Principal’s Report

Last week was a very eventful week at Grahamstown Public School. Several trees were removed, the new fence project was started, the cricketers finally got a game in without rain and our potential leaders for 2015 made their speeches to the school. The nominees for leadership are to be congratulated for the fantastic speeches they made and the way in which they conducted themselves in wishing their peers all the best for the election. What a great group of students they are.

The fencing contractors have almost completed placing the posts for our new fence. They will then add panels and gates to complete the project over the next two weeks.

Several trees were removed from the playground which were deemed unsafe. We are investigating replacement trees that will not be considered a hazard for future users. When we have a list of suitable trees we will work toward replacing the ones removed to keep our playground shaded.

Both worksites, fence and trees have been fenced so students are kept a safe distance away.

With the year drawing to a close and many activities taking place between now and the end of the year it will be very important for parents to keep the information provided on permission slips as a referral for time, dates and locations. Our newsletter is on our website for referral for dates. If you are missing a permission note there are always spares in the office.

The P&C meeting is tomorrow night in the staffroom at 6:30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The school disco is on Wednesday night. The K-2 disco starts at 5 and the 3-6 disco starts at 7. During the disco we will be conducting a parent survey in the staffroom. Please come in and assist us in developing the next three year plan. We would appreciate your input.

Have a good week

Notes in Circulation

- Mathletics
- Yr 6 Farewell
- Healthy Harold
- P&C Pie Order Sheet
- Kindy Party
- Christmas Craft

EVENTS FOR TERM 4

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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 11th Nov : Sue Ryan
Wed 12th Nov : Jayde McCulloch
Thurs 13th Nov : Kristy Medway, Tracey Singleton
Fri 14th Nov : Kim Fleming, Susan Martin, Vanessa Henderson
Mon 17th Nov : Sheree Stanton, Lisa Jones

Banana and choc classic milk no longer available. Canteen volunteer luncheon on Thursday 4th December at Macadamia Farm. Numbers need to be in by Friday 28th November.

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.

Contact numbers

Changed your mobile phone number recently? Please inform the school office of any changes in your contact details so we can have up to date information.

LEARN and let others learn

Seth, Libby, Nicholas, Alexie, Mustafa, Candice, Lili, Shanae, Tanayah, Chloe G, Emily, Emily G, Ashley, Caylee, Sahara, Brandan, Finlay, Lily-Jade, Eve, Chloe, Aiysha, Erin, Jake, Lachlan, Angel, Alycia x 2, Chantelle

GOLD AWARDS:

Zachary, Charli, Aidan, Zoe, Finlay, Seth, Shania
“Congratulations”

Graham will be spending this week with 6S

$3 DISCO

Grahamstown’s disco will be held on Wednesday 12th November.

K – Year 2 5pm – 6.45pm
Year 3 – Year 6 7pm – 9pm

Please don’t wear hats or caps and be aware of safety issues regarding footwear. Thongs and sandals are not appropriate.

A parent must come into the hall to collect all children unless an alternate arrangement has been made with staff when children are dropped off.
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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5W and 1/2S have swapped their Life Education days. 1/2S will be attending their lesson on Thursday 13th November and 5W will be attending their lesson on Friday 14th November.

Closing DATE FOR PAYMENT IS 3PM WEDNESDAY 12th NOVEMBER 2014

Bus Passes for 2015

If your child is going into Year 3 next year, currently has a bus pass, lives outside the 1.6km radius and you wish them to continue with free travel, 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.

ASSEMBLY AWARDS
7 NOVEMBER 2014

KF  KW
Alex
Jorja
Skye
1/2S  1C
Liam  Tyson
Madeline  Haylee
Kayla  Madison
1H  2/3M
Dylan  Seth
Levi  Kaidee
Cailah  Lachlan
2B  2K
Caine  Felicity
Tahlia  Sara
Xander
3/4A  3S
Lily-Jayde  Zac
Aiysha  Tomas
Ethan  Ashlea
4/5C  4M
Tracey  Taleah
Zachary  Isabelle
Jessica
5W  6R
Sophie  Tegan
Tom  Jayden
Caitlin  Angel
6S
Sharna
Mikayla
Cooper

“Congratulations to all students”
NEED SAFE RELIABLE CHILDCARE?

Are you working or studying and require care for your child/ren before and after school?

WE CAN HELP

RAYMOND TERRACE BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE
(A Community Service of Port Stephen’s Council)

Cnr William and Irrawang St, Raymond Terrace.
7:00am – 9:00am and 2:30pm – 6:00pm Monday to Friday.
Nutritious breakfast and afternoon tea provided.
CCB approved.
Accredited service.

Centre: 49876930 during operating hours or please leave a message on our answering machine.
Administration office: 4980 0308 (Mon-Fri 9am – 3pm)

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. **Online payments which are received after the closing date will be cancelled.**

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

Schools Smoke free

The Smoke-free Environment Act 2000 (the Act) requires enclosed public places to be smoke-free. The Act also requires certain outdoor areas to be smoke-free including within 10 metres from children’s playgrounds, public swimming pool complexes, public transport stops and stations, spectator areas of sports grounds and within 4 metres from an entrance used by pedestrians to get into or out of a building. Pedestrian access points may include areas such as school gates and entrances where there is limited opportunity for people to avoid second hand tobacco smoke.

HELP NEEDED!

Again, we are desperate in the School library for help covering new resources.
If you are available on a Thur/Fri for even half an hour, we would love to see you.
The sooner we get these books covered, the sooner we can put them out for the students to borrow.
Thank you to all the lovely people who came to help so far this year. It is very much appreciated.
Uniform Shop News

“Reduced to Clear”
Girls Maroon Shorts
Sizes 4, 6, 8, and 16 only $15.00

I still have a few pairs of the FREE school shoes
Sizes 13, 1, 3 left

If anyone has any second hand uniforms they
would like to donate to the uniform shop, feel free
to drop them in.

Hours:
Mon, Tues, Wed Morning 8.45am – 9am
Mon, Tues, Wed Afternoon 2.30pm – 3pm

P&C News

Thompson’s Pie Order Form for Christmas orders have been sent home. If you haven’t yet received one or need another they are available at the office. Orders are due back Friday 28th November 2014 at 9am with the correct money in envelopes or clip lock bag. Pick up is on the 8th December 2014 after 12pm in the school hall. Only parents may come in and pick up the orders thank you.

The last P&C Meeting for the year is on tomorrow night Tuesday 11th November 2014 at 6.30pm in the staff room, all are welcome to come along.

The last school disco for the year will be this Wednesday 12th November 2014.

Grahamstown Public School

We have a big fundraising day coming up next month where we will need help from parents. If you are free to help for a hour or more on Saturday 6th December 2014, Masters Heatherbrae are having a sausage sizzle to raise money for the school to buy performing arts uniforms (ie choir, drum corp and debating team). Any help would be gratefully appreciated. Please let us know by either telling Sherri at the canteen or ring the school office. Alternatively please fill in the form below and send it back to the P&C box in the front foyer of the office.

Name: _____________________

Phone No: ___________________

Time you can help:

8.00am till 10.00am: __________
10.00am till 1.00pm: ___________
1.00pm till 4.00pm: ___________
Or what time: ___ : ___ am/pm til ___ : ___

Parking outside the school

A reminder that there are parking restrictions in Hastings Drive outside the school.
The Ranger patrols the area regularly
- Parents may use the “No Parking” Zone to drop students off and collect them in the afternoon. You cannot leave your vehicle, nor have your car standing in the space. It is a “Kiss and Drop” zone only.
  If you wait longer than a minute or two, your vehicle is likely to be photographed and you are liable for a $220.00 fine.
- The bus zone is a no standing and no parking area between 8.30am and 9.30am and between 2.30pm and 3.30pm.
- The Council has also made a section opposite the school a restricted time no parking area as well.

These areas have been put in place for the safety of your children and others.

Office Hours

Office hours are between 8.35am -3pm.
No money will be taken after 3pm. Please remind students to bring notes and money to the office before 9am.