



Black Swan News

Grahamstown Public School

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Term 3, Week 2 21 July 2021

Welcome back to Term 3!

We begin this term with new restrictions within schools and with the uncertainty of what our future will look like, we have had to make the hard decision to cancel a number of school events. Your patience and understanding during these times is always appreciated.

TERM 3, 2021 COVID-19 SCHOOL GUIDELINES FOR PARENTS & FAMILIES

The guidelines provided to you here are in line with the directives we have received from the NSW Department of Education, informed by NSW Health. These guidelines are subject to change at any time based on government advice, and I therefore encourage you to monitor the following website for updates:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19>

Grahamstown Public School is in a local government area (LGA) where Level 2 school restrictions are currently in place. Information on Level 2 school operations include the following guidelines for our school. These guidelines include:

- Students will be in their normal classes, following their normal timetable.
- If students and families have been in a COVID-19 affected LGA in the holidays, they should follow the public health orders and advice from NSW Health found at:

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/public-health-orders.aspx>

Parents and carers must follow the changes regarding drop off and pick up of students, including:

- Staying in the car when dropping off and picking up children if safe to do so

SCHOOL EVENTS

Term 3

2 Aug – Rescheduled Zone Athletics Track

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 3 Camp

Year 6 Shirt \$38

- Maintaining physical distancing by avoiding gathering outside of school gates
- Remaining outside of school grounds (note some exceptions may apply regarding necessary parent meetings, vulnerable students or students with disability)
- If entering the school, follow mask-wearing requirements and sign in using the Service NSW QR code and school sign on register
- Non-essential visitors are not permitted in schools.
- Some visitors are permitted in schools based on the guidelines, as determined by the Principal on our site until further notice.
- Reasons for attendance may include wellbeing or learning related meetings with senior executive or learning support officers. This will be determined on a case-by-case arrangement by the Principal
- Students should not attend school if unwell, even with mild symptoms of COVID-19.
- Parents should inform the school of all non-attendance at school in the usual manner
- Any person with any COVID-19 symptoms will be sent home and should not return until they have received a negative test result and are symptom-free.
- In circumstances where children have other medical reasons for recurrent symptoms a letter from their GP is sufficient to negate the requirement for a negative test.
- Parents are encouraged to speak to the Principal in cases where students have medical concerns during the pandemic.
- Anyone who is unwell with COVID-19 symptoms is strongly encouraged to get tested and self-isolate until a negative result is received.

While at school, masks or face coverings are recommended, not mandatory, in all indoor settings for:

- All students in Year 7 and above
- All staff in school settings
- Masks are mandatory on public transport. This applies to students aged 13 years and over, and staff when travelling to and from school and during school excursions by public transport or by chartered or private transport services
- All extra curricula activities will be assessed on a case-by-case basis in Term 3 during Level 2 guidelines. A COVID-19 Safety Plan will be developed for any activities that are deemed suitable to proceed, in line with the current guidelines. We will make all efforts to assess the viability of continuing with activities scheduled throughout this period, ensuring we are compliant to the COVID-19 guidelines, while providing high quality experiences during this difficult time.

Communication

Please note that Class Dojo is only for communication with your child's classroom teacher. If you wish to speak with an Assistant Principal or Principal, then please contact the office directly.

Stage 2 Camp Cancellation

Unfortunately, due to the extension of the current lockdowns, the decision has been made to cancel the Stage 2 Great Aussie Bush Camp excursion. All payments will be placed in to fees in advance unless a request for refund is received, please phone 4987 6510 or email grahamstow-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au for the refund to be processed.

Hunter Inter Schools Public Speaking Finals - Postponed until Term 4

Due to the current restrictions within schools the organisers of the Hunter Inter Schools Public Speaking Finals have made the tough decision to postpone the Zone finals until approximately Week 3 or 4 in Term 4. This is only a tentative date, as you can appreciate circumstances can change rapidly at the moment and is yet to be confirmed. If restrictions still apply or regional schools have progressed to Phase 3 by the end of Term 3, then organisers will have to unfortunately cancel the whole event.

Stage 2 Public Speaking Finals

In Week 1 the finalists from Stage 2 participated in the Public Speaking Finals. Our finalists were Hayden, Amelia, Zaine, Marshall, Alana, Arabella and Alec. The overall winners were Arabella and Alec and highly commended went to Alana.



Library News

Please make sure students are bring their library books back to school. Books can be returned any day. Below is our library timetable as a reminder of when your child's library day is.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• MC Lizards• 3/4 Taipans	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2/3 Meerkats• 3 Lions• 5 Toucans• 1 Frogs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 Mice• 4 Chameleons• 6 Monkeys• K/1 Flamingos	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1/2 Rabbits• 4/5 Fireflies• 6 Butterflies• K Llamas

Book Week is happening in week 7 this term (August 23-27)

Theme: Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds

- Our parade will be on Wednesday 25 August – students dress up as a character from a book.
- Our Book Fair will be set up on Monday 23 August, students will look at the fair and make a wish list on this day. Purchases from the Fair can be made Tuesday 24 till Thursday 26.
- At this stage we are unsure if parents can be onsite, we just have to wait and see what unfolds with the current COVID situation, but more information will be available as we get closer to the event.

PBL



RAYMOND TERRACE COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE

S·T·A·R·S

EVERYONE, EVERYWHERE, EVERY TIME

LOVE THIS PLACE . . . FOR SHOWCASING PBL

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 2:

**Respect
Our Cygnet Leaders**

Learning Intention
We are learning how to speak and act politely to our Cygnet leaders

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

Assembly Awards

Term 2, Week 10

Kinder Llamas	K/1 Flamingos	1 Frogs
		Reece
		Arriella
1/2 Rabbits	2 Marsupial Mice	2/3 Meerkats
Twinae	Indiana	Bella
Audrey	Peyton	Paige
	Poppy	
3 Lions	3/4 Taipans	4 Chameleons
Macey		Justice-May
Cyprus		Kayley
Kamara		Grace
4/5 Fireflies	5 Toucans	6 Butterflies
Elsie	Creeden	Bailey
William	Blake	Xzavier
Dylan	Sophia	Kayde
Riley	Maddox	Alesha
Mason	Aiden	Sonny
Alec		Ashton
6 Monkeys	MC Lizards	Badges
Tamzin		Kayde – Yellow
Dustin		Xzavier – Whole Graham
Mackenzie		Riley – Whole Graham
Chloe		Tobias – Whole Graham
Brady		Chloe – Whole Graham
		Olivia – Blue
		Jack – Yellow
		Liam - Yellow
		Jaiden – Yellow
		Poppy - Red

Assembly Award Recipients





“Little Grahams”

On Tuesday we welcomed two groups of preschool students for our brand-new Little Graham’s program. These future Grahamstown students will be attending 90 minutes sessions each Tuesday, designed to prepare them for Kindergarten. Yesterday we got to play, read and sing about spiders, then create our own “gold back” spiders and save all sorts of creatures from a spider web. Everyone had a lot of fun and we can’t wait to do it all again next week!





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 part 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 activities that target
concepts and language development.



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!

Nutrition Snippet

BEAUTIFUL BROCCOLI STALKS



Did you know you can use the stalks as well as the florets?

High in fibre and vitamins broccoli stalks are a nutrient powerhouse!

Chop them up and use in a stir fry, add to a soup or toss them in a salad rather than throwing them out!

For these recipes and more visit:
healthylunchbox.com.au



Cancer Council
Healthy Lunch Box

Good for Kids good for life

INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

The United Nations has declared 2021 the International Year of Fruits and Vegetables!

Did you know that over 75% of Primary school aged children in NSW consume the recommended serves of fruit?¹

BUT...

Only 1 in 20 NSW primary school children eat the recommended amount of vegetables!¹

Pack vegetables for Crunch&Sip® at school each day. Here's a few ideas:

No preparation:

- 🍎 Baby cucumbers or carrots
- 🍎 Cherry Tomatoes
- 🍎 Snow Peas
- 🍎 Frozen Peas

Some preparation:

- 🍎 Cucumber, carrot, celery or capsicum sticks
- 🍎 Corn on the cob



INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF
FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

2021



Health
Hunter New England
Local Health District

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

¹NSW School Physical Activity and Nutrition Survey, 2015