



Black Swan News

Grahamstown Public School

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Term 2, Week 8 7 June 2021

"There is an ongoing focus on student attendance throughout the state.

We appreciate that during the colder months there is an increase in sickness, and the directive is that if someone is unwell, they should stay at home. However, if a student is well, the best place for them to be is at school.

Every Student, Every Day, All Day, All the Way"

Late Payments

In future, **NO late payments will be accepted after their due date.** Please ensure that permission slips and money are returned to the Office by the due date. Late payments cause confusion for staff and students and may result in students missing out on activities even if they have paid.

Online Payments

Any payments due to school can be made via the Grahamstown Public School website

<https://grahamstow-schools.nsw.gov.au/>

Please click on the 'Make a Payment' tab on the top right bar on the home screen. Please follow the steps and fill in all details to complete the payment.

Office Hours

The office is open:
Monday to Thursday - 8.30am to 3pm
Friday 8.55am to 3pm

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.

Please spend 5 minutes writing the names on labels or somewhere so that the items can be identified. Please don't forget to write on hats and jumpers. You can use a permanent laundry marker to label clothes, hats and shoes, or sew or iron

SCHOOL EVENTS

Term 2

- 8 June – Catch-up Athletics
- 9 June – PSSA Netball Knockout Rd 3
- 10 June – PSSA Soccer Knockout Rd 3
- 11 June – PSSA Rugby League Knockout
- 14 June – Queens Birthday Public Holiday
- 14-18 June – Star Struck
- 15 June – IHS Year 6 GaTS Enrichment Day
- 15 June – IHS Yr 5 & 6 Talented Program
- 15-25 June - Student Led Conferences
- 16 June – PSSA Cricket
- 21 June – K-2 Public Speaking Finals
- 22 June – Children's University Excursion
- 23 June – NAIDOC Celebrations
- 24 June – Premier's Spelling Bee
- 24 June – Multicultural Public Speaking Zone Final Competition (Medowie PS)
- 25 June – Last day of Term 2

on personalised labels. Please regularly check your children's school items to make sure those labels haven't fallen off or faded with washing. Owners cannot be found if the items are not named.

Morning Drop-off & Afternoon Pick-Up

For morning drop off please say good bye to your child at the gate and allow them to enter on their own.

If you are having trouble with them entering the school grounds on their own please see the teacher on duty who will support you in this.

For pick-up of an afternoon, our front and back gates will be opened at the 2.57pm bell for you to enter and collect your children. Please do not congregate outside classrooms, but wait in a space that you have negotiated with your children. We also ask that you leave the grounds promptly once you have collected them.

Student Absences

If your child is absent from school please call the office 4987 6510 to explain the absence. If you have not informed the office during the day a text message will be sent to your nominated mobile number requesting an explanation. Please reply to this message informing why your child is not at school. This is a legal requirement.

Late Arrivals/Early Leavers

If your child arrives at school after 9am they will need to present to the office to receive a late slip and a text message will be sent to your nominated mobile number requesting an explanation as to why they were late.

If you need to collect your child early from school please phone the office ahead of time so that your child can meet you at the school gate when required.

It is important that children attend school for the full school day so please endeavour to avoid late arrivals and early pick-ups as much as possible.

Children's University NUSpace Excursion

Students participating in the Children's University program have been invited to attend an excursion at NUSpace on Tuesday 22 June 2021. The children will explore a range of diverse faculty workshops throughout the day. Please ensure permission notes are returned to Miss Foley by Tuesday 15 June 2021.

Athletics Carnival

A wonderful day had by all. Thank you to parents who could share with us. It was lovely to have families at school once again and for such a fun day. Our last-minute venue change meant a massive job for Mr Fajks and his effort is so appreciated as is the effort of all the teachers, teachers' aides, P&C and volunteers. Miss Lockwood organised the K/1 activities which were totally awesome! Thank you so much. The kids smiling faces said it all.



Student Led Conferences

We are very excited to be able to offer Student Led Conferences again this year. They will be held in Weeks 9 and 10. Please see the information below to help you book a session with your teacher. The active link is:

<https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code?code=4zqta>

Grahamstown Public School

Growing with pride, learning for life.



Friday 14 May 2021

Dear Parents

Student Led conferences are on again this year. This initiative began in 2019 with fabulous positive feedback so we are delighted to be able to implement it again this year. Below are instructions to help you book a time for your Student Conference. **If you have already booked through a link to a Google Calendar invite sent by your teacher, you DO NOT have to book again.** Your booking will transfer across to this system. Due to problems with the Google Calendar, we have gone with a new system. We thank you for your understanding in this. We are excited to meet with you during these conferences and to support your child as they share their learning achievements and goals with you.

Step 1: click on the link: <https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code?code=4zqta>

Step 2:

Fill out the form and press go.

Step 3:

Choose your child's teacher/teachers and press go.

Step 4:

Click on the time desired and press go.

Step 5: Make note of your time. This will also be emailed to you on the email address you entered at step 2.

Step 6: Attend your Student Led conference at the time you have booked.

PBL



RAYMOND TERRACE COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE

S·T·A·R·S

EVERYONE, EVERYWHERE, EVERY TIME

LOVE THIS PLACE . . . FOR SHOWCASING PBL

S	<p>SAFETY</p> <p>ACT SAFELY, BE ALERT!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Walk safely ✓ Act safely ✓ Keep left, keep moving
T	<p>TRUST & HONESTY</p> <p>OWN YOUR CHOICES!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Tell the truth ✓ Pay for your purchases ✓ Follow the rules
A	<p>ACTING RESPONSIBLY</p> <p>MAKING GOOD DECISIONS!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Toss your trash ✓ Right place, right time ✓ Hands off!
R	<p>RESPECT</p> <p>THINK TWICE, SAY IT NICE!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Mind your manners ✓ Consider others ✓ Look after our community
S	<p>SUCCESS</p> <p>BE A PROUD CITIZEN!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 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 7:

Respect

Safety

Learning Intention

We are learning how to respect our sport's equipment and be safe using it

Week 8:

PBL lesson

Respect

Learning Intention:

We are learning how to...
Listen, speak and act politely for casual teachers

Assembly Awards

Term 2, Weeks 6 & 7

Kinder Llamas	K/1 Flamingos	1 Frogs
Ivy	Freya	Mitchell
LJ	Parker-James	Mia
Avah		Jaiden
Harmony		Elijah
1/2 Rabbits	2 Marsupial Mice	2/3 Meerkats
Charlotte		Luca
Willow		Ava
Boston		Lillie
		Phoenix
		Alexander
3 Lions	3/4 Taipans	4 Chameleons
Jenarllia	Taj	Aziza
Judah	Blaze	Samuel
		Rosalie
		Quade
		Alana
		Noah
4/5 Fireflies	5 Toucans	6 Butterflies
Chace	Aiden	Kiara
Kobe	Teniesha	Grace
Jack	Maddox	Isabelle
		Gracie
		Pearl
		Xzavier
		Chelsea
		Timothy
6 Monkeys	MC Lizards	Badges
Tyrick		
David		
Jordan		
Seth		
Islay		
Max		

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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thrive kids
Growing our community



PORTSTEPHENS.NSW.GOV.AU/THRIVEKIDS

Funded by NSW Department of Education
A Port Stephens Council Community Service
02 4988 0308
thrivekids@portstephens.nsw.gov.au

Sunsmart Snippet

Create a morning checklist

Help your child remember what they need to do every morning before school



- Wash my face
- Brush my teeth
- Get dressed
- Pack my school bag
- Apply SPF30 or higher sunscreen
- Wear my sun smart hat

Download and print off the morning check list from the SunSmart website and stick on your fridge, so you don't forget!

www.sunsmartnsw.com.au



Cancer Council
Healthy Lunch Box

Good for Kids good for life

TV FREE TUESDAY

You might have heard about 'meat free Monday', how about introducing TV-free Tuesday into your week?

A whole day with no screen time will provide encouragement for your kids to 'think outside the box' for activity ideas!

Some ideas include:

- Backyard Play
- Charades or board games
- Indoor or outdoor treasure hunt
- Writing and practicing a performance to showcase every Tuesday evening
- Art and craft
- Hula hoop competition
- A family game of Twister

Allow space for your kids to come up with their own idea. TV-free Tuesday can quickly turn into a family favourite tradition.



Health
Hunter New England
Local Health District

HNELHD-GoodForKids@health.nsw.gov.au
<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>MON 28 JUNE</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>MON 5 JULY</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>TUE 29 JUNE</p>	<p>Excursion: Tocal Location: Tocal Homestead followed by a play at John Tucker Park Paterson</p>	 <p>TUE 6 JULY</p>
<p>Art Attack Dream Catcher • Friendship bracelets Kay chains • Scoubidou strings Scratch art • Scribble fun</p>	 <p>WED 30 JUNE</p>	<p>Mythical Creatures Creature Silhouette • Key Chain Clay Creation • Rocking Rocks Dragon Puppets • Unicorn Slime Dress up: Fantastic Beasts</p>	 <p>WED 7 JULY</p>
<p>Excursion: Snow time in the gardens Location: Hunter Valley Gardens</p>	 <p>THU 1 JULY</p>	<p>Kaleidoscope of Colour Melting Skittles • Tooth Pick Painting Plastic Wrap Creations • Marbled Wood Coasters Jumbo Crayons • Filter Flowers</p>	 <p>THU 8 JULY</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>FRI 2 JULY</p>	<p>Pyjama Party Cereal Necklace • Choc Bananas Crazy Stress Balls • Opposite day challenge Scavenger Hunt • Erupting Snow Dress up: Pyjamas</p>	 <p>FRI 9 JULY</p>



Is it time for a dental check-up?

Hunter New England Oral Health provides free dental care for all children under 18yrs of age

We accept the Child Dental Benefits Scheme

HNE Dental Clinic opening hours: 8:00am – 4:30pm



Health
Hunter New England
Local Health District

Call 1300 651 625 to book an appointment today

For more information about oral health and accessing our service, visit the HNE Kids Health webpage at www.hnekidshealth.nsw.gov.au/oralhealth