Principal’s Report

At the end of this term we farewell two of our staff who are moving to other schools. Mrs Parish has been fortunate enough to gain a permanent position at Mt View High School and Mr Broadley has been transferred to Scone Public School. We wish both of them all the best with their new position and thank them for their dedication to Grahamstown School. Both Mrs Parish and Mr Broadley will be missed at Grahamstown.

Mrs Ross will be replacing Mrs Parish and Mr Collier will be replacing Mrs Ross on Thursdays and Fridays in 4M.

Term one has been a great term at Grahamstown. Thank you to all the parents who are working hard across so many areas in the school and thank you to the dedicated Grahamstown staff who have worked exceptionally hard to ensure a smooth start for all students in 2014.

Next term will see reports go home, Star Struck rehearsals take off and continued participation in the many extra-curricular activities provided by Grahamstown School. We are looking forward to an equally good Term 2.

No staff will be at school on Staff Development Day on April 28th. All staff will be participating in Professional Learning in Maitland in Non-violent Crisis Intervention. Students return to school on Tuesday April 29th. The office will be open from April 28th.

Have a safe and happy break and enjoy Easter.

The Years 1 to 6 interviews are as follows:

July 15th: 1H and 6R    July 16th: 4M and 4/5C
July 17th: 3S    July 18th: 2B
July 21st: 1/2S and 1C    July 22nd: 2K
July 23rd: 5W and 6S    July 24th: 3/4A
July 25th: 2/3M

Interview notes will be going home for Kinder very soon and the Year 1 to 6 notes will go home during Term 2.
Stage 2 and Stage 3 Camp deposits due.

Expression of Interest notes and $50 for the stage 2 camp to Point Wolstoncroft and the Stage 3 camp to Morisset are due by 3pm on Thursday April 10.

Make sure you save your place.

Zone Cross Country

What a day! All of the competitors set off after walking the course, plus a quick drink and snack. Well done all those who participated and did their best. It was a closely contested field in places but finally the winners were found.

Congratulations to all of our competitors. They were excellent ambassadors for our school. Everyone did extremely well with Aiysha and Jack making it through to represent Port Stephens Zone at the Hunter Cross Country. Thank you to the parents that came to support our students and help on the day.

DEFENCE SCHOOL TRANSITION AIDE NEWS

DHA are looking for volunteers to share their experiences of mobility and living in a DHA home for their 2014 campaign, it will include a free photo shoot of your family. If interested, please contact: communications@dha.gov.au

The National ADF Family Health Program assists ADF families with the gap costs of a variety of medical services; up to $400 per year. I have been sent information with further details regarding this program, if you would like a copy, or if you would like to be in touch with other issues that I may be able to assist with, such as parental absence, etc please contact me: deborah.odonoghue1@det.nsw.edu.au.

I hope everyone enjoys a great holiday!

Deborah O’Donoghue
Defence School Transition Aide

Show Pride in your School


GOLD AWARDS:

Sally-Anne, Cameron, Lachlan, Ethan, Matilda, Phoebe

“Congratulations”

This week Graham will be spending his week with 1/2S

Shave for a Cure Fundraiser

Congratulations to all the students and their parents at GPS who participated in “Shave for a Cure” by colouring or shaving their hair. This assisted our school to raise $318 for the Leukaemia Foundation. Your efforts are greatly appreciated and have been directly forwarded to the Foundation.
ASSEMBLY AWARDS
4 APRIL 2014

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“Congratulations to all students”

Canteen News
Term 1
Tues 8th April: Jo Delaforce
Wed 9th April: Lea Wallace, Naomi Farnham
Thur 10th April: Janet Allen, Kerry Formosa
Fri 11th April: Danielle Piening, Kylie Bivard, Kirby Cashen

Term 2
Tues 29th April: Sue Ryan

Accounts will go out to students who owe the canteen money. Please have these paid by Friday 11th April.

Earth Hour
Grahamstown Public School will celebrate Earth Hour by turning off all non essential electrical equipment from 2pm till home time on Friday April 11, 2014. Please note that the office will be unable to accept payments at this time.

P&C News
The P & C would like to thank the school community for all their kind donations of Easter Eggs for our raffle. So far $225 has been counted with still more to be added. The P & C ran a canteen at the Zone Cross Country last Friday and they banked $1340.70 it was a very busy day they sold out of everything. The P & C would like to thank Lisa and Adam for running the day, it was a great effort.
We have also banked so far $500 of Sausage Sizzle orders for Thursday which is fantastic. Any parents who can help out on Thursday with the BBQ would be greatly appreciated.

RAYMOND TERRACE MARKETS
The next Market is on Easter Saturday the 19th April, looking for something to do why not pop down and have a look at all our stalls. We will be open at 9am till 2pm you can find us at Riverside Park. NOTE: if it is raining you can find us at Raymond Terrace Primary School.
ANZAC DAY MARCH
It is great to have had such a positive response from GPS children who will be attending the ANZAC Day March at Raymond Terrace, thank you very much. (Please remember to wear full school uniform) There are spare copies of the note at the front office, and if your child/children would like to represent the school in the march, it would be appreciated to have the note returned by Wednesday please. The children will be marching to the cenotaph (Cnr Jacaranda & Port Stephens Streets) where a short ceremony will occur. The school captains will be laying a wreath and saying a prayer at the service. All GPS children will remain with Miss Russell after the service at the park where they can be collected by parents/caregivers. I look forward to seeing you there,
Deborah O'Donoghue
Defence School Transition Aide

Learn to Sail
Fielding Madden Park, Grahamstown Dam
14,15,16 and 17 April 2014
(Monday to Thursday)
Cost: $40/ Sailor
$60 per family (maximum 3 persons, $10pp extra)

To book please contact Fran Bardsley 4982 3053 or Richard Byrne 4987 6100 byrdon@bigpond.com Who can learn?
Anyone, age 10 yrs and above.

AN INVITATION TO PARENT/CARERS
Do you provide care and support to a Child/Young Person who is aged Pre-School to School Years with a Disability, Mental Illness or Chronic Condition? You are invited to attend our FREE Parent/Carer Information Sessions

Where: Club Macquarie, 458 Lake Rd, Argenton
Time: 9.30am – 2.00pm
Cost: Free – Morning Tea & Light Lunch Provided
RSVP: Thursday 24th April – For Catering
Phone: 4921 4895 or 1300 887 776 or Educare-Admin@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au

When: Wednesday 30th April, Wednesday 7th May and Wednesday 14th May.