**Principal’s Report**

Our Kindergarten Orientation started this morning and will run for the next three days. A very big welcome to our 2015 Kinder students and their families, especially those families who are new to Grahamstown P.S. We look forward to you becoming part of our school community. Our new Kinder students and their families met their ‘big buddies’ who took them on a school tour and answered lots of questions. A special thank you to all the staff involved in Kinder transition for the enormous amount of time, effort and organization they have put into this highly valuable program.

Our two-week intensive Swim Scheme also started this morning, with about 56 of our Year 2, 3 and 4 students enthusiastically attending their first session with Mrs Trembath and Mr Casserly. Just a reminder that, if possible, students should wear their swimmers under their school uniform and bring everything needed to take to the pool.

On Friday of this week (31st October), **staff** at our school will be wearing lots of red. This will be to raise awareness of an important student safety issue. The “Wear Red and Educate” catch-cry comes from the Daniel Morcombe Foundation which has as its main objective to educate children regarding their personal safety. At our Assembly this Friday we will be discussing some “Keeping Kids Safe” messages. The Daniel Morcombe Foundation has also introduced a “Help Me” app which is a great way to not only help keep kids safe but to provide assistance for people of all ages in emergency situations.

Have a good week

**LOST PROPERTY**

Once again lost property is bursting at the seams. If you feel any of your child’s clothing could be in lost property, can you please come in and take a look. Next Friday we will be cleaning it out and any clothing that has no name will go to GPS uniform shop or to a local charity.

**Notes in Circulation**

- Mathletics
- Yr 6 Farewell
- Healthy Harold
- DVD Gift
- Hunter Surf Life Saving
- Yr 6 T-Shirt
- P&C Pie Order Sheet

**EVENTS FOR TERM 4**

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**Out of Home Care**

Out of Home Carer’s will need to contact the office to ensure the school has the correct caseworker recorded for their child. We are now required to have the caseworker’s name and contacts as part of the enrolment information. This will be for all Out of Home Care children whether they are new to our school or have been enrolled for a period of time. Some Out of Home Care children do not have any caseworker attached on our records.
Name Publications

Name Publications- If there are any parents whose child can be easily identified by their first name and do not want names published in the school newsletter or on our Facebook page please send a note to the office stating your wishes. We will be reviewing our permission requirements for publication in the New Year and will use these notifications in the interim.

Canteen News

Term 4

Tues 28th Oct: Kylie Bivard
Wed 29th Oct: Barbara Govan, Kelly Bink
Thurs 30th Oct: Cathy Hedges, Anita Collins
Fri 31st Oct: Jo Delaforce, Nerada Lowe
Mon 3rd Nov: - - -

Stage 2 Excursion Planned

As part of our end of year celebrations Stage 2 has planned an excursion to Scotty’s Cinema for Tuesday December 16 leaving at 9am and returning to school at the conclusion of the movie. We plan that the children will watch a movie that is due for release early in 2015. We will not know the actual title of the movie until closer to the date in December but it could be a movie with a PG rating though still considered suitable by staff for this age children.

The cost of the movie, transport and a combo (popcorn or chips and water or lemonade) is expected to be under $20.

Further information and permission notes will be sent home as soon as the details of this excursion are finalised.

LEARN and let others learn

Tomas, Luis, Paige, Sienna, Charli, Erin, Riley, Shae, Tayah, Jackson S, Jacson C, Emily M, Emily G x 5, Emalee x 2, Zachary, Haylee, Melina, Logan, Byran, Ellie, Zoe, Callah, Alexander, Callah, Ally, Kayden, Tyler, Halimah, Jorja, Cooper, Leland, Popi, Sierra, Sharna-Lee, Lilly, Sharna x 2, Ethan x 4, Ethan, Cooper Julian, Piper, Kasey-Rose, Darcy x 2, Haylee, Tora, Brendan, Aiden, Aidan, Emilie, Alisha.

GOLD AWARDS:

Taylor, Haylee, Taleaha, Ashley, Brian, Eve

“Congratulations”

Graham will be spending this week with 2/3M

THE MARK HUGHES FOUNDATION

Thankyou to everyone who wore their favourite sports team colours and a gold coin donation on 22nd October, we raised $350 that will be going to the Mark Hughes foundation which is a cause for brain cancer research. The day was a great success.

Stage 3
ASSEMBLY AWARDS
24 OCTOBER 2014

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“Congratulations to all students”

Healthy Harold

Healthy Harold will be visiting Grahamstown Public School from Nov 13-20. Each class has a scheduled timeslot but these may change without notice. If your child misses their lesson there is an opportunity for them to participate with another class in their stage.

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CLOSING DATE FOR PAYMENT IS
3PM WEDNESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2014

Captain Prefect Voting

We have had eight boys and seven girls nominate to be captains/prefects at Grahamstown in 2015. Due to the number of nominations there is no need to hold a preselection ballot to narrow the field of candidates. The boys who have nominated will give their speeches in the order they appear on the ballot paper at 9am on Tuesday November 4, under the COLA. Voting will then take place in classrooms by Years 2-5. The girls who have nominated will give their speeches in the order they appear on the ballot paper at 9am on Wednesday November 5, under the COLA. Voting will then take place in classrooms by Years 2-5. Parents will be notified of results prior to the announcement which will occur at Presentation Day on Monday December 15 so that they are able to make appropriate arrangements but are asked to keep results confidential.
DEFENCE SCHOOL TRANSITION AIDE NEWS

I hope all the Defence Families received an invite to Morning Tea for this Wednesday 29th October, at school with guest speakers Andrew and Tina Summers who will discuss military lifestyle and effects of PTSD. Please be welcome to join us in the school demountable.

DCO Hunter are having a function to recognise ADF families who are, or soon to be experiencing deployment. They are holding a Pizza Night, and you can come dressed up in your favourite Halloween or fairytale character in the Hawk Room RAAF Base Williamtown this Friday 31 October 5-5:30pm. RSVP: 4034 6973.

If any defence family has been affected by the recent or any other deployment/absence, I would be very grateful if you could please be in contact with me, by leaving a message with the school front office or via email: deborah.odonoghue1@det.nsw.edu.au

Many thanks,
Deborah O’Donoghue
Defence School Transition Aide

On Line payments for parents

We have launched a new online payment portal linked to our school’s website to make it easier for you to pay for school related payments. This is a secure payment page hosted by Westpac Bank. Payments can be paid using your Visa or MasterCard only.

Activities such as Voluntary Contributions, excursions, sport and other school activities can be paid using this method. If you wish to pay online there are instructions at the office to assist you. PLEASE DO NOT USE THIS SYSTEM UNTIL YOU HAVE READ THE INSTRUCTIONS.

If you are paying online, it will need to be processed two days before the school payment cut off day as it takes time for it to come through into the school account.

Payments can still be made using cash, cheque or money order at the school office. Please ring the office if you have any questions.

Attention Parents of Year 4 and 5 students

CANBERRA will be the destination of stage three’s annual school camp in 2015! Stage three will be heading to our nation’s capital during Term 4. This is to support, our HSIE unit on Governing Australia. Past excursions have been very positive, with both staff and students gaining a lot from the experience.

Whilst in Canberra we will be visiting places such as:
- Parliament House
- War Memorial
- Questacon
- National Gallery
- Australian Institute of Sport
- Anzac Parade
- Lake Burley Griffin

We will be unable to finalise exact costs until we have a better idea of numbers. The cost in 2013 was $350 per student which includes 3 nights accommodation, coach transfers, entry to all attractions and meals. It is expected that there will be a slight rise in cost.

A $50 non-refundable deposit will be due towards the end of Term 1. Hope to see all children attending. Student assistance will be available for the excursion but not for the deposit.

Bus Passes for 2015

If your child currently has a bus pass, is going into Year 3 next year and lives outside the 1.6km radius and you wish them to continue with a bus pass, then a new application will be required. Please come into the school office to collect a new application form. If you are unsure whether you are outside the 1.6km radius please contact the school office.

Also if your child has a bus pass and you have changed your address, then you will also need to complete a new application form.

BANDANA DAY

Grahamstown Parliament would like to thank everyone who bought a bandana or a pen throughout the two weeks we were selling them. The money we raised will be going towards the CanTeen foundation which helps teenagers with cancer to get the right type of treatment they need. The day was a huge success.

Stage 3
Raymond Terrace Multicultural FIESTA

Riverside Park Saturday 8th November 9am to 2.30pm

Free Entry – Free Parking – Free Workshops

Dancing, Workshops, Junior Talent Quest

Contact Liz 0422 144 441 rtcommunitymarkets@bigpond.com or check our facebook page for more information and updates www.facebook.com/pages/Ray

Clarence Town Night Markets

Live Music, Jewellery, Crafts, Recycled Goods, Plants, Candles, Pet Portraits, Face Painting, Performances Clarence Town Primary School

Saturday 15th November 4pm – 9pm

Clarence Town Museum
Cnr Grey & Prince Street

Phone: 0447 732 876 Denise for more information

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Administering prescribed medication at school

When a medical practitioner has prescribed medication that must be administered during the school day, parents are responsible for:

- bringing this need to the attention of the school
- ensuring that the information is updated if it changes
- supplying the medication and any 'consumables' necessary for its administration in a timely way
- collaborating with the school in working out arrangements for the supply and administration of the prescribed medication.

Key points to remember:

- Parents of children who require prescribed medication to be administered at school must complete a written request. Medication is sent on a daily basis and in a pharmacy labelled container detailing the student’s name and the prescribed dosage.

Please note: Students' immediate access to prescribed medication is very important for the effective management of conditions such as asthma. Students and parents need to be advised of this requirement so that students are not left without access to critical medication.

- It is the principal's responsibility to ensure that all copies of the written medical advice and any other relevant documentation are stored in a secure and confidential manner.

Non-prescribed medications

In general, schools do not administer medication which has not been specifically requested by a medical practitioner for an individual student for a specific condition. In some cases the medical practitioner may not write 'a prescription' for such medication because it may be available 'over the counter'. NSW Health advises that this does not mean that the medication is not potentially harmful and that schools should follow the same procedures for such medications as for 'prescribed medications'.

A reminder to parents to notify the school about your child’s health

We welcome information from parents about your child's health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child’s health care needs change or if a new health condition develops.

Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. Please provide this information in writing to the principal. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child’s health and wellbeing.

Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.

We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your son or daughter’s health needs or as otherwise required by law.