



# Black Swan News

Grahamstown Public School

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**Term 4, Week 10**  
**8 December 2021**

## Message from Ms Winn

Thank you to all our parents and carers for supporting our teaching staff with the Industrial Action on Tuesday by making other arrangements for your children. Keep an eye out for a Christmas message from me next week as we celebrate our last week of school in what has been a challenging year for us all.



*Every student is invited to  
join the fun THIS  
THURSDAY for the:*



**Christmas  
Dress up  
and Ice cream day**



**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

*Wear your favourite Christmas clothes, Santa hats, maybe get clever and design a Christmas tree outfit!*

*EVERY student will also enjoy an ice cream or ice block treat – just because they deserve it!*





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## *Presentation Day*

*Monday 13 December 2021*

- **9.10am – Leaders Induction**
- **9.30am – Stage 3**
- **10.30am – Stage 2**
- **12.00pm – Early Stage 1**
- **12.30pm – Stage 1**

ASSEMBLIES AND PRESENTATIONS WILL BE ALLOWED OUTDOORS ON SITE. COHORTS WILL BE SEPARATED WITH PHYSICAL DISTANCING IN PLACE WHERE PRACTICABLE. FULLY VACCINATED VISITORS (INCLUDING PARENTS AND CARERS) ARE ONLY ALLOWED TO ATTEND IF INVITED BY THE SCHOOL TO COMPLETE A SPECIFIC ROLE (SUCH AS PRESENTING) ALL VISITORS MUST CHECK IN USING THE SCHOOL CHECK-IN AND SHOW PROOF OF VACCINATION. ALL PARENTS AND CARERS WHO HAVE BEEN INVITED BY THE SCHOOL TO ATTEND, HAVE ALREADY BEEN NOTIFIED.



### **Special Lunch Order for Last Day of School – Thursday 16 December**

Orders are now open for the end of year celebration lunch order. Sausage sizzles and Special treats! The perfect way to see out this crazy year. Orders will close Friday 10 December 11pm, so please ensure you have placed your orders by then as no late orders will be accepted.

## 2021 School Photos

School Photos will be sent home today with students. If you requested your photos to be collected from the office please do so by Thursday 16 December.

## Classes 2022

Usually at this time of year, we have the children go into their new classes to meet the teacher they will have the following year. Due to our cohorting restrictions, we have had to change what this will look like for this year. This morning, all children will be told who their teacher for 2022 is. All children will have the opportunity to meet their teacher between now and the end of the year. They will attend a meeting with their teacher outside and spend time getting to know their new teacher and classmates. This will occur on different days depending on our timetabling. Thanks for your understanding around this.

## School Reports

School reports will be sent home with all children on Wednesday 15 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

Year 6 students have been invited to celebrate the end of their primary school journey on Tuesday 14 December. Parents are to drop students at the front gate at 5.45pm, for a 6pm dinner. Pick up time is 8pm. Please ensure students are dressed in smart casual clothing with sensible shoes.

## Last day of Term 4, 2021

The last day of school for students is Thursday 16 December.

## First Day of Term 1, 2022

Students return to school for Term 1, 2022 on Tuesday 1 February. Kindergarten students will start on Friday 4 February.

## Kindergarten 2022

All Kindergarten 2022 students have been scheduled to attend their Best Start Assessment at a specified time between Tuesday 1 February and Thursday 3 February. Notes have already been sent home with your child's allocated time. Students will then attend on Friday 4 February for their first day of school. Friday 4 February students will attend between 9.15 – 2.30pm. The following week 7-11 February students will attend 9am – 2.30pm.



# 2021 Premiers Reading Challenge

## Gold and Platinum Certificates

This year we had 263 students complete the Premiers Reading Challenge. All students who completed the challenge will receive an award and some will receive a Gold or Platinum Certificates.

To receive a Gold Premiers Reading Challenge certificate, a student has completed the challenge 4 times. These students are:

**2/3 Meerkats** - Anabelle and Paige

**3 Lions** - Judah

**3/4 Taipans** - Seth, Jordan, Taj, Benjamin, Mason and Liam

**4 Chameleons** - Zavier, Griffyn, Grace, Kayley, Mila, Chloe, Toby, Noah, Samuel, Olivia, Braxton and James

**4/5 Fireflies** - Lily, Ally, Elsie and Jack

**5 Toucans** - Lailah, Lucy, Millah, Makiah, Piper, Emilee, Kobi, Cooper, Jake, Cooper, Liam, Starr, Isaac, Aiden and Isabella

**6 Butterflies** - Taylor, Ashton and Bailey

**6 Monkeys** - Jacob, Amarli and Abby

To receive a Platinum Premiers Reading Challenge certificate, a student has completed the challenge 7 times. These students are:

**6 Butterflies** - Emily

**6 Monkeys** - Gemma

*Congratulations to all students who completed the challenge and to those who received Gold or Platinum Certificates.*





## Class Requirements 2022

### All Students will need the following items:

- Tissues
- Glue sticks
- Paper towel
- Sponges/Chux wipes
- Library bag
- Paint/art smock
- Coloured crayons and pencils
- Pump soap
- Headphones/earbuds for Technology
- Pencil sharpener (holds own shavings)
- Eraser (soft white)
- HB and 2B pencils
- Pencil case
- White board markers
- Scissors

### Stage Specific Items:

#### Early Stage 1 - Kindergarten

- Triangular coloured pencils - optional
- A4 plastic envelope to be used for home readers

#### Stage 1 – Years 1 and 2

- A4 plastic envelope to be used for home readers
- Plain wooden ruler 30cm

#### Stage 2 – Years 3 and 4

- Red pen for ruling and marking work
- Highlighters
- USB
- Plain wooden ruler 30cm
- 1 black Sharpie
- Small pencil case to leave on the desk during class time and another pencil case for all other stationery

#### Stage 3 – Years 5 and 6

- Blue, black and red ball point pens
- A basic Geometry set
- Highlighters
- 1 black Sharpie
- Small pencil case to leave on the desk during class time and another pencil case for all other stationery
- Plain wooden ruler 30cm
- USB



# Assembly Awards

## Term 4, Week 7, 8 & 9

<b>Kinder Llamas</b>	<b>K/1 Flamingos</b>	<b>1 Frogs</b>
Harmony	Ariana	Aisha
Chloe	Ari	Riley
Caleb	Scarlett	Lochlan
Avah	Evie	
Summer	Ryder	
Eden		
Christina		
<b>1/2 Rabbits</b>	<b>2 Marsupial Mice</b>	<b>2/3 Meerkats</b>
Tyana-Ivy	Jesse	Ava
Zachariah	Teal	William
Melia	Samara	Armie
Elijah	Nate	
Skylar	Chelsi	
Macy	Indiana	
Arlo		
<b>3 Lions</b>	<b>3/4 Taipans</b>	<b>4 Chameleons</b>
Tyronn	Seth	Quade
Ashton	Damon	Dylan
Macey	Branxton	Kayley
Phoenix		James
		Ivy
		Mila
		Aziza
		Zahara
		Zaine
		Rosalie
<b>4/5 Fireflies</b>	<b>5 Toucans</b>	<b>6 Butterflies</b>
Jayda	Blake	Jaxon
Lily	William	Chase
Ruby	Lucy	Bailey
Lily	Liam	Alesha
Taahir	Mia	Branden
Ahlieghaa	Jack	Sonny
	Emilee	Kiara
	Maddox	Taylor
	Starr	Mia
	Zayden	
	Cooper	
	Sophia	
	Elizabeth	
<b>6 Monkeys</b>	<b>MC Lizards</b>	<b>Badges</b>
Hannah		Zoe – Whole Graham
Max		Islay – Whole Graham
Dustin		Lillee – Whole Graham
Jacob		Bella-Rose – Whole Graham
David		Sonny – Whole Graham
Lillee		Chase – Whole Graham
Bella-Rose		Ari – Green
Zoe		Scarlett – Green
Islay		Avah - Green

Callum		Matilda – Green
May		Damon – Yellow
Lily		Jacob – Red
		Jordan – Yellow
		Lily – Green
		Shelby – Whole Graham
		Zara – Yellow
		Matthew – Red
		Chelsea – Whole Graham
		Mia – Whole Graham
		Dustin - Red

**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

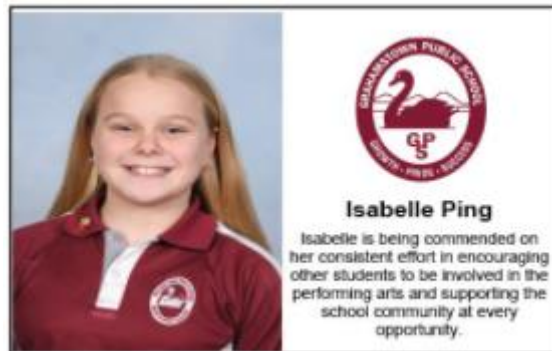
**A ACTING RESPONSIBLY**  
**MAKING GOOD DECISIONS!**  
 ✓ Toss your trash  
 ✓ Right place, right time  
 ✓ Hands off!

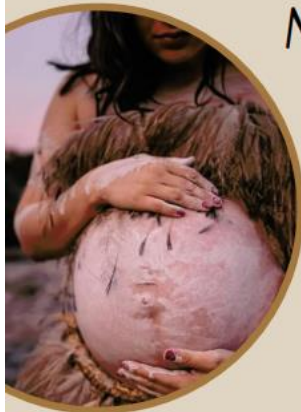
**R RESPECT**  
**THINK TWICE, SAY IT NICE!**  
 ✓ Mind your manners  
 ✓ Consider others  
 ✓ Look after our community

**S SUCCESS**  
**BE A PROUD CITIZEN!**  
 ✓ Be positive  
 ✓ Be confident  
 ✓ Be a S.T.A.R!!!

## 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](mailto:grahamstown-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) with your nomination.





# MAKE 'N' TAKE

## ABORIGINAL FAMILIES

**Want to make meals that are similar in nutrition to our ancestors?**

We are hosting a free 5 week cooking program focusing on healthy meals for Aunties, mums and mums to be. We will be using foods that are easily available and have similar qualities to traditional foods found on Worimi lands.

**Eating healthy for bubs and kids can give them the best start in life!**

Come a long and have a yarn with other mum's and cook up a feed to take home for your family.

**Each week we will be giving away a mystery prize so come along and have some fun.**

**When:** Tuesdays 8th March to 5th April 2022  
from 9.30-12.00pm

**Where:** Port Stephens Family & Neighbourhood Services  
5 Phillip street, Raymond Terrace

**Who:** Anne Hills and Val Smith  
( Child minding will be available)

**To book or additional information contact:**

Anne Hills - 0437 459 598  
or Rachel Small - 0431 580 086



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