
sliced
1 onion, diced
1 large green
capsicum, sliced
1 large red
capsicum, sliced
1 bunch of celery, sliced
1 can of diced tomatoes
Parsley
4 cups of cooked pasta
1 tablespoon of
tomato paste

Method:

1. Heat 1 tablespoon of olive oil in wok or frying pan.
2. Brown mince then add onions, mushrooms, celery, capsicum and cook for 10 minutes.
3. Add the canned tomato and tomato paste and simmer for 5 minutes.
4. Boil the pasta until cooked.
5. Serve the mince on top of the cooked pasta and garnish with parsley.



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

<p>Crazy Scientist Bubble Wands • Wrap Painting • Foam Fun Fireworks in a glass • Skee Ball • Chia Pet Dress up: Crazy scientist or monster</p>		<p>Dreamtime Celebrations Boomerang fun • Borna Jokee Chill in the dreamtime • Moon and stars Rain shakers • Weave mat Craft Workshop: Terracotta Art</p>	
<p>Games Day Egg and Spoon Race • Fish on a stick Flight school • Human noughts and crosses Marble race • What's in the box. Special lunch: Sausage Sizzle</p>		<p>Excursion: Tocal Location: Tocal Homestead followed by a play at John Tucker Park Paterson</p>	
<p>Art Attack Dream Catcher • Friendship bracelets Kay chains • Scoubidou strings Scratch art • Scribble fun</p>		<p>Mythical Creatures Creature Silhouette • Key Chain Clay Creation • Rocking Rocks Dragon Puppets • Unicorn Slime Dress up: Fantastic Beasts</p>	
<p>Excursion: Snow time in the gardens Location: Hunter Valley Gardens</p>		<p>Kaleidoscope of Colour Melting Skittles • Tooth Pick Painting Plastic Wrap Creations • Marbled Wood Coasters Jumbo Crayons • Filter Flowers</p>	
<p>Glam It Up Candle Waxing • Glitter Gem Soap Jar Decorations • Ring Making Shoe Design • Colour Symphony Games Workshop: Minute to Win It</p>		<p>Pyjama Party Cereal Necklace • Choc Bananas Crazy Stress Balls • Opposite day challenge Scavenger Hunt • Erupting Snow Dress up: Pyjamas</p>	

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Call 1300 651 625 to book an appointment today

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www.hnekidshealth.nsw.gov.au/oralhealth