



# Black Swan News

Grahamstown Public School



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## Term 2, Week 10 29 June 2022

### SCHOOL EVENTS

#### Term 2

##### Week 10:

1 July – Last day of Term 2

1 July – Whole School Assembly

#### Term 3

##### Week 1:

19 July – First day of Term 3

20 July – NAIDOC Celebrations

20 July – Zone Athletics Field Events

21 July – Zone Athletics Track Events

21 July – 100 days of Kindergarten Celebration

##### Week 2:

27 July – Maths Olympiad Competition 4

##### Week 3:

1 August – Spelling Bee

2 August – IHS Showcase

3 August – IHS Showcase

#### Week 4:

9 August – Boys' Basketball Gala Day

9 August – Stage 3 GATS Day

12 August – Stage 2 Touch Football Gala Day

#### Week 5:

17 August – High School visit to GPS

18 August – Stage 2 Sydney Excursion

19 August – Stage 3 Touch Football Gala Day

#### Week 6:

22-26 August – Book Week

24 August – Book Week Parade

25 August – Year 4 Science Lab visit

#### Week 8:

5 September – Irrawang High School 7E Interviews

7 September – Maths Olympiad Competition 5

## Message from Ms Winn

This is my final week as Principal at Grahamstown Public School, and it comes with mixed feelings. It has been a wonderful experience to be able to end my education journey, which started with me attending school in Raymond Terrace, as the Principal of this wonderful school.

My visions for this school were indeed grand! I envisaged a school which was truly a school for its community. I hoped to get parents involved in their own learning within the school as well as feeling confident and comfortable enough to be part of the school in a regular capacity supporting their students within classrooms. Just when I felt like I was making some progress on this front, we were hit with COVID and our whole way of doing things changed.

When I look back on how things have changed here under my leadership, I am proud of the way the school has moved forward. I'd like to thank all parents for supporting me in the changes I made to ensure that our school was a safe and happy place where children, their families and teachers would want to be. Some of the things I am most proud of are:

- The beautiful physical environment, which is no longer all dull blonde brick, but inviting and colourful with spaces that can be used creatively for learning and enjoyment.
- Creative staffing structures which allow for the vast needs of students to be best met. This includes having Assistant Principals off class to support the significant academic, social, and emotional needs of so many of our students.

- The establishment of two special Education classes to support our children with special needs.
- A playground program which supports the varied interests of our students, including Nature World.
- Building the capacity of staff in the areas of literacy and numeracy to ensure our children are taught by the best teachers possible.
- Leading the school through a global pandemic which put us all to the test and dramatically changed the way we all “did school”
- Developing wellbeing practices which have allowed staff to look at and educate the “Whole Child”. This has included working very closely with families to support them manage the many complexities that come with parenthood as children navigate their way in a world which is vastly different to what it was when we were growing up.

Thank you for supporting me on my journey to ensure the children of Grahamstown could be the best that they could be.

## Teachers Strike – Thursday 30 June

On Thursday 30 June, the NSW Teacher Federation have called a 24 hour stop work industrial action. As such, Grahamstown Public School will only offer very minimal supervision for students on this day. There will not be any regular classes held. The canteen will not be operating. You are advised that you should make alternate arrangements for your children on this day. We apologise for the disruption this causes you all but thank you for your support.

## Stage 3 Bathurst Camp

We have been able to secure a new date for the Stage 3 Bathurst Camp to enable all students to attend. We will now depart early on Wednesday 30 November and enjoy three full days of activities, returning in the late afternoon, Friday 2 December 2022. If you would like your child to attend this wonderful educational experience, please return the permission note with a **non-refundable deposit of \$50 by Friday 12 August 2022**. Final costing is dependent upon the number of students attending, so this date of deposit is very important. The remaining payment will be required by **Friday 11 November 2022**. All payments can be made via our website <https://grahamstown.schools.nsw.gov.au/payment.html#/student-details>

## Stage 2 Overnight Camp

Stage 2 students have been invited to attend an overnight excursion to the Great Aussie Bush Camp at Tea Gardens on Thursday 1 December to Friday 2 December 2022 (Week 8 of Term 4). At this stage, the approximate cost will be \$240 per student which includes overnight accommodation, all meals and access to a range of fun and engaging activities for two days with instructors and coach travel. If you would like your child to attend the Great Aussie Bush Camp at Tea Gardens in December, please return the permission slip, along with a non-refundable \$50 deposit to the front office by 1 July 2022. Payments can be made online via our website <https://grahamstown.schools.nsw.gov.au/payment.html#/student-details>

## Student Pickup During School Hours

Please try to arrange medical appointments and other extracurricular activities outside of school hours. It is crucial for a student's learning and for the other students in their class that there is as little disruption to learning time as possible. If you do need to collect your child early, please call the office prior to arriving at school and the office staff will arrange for your child/ren to meet you outside the office.

Please note that the **lunch break is 11am-11.40am** and the **recess break is 1.20pm-2pm**, if you need to collect your child/ren during these times please call the school office prior to the start of the break so students can be informed prior to leaving the classroom.

## Positive Behaviour for Learning



RAYMOND TERRACE COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE

# S·T·A·R·S

EVERYONE, EVERYWHERE, EVERY TIME

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.

LOVE THIS PLACE . . . FOR SHOWCASING PBL

# Homework Club

@ your library

Are you a Primary School student needing help with Homework?

**Raymond Terrace Library is the place to be!**

Enjoy a quiet place to do your homework, an afternoon snack, and have some FUN!

Volunteers will be on hand to assist with your homework needs

**Where:** Raymond Terrace Library Courtyard

**When:** Every Tuesday commencing Tuesday 26 July - 20 September 3:00-4:15pm

Bookings are essential. Contact Raymond Terrace Library on 4988 0111 to make a booking.

Don't forget to bring your homework and any other supplies you need!  
(pencil case, books, log-ins, etc)





# Assembly Award Recipients





# Assembly Awards

## Term 2, Weeks 8 & 9

Hedgehogs	Lizards	Kinder Lemurs
		Harley
		Chaz
		Tyson
Kinder Lobsters	1 Rosellas	1/2 Foxes
Jaxon	Caleb	
Logan	Jaylah	
Hudson	Ari	
2 Chipmunks	2/3 Crocodiles	3/4 Manta Rays
Grace	Harrison	Logan
Merida	Chayse	Teal
Kobe	Elijah	Miro
		Macy
		Blake
		Charlize
3/4 Megalodons	4/5 Rock Wallabies	5/6 Bears
Khobe	Matilda	Kayley
Preston	Logan	Marshall
Meyah	Amelia	Chloe
Camden	Ava	Lusk
	Jack	
	Phoenix	
5/6 Monkeys	5/6 Tigers	Badges
Noah	Zara	Mackenzie – Yellow
Blaze	Shayera	Meyah – Yellow
Liam	Jack	Khobe – Red
Emilee	Bhavya	Caleb - Green
	Zayden	



# Good for kids

## good for life



### Recipe: Banana Pikelets

Make these delicious pikelets to pack in the lunchbox or enjoy for breakfast or afternoon tea.

Prep & cook time: 15 minutes, Freezer Friendly

#### Ingredients

- 1 over ripe banana, mashed
- 1 cup wholemeal self-raising flour
- 1 egg
- 3/4 cup milk
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla essence (optional)
- olive oil spray



#### Method

1. Sift flour into a bowl.
2. Add egg and milk and whisk until batter is smooth.
3. Add mashed banana and stir to combine.
4. Heat non-stick frypan on medium heat and lightly spray with olive oil.
5. Place heaped tablespoons of batter in the pan and cook for 2 to 3 minutes or until bubbles appear on the surface of each pikelet.
6. Gently flip and cook for another 1 to 2 minutes or until golden brown.
7. Place pikelets on a plate lined with kitchen paper and continue to cook until no batter remains.

**Source:** Recipes | Good for Kids, Good for Life (nsw.gov.au)

<https://goodforkids.nsw.gov.au/primary-schools/swap-it/recipes/>



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# **Nutrition Snippet**

## DRINK WATER.



**Water is the best drink for kids.**

**Even better it's free!**

Remember to pack a bottle every day

For other tips and more visit:  
[\*\*healthylunchbox.com.au\*\*](http://healthylunchbox.com.au)



**Cancer Council**  
Healthy Lunch Box