



Black Swan News

Grahamstown Public School



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Term 1, Week 6 2 March 2022

Easing of Restrictions

From Monday **28 February**, there has been an easing of restrictions which see us getting back closer to pre Covid times. I sincerely thank you for your patience and understanding during what has been one of the most difficult times for us all. From Monday, the following changes will occur:

- There will no longer be no requirements around cohorting. This means that a few things can now change for us as shown below.
 - Lunch time and recess time can go back to the way they were. Lunch will now be:
11.00 – 11.10 – eating time for all
11.10 – 11.40 – lunch play time for all
 - Recess will now be:
1.20 – 1.30 – eating time for all
1.30 – 2.00 – Recess play time for all
 - Canteen can start offering snacks at lunch time again and have volunteers to assist with the full menu. Because we had children playing first then eating and we were not allowed to handle money, it was impossible for the canteen to offer snacks such as iceblocks. Nikki and Bec are looking forward to getting back into full operations as soon as possible.
 - **Pick up time will go back to 3pm for all.** Please be considerate of others and the safety of all.
- Parents will be invited to school events. We are resuming weekly assemblies. A roster of times will be distributed through normal channels soon. You will receive notifications of special events, to which you will be invited, as they occur. Parents are now able to attend the Athletics Carnival.
 - **Please note that children will continue to walk in to school and leave the school on their own in the mornings and afternoons. Parents are not allowed to accompany their children at these times.**

SCHOOL EVENTS

Term 1

3 Mar – Zone Rugby League Trials-
POSTPONED

4 Mar – Athletics Carnival-POSTPONED

8 Mar – School Photos

8 Mar – Zone Soccer Trials Boys & Girls

9 Mar – Athletics Carnival-Kinder/Year 1

11 Mar – 3-6 Assembly 9.15am

14 Mar – K-2 Assembly 2.15pm

15 Mar – Tim McCallum DoE Executive
Director - School visit

25 Mar – PSSA Zone Netball Carnival

25 Mar – 3-6 Assembly 9.15am

28 Mar – K-2 Assembly 2.15pm

5 Apr – Cross Country

7 Apr – Easter Hat Parade

8 Apr – K-6 Assembly 9.15am

8 Apr – Last day of Term 1

- Volunteers are allowed to come back on site as long as they are fully vaccinated. Information about requirements for volunteers in classrooms, the canteen and at other special occasions will be coming out shortly.
- Masks will continue to be worn in primary schools until Friday 4 March 2022. Masks will no longer be mandatory in schools after this time. If your child wishes to continue to wear a mask, that will be perfectly fine.

RAT testing is now only done if children are symptomatic or exposed to Covid. A final supply of RAT tests has been sent home to those who are using them. If your child is a close contact, or they test positive to Covid, please let the school know immediately by phoning the office. Please continue to keep your children home if they are unwell. Any child who is unwell at school will be sent home.

Athletics Carnival

Due to the wet weather our Athletics Carnival has been postponed. We are currently liaising with the grounds to reschedule a date for later in Term 1 or early Term 2. We will notify you once we have a new date.

Voluntary Contributions

Voluntary contributions for 2022 are \$21 per student. Statement of Accounts will be sent home in the coming weeks. All payments can be made online via our school's website or cash/Eftpos in the office. Voluntary contributions can also be paid using any unallocated Fees in Advance.

Stewart House

Stewart House Donation Drive 2022 envelopes have been sent home this week. All donations of \$2 or more will go into the draw for a chance to win a \$4000 gift voucher. Please return envelopes to the school office by Friday 13 May 2022.

Zone Sport Trials

There are a number of Zone Sport Trials being held in Term 1, such as basketball, touch football, rugby league and soccer. This is for students who have expressed an interest in a particular sport. Please be advised that if a PARENTAL CONSENT FORM comes home for your child, they are not automatically selected to attend the trial on the day. If you do not wish your child to attend the Zone Trial, you are free to decline the invitation.

School teams selected later in the year work differently. If your child trials AT SCHOOL to represent GPS in a gala day such as rugby league or soccer, you will first be notified prior to the date to obtain permission before a Grahamstown Public School note goes home. They will not be selected or receive a permission note until you have been contacted by the supervising teacher.

Mosquito Repellent

There are many mosquitos in our play areas at school now. We encourage you to put repellent on your child before school and/or send in a roll of repellent in their school bag to help with this problem.

Canteen

We are SO excited to finally be able to open the canteen windows for over the counter orders. This means that we are now able to accept cash again as well as over the counter lunch orders.

Now that we're no longer required to be in cohorts, we will be open at lunch for slams, icypoles, slushies, grapesticks, snacks etc. All of these items can be paid for by your children at the canteen or can be ordered through Flexischools.

Please note that for the remainder of this term, our standard menu will still be switched off on Fridays and you will be able to order the Fakeaway and popcorn chicken options up until 8pm every Wednesday night for that Friday through Flexischools. This was the only way we could offer variety with the capacity we have, so a big thank you to those who have adjusted to the changes. I know it's not ideal, but once we get our volunteers back up and running we can look to make adjustments.

Mrs Bartush and Mrs Cassar have been busy over the last few days filling the freezer with our slams, icypoles & grape sticks.

Please keep an eye out in your child's bag this week for a volunteer form, as well as an updated price list. After pricing staying the same for the last 3 years and a large increase in grocery costs - prices of some items will have to be increased.

Thanks so much for all of your support over this tricky time trying to navigate the restrictions and the limitations over the last couple of years.

Sport House Leaders 2022



FINNAN



HASTINGS



COLMAN



ELDON

Twosday - Tutu Day

Students and staff enjoyed dressing up and dancing in their tutus on 22.02.2022



LIBRARY NEWS

Welcome to a new year of exciting reading and learning!

I would like to mention a few points that will help to make visiting our Library more enjoyable.

- Students in Kindergarten to Year 2 need to have a library bag to borrow to keep their books in good condition. Students in Year 3 to Year 6 are encouraged to have a library bag when borrowing. We have limited loan library bags available for students who do not have a library bag.
- Please help your children remember their library day so that their books can be returned, and new ones borrowed. This will also mean Staff do not have to chase children about overdue books.

Library Timetable 2022

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning Session		3/4 Megalodons	5/6 Monkeys		
	Hedgehogs and Lizards	4/5 Rock Wallabies	5/6 Bears		5/6 Tigers
	Lunch				
Middle Session		2/3 Crocodiles	Kinder Lobsters	1/2 Foxes	
	Recess				
Afternoon Session	3/4 Manta Rays	2 Chipmunks	Kinder Lemurs	1 Rosellas	

Assembly Awards

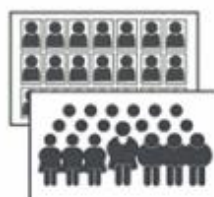
Term 1, Week 5

Hedgehogs	Lizards	Kinder Lemurs
Jaymes		Rosa
		Evelyn
		Aubree
		Iylah
Kinder Lobsters	1 Rosellas	1/2 Foxes
Jivansh		
Stevie		
Amelia		
Paetyn		
2 Chipmunks	2/3 Crocodiles	3/4 Manta Rays
Freya		Indiana
Elkie		CJ
Parker-James		Poppy
Jaiden		Aiden
		Kenzie
		Teal
3/4 Megalodons	4/5 Rock Wallabies	5/6 Bears
Phoenix	Jorja	William
Judah	Samuel	William
Samara	Cooper	Jack
Meyah	Kaylee	Alana
Damon	Matilda	Chloe
Quade	Mila	Elsie
Damon	Phoenix	
	Luca	
5/6 Monkeys	5/6 Tigers	Badges
Emilee	Aziza	Quade - Green
Arabella	Cooper	Felicity – Whole Graham
Joshua	Bhavya	Charlotte - Red
Blaze		Cohen - Yellow
Zaine		Piper - Yellow
Katelyn		

Assembly Award Recipients



school photographs are coming up soon



Group presentation format is chosen by your school. Format may vary from options shown.



Perfect for 10x8" Frames



126x176mm



82x127mm



36x135mm



36x135mm



36x135mm



36x135mm



36x135mm



63x87mm



53x74mm



29x43mm



NEW



36x135mm



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48 Personalised Stickers

Please note: Traditional or Composite group and the presentation format are chosen by your school. Sibling photos, if available, can also be ordered online and must be ordered prior to your photo day. A late fee will apply for photos purchased after ordering has closed.

how to order

order online

Online payment options include Visa, Mastercard and PayPal. Alternatively, you can choose to pay over 10 weeks using LatitudePay.

STEP 1

Go to www.advancedlife.com.au on your computer, phone or tablet.

STEP 2

Enter your school code:

L6Y 7C2 DMX

in the 'order and download' box. This will take you to your school's secure online ordering site.



STEP 3

Click on 'Order Photos' and complete your details and procedures. During this process you can place orders for additional children at your school and sibling photos, if available



cash/envelope ordering

Your school prefers orders to be placed online. However, if you are unable to order online, please complete your order using the order envelope provided.

STEP 1

Complete a separate order envelope for each individual child's package/s ordered. If ordering for more than one child, payment should be enclosed in the envelope of the eldest child and this should be indicated on the envelope of the other child/children (the envelope that does not have cash enclosed).

STEP 2

Enclose exact cash payment in one envelope for the package/s you are ordering. Payment for more than one child should be in the eldest child's envelope and marked at the bottom of the envelope in the space provided.

STEP 3

Return your completed envelope/s, with correct cash payment, to our photographers on the day.

Please note: You must enclose exact correct payment, as change is not available. Credit card payments can only be made online and we no longer accept cheques. There is a separate envelope for sibling photo orders, should your school choose to offer sibling photos.

School photographs will be returned to your school 4-6 weeks after the day of photography

IMPORTANT - "not for publication" students

If you have instructed your school that your child's image is "not for publication" (sometimes called "do not publish" or "not for media release" instructions), the school will ensure that your child is not presented to our photographers on photo day and school photographs will not be available for purchase. If you wish to change your instruction, then you must notify your school, so they change their records and identify your child as able to be photographed for school photography purposes. All students presented to our photographers by your school on photo day will be photographed, their images will appear in school photography packages with their fellow students and these packages will be available to purchase by all families.

Contact us: www.advancedlife.com.au/contact

advancedlife
school photography & print specialists

Good for kids

good for life

Crunch on Vegetables!



Primary school kids need **4 and half serves of vegetables everyday**.
Most kids don't eat enough.

A serve is around half a cup of cooked vegies or one cup of raw salad vegies.

Pack vegies to snack on at school with these tips:

- Chop carrot, cucumber, capsicum or celery into vegie sticks. 8 pieces is one vegie serve.
- Pack small, bite sized vegies in containers – try snow peas, cherry tomatoes or broccoli
- Let your child help choose and prepare vegies



Health
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Local Health District

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

Nutrition Snippet

PIMP UP POPCORN



Swap a packet of chips out of the lunch box and go for plain popcorn.

- **Make it at home or buy plain popcorn.**
- **To add variety to the lunch box, mix with some dried fruit to make Poppletana.**

For these recipes and more:
healthyinbox.com.au



Cancer Council
Healthy Lunch Box