From the Principal
Thank you to all the families who responded to the uniform survey. Overwhelmingly the response was in favour of the new uniform which will be available from Lowes in Raymond Terrace in late November. There were 82 responses to the survey, 67 of which were in favour of the change of uniform. The uniform shop will cease operation at the end of 2015. Thank you to Mrs Beasley for her incredible effort in sourcing the new uniform, liaising with Lowes and for operating the uniform shop so successfully in her time as a volunteer.

Thank you also to Mrs Brown and Ms Saville for giving the members of Grahamstown Public School an experience of a lifetime. The choir performed brilliantly at the Opera House on Wednesday night. The performance was spectacular and the students will be able to say forever more that they have performed at the Opera House. Well done everyone!

At present there are lettuce, carrots, beetroot, spinach and herbs for sale from the school vegie garden. Mr Henderson will be available Tuesday and Thursday mornings to sell the fresh produce for a donation. All proceeds will be used to purchase seeds or plants for the garden.

The school disco is on Wednesday of next week. The K-2 disco is at 5:00 until 6:45 and the 3-6 disco is at 7:00 until 9:00. Please ensure there is a parent to pick children up from the disco. They cannot be allowed to leave the disco without parental supervision.

Entry cost is $3.

Have a good week

Uniform Survey Results
Thank you to all the families who completed and returned the uniform survey. There were 82 responses to the survey, 67 in favour of the change of uniform and 15 against. The new uniform will be available at Lowes Raymond Terrace from late November and a 15% discount day will be offered. Watch Facebook or the newsletter for the advertised day.

Selective High School
Parents seeking selective high school placement for their child in 2017 will need to apply online through www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement. Applications are now open and will close November 16 2015.

Mobile Phone Numbers
We are in the middle of going onto a new system with tracking student’s absences. Could you please make sure that your mobile phone number is up to date at school as you will receive a text if your child/ren is absent from school, you can call the school or reply back to the text.

Events for Term 4

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- Mathletics
- Year 6 Farewell

Review of Acting Safely in the Classroom

PBL Awards
Caitlin, Jake, Ashley, Caine, Grace, Damien x 2, Emily, Kasey-Rose, Ashley, Ellie, Tiahlee, Tiffany, William, Camryn, Emily, Isis, Eve, Jake, Ava, Jonathan, Emily, Olivia, Lily, Paige, Madeline, Zachary, Alice, Lili, Alycia, Tegan x 3, Sean, Brock, Tia, Hayley, Kiahlani, Declan, Annabelle, Melina, Matthew, Cooper x 3

**GOLD AWARDS**
“Congratulations”
Jessica, Shae, Emily, Charlie, Brandan, Jonathan, Emily

**BADGE**
Emily, Zachary, Dustin, Zachary, Emerson, Darcy

Assembly awards
October 2015

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“Congratulations to all students”
Will your child be in Stage 2 or Stage 3 in 2016?

Advanced Warning

In Term 3, 2016, Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4) will have the opportunity to participate in an overnight excursion to Point Wolstencroft Sport and Recreation Camp. In 2014, the cost of this excursion was between $150 and $200 which included transport, food, instructors and use of equipment.

Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6) have an opportunity to attend the Outdoor Education Experience at Morisset. This excursion is a 4 day and 3 night trip. In 2014 (last time we went), the cost was $285.

If you are planning for your child to attend please consider these costs when budgeting in the new year.

‘Day for Daniel’

On Friday our school participated in the 11th annual ‘Day for Daniel’. Lots of maroon and white uniforms were replaced with red shirts, red shorts, red skirts, red dresses, red socks and red headbands! During the day children learnt about keeping themselves safe and how important it is to RECOGNISE, REACT and REPORT if they feel something is not right.

What does RECOGNISE, REACT and REPORT mean?

RECOGNISE encourages students to be aware of their surroundings and to recognise body clues in situations where they don’t feel safe.

REACT helps students to consider choices that may keep them safe or help make them safe again as quickly as possible.

REPORT encourages students to report unsafe incidents to an adult.

Thanks for your support everyone! 😊😊😊

Canteen News

Term 4

Tue 3rd Nov: Rebecca Squires
Wed 4th Nov: Janet Allen, Kerry Formosa
Thur 5th Nov: Prudence Green, Bronwyn Smith
Fri 6th Nov: Mul 9th Nov: Kelly Mills

- Burritos now available $4.00, taco mince, salad & sour cream in a wrap.

Bandanna Day

On the Monday 26th of October we began to sell Bandannas. These Bandannas cost $4 each and come in a variety of colours and patterns. The money that we raise will go to a charity called Canteen. Canteen supports children living with cancer. Once bought the bandannas must stay at home or in the children’s bag. Children will get a chance to wear them on the Monday the 2nd of November. Bandanna’s must NOT be worn before the 2nd of November as it is not part of school uniform.

Caitlin & Jess

Sydney Opera House

On Wednesday the 28th October, Grahamstown Public School Choir travelled to Sydney to perform at the Sydney Opera House. The choir consists of students ranging from years 2 to year 6 and have committed to this performance since the beginning of the year. These children gave up their lunchtime to practise for this night. They performed the following songs with 23 other schools: Live Out Loud, Sailing Away, Danny Boy, Give Me A Kite, An Empires Message, Endless Blue, Spirit Of The ANZAC, Silent Moon, River Song, Putting On The Ritz and You’ve Got A Friend In Me.

They did a wonderful job and they sounded beautiful and we want to say thank you for everyone that participated in this amazing event and thank you to Mrs Brown and Ms Saville for organising this performance with the students.

By Sophie and Alanna
It is important that students have their uniform and other clothing named for school...Please spend 5 minutes writing the names on labels or somewhere so that the items can be identified. You would not believe how many “LOST” items we end up with in the Lost Property bin. Owners cannot be found if the items are not named.

The P&C have decided to run a Christmas raffle. We are asking each family to donate one item which will go into making up the Christmas hampers. There will be a collection box at the front office for your donation. We ask that all donated items be in date. Some suggestions are canned good, biscuits, chips, nuts, disposable plates, bon bons, etc. Think Christmas! All items need to be donated by 9am Wednesday 9th December 2015.

Tickets are $1 each. Every family will receive a book of 5 tickets to sell. There will be extra tickets available from the front office.

The raffle will be drawn at the last assembly of Term 4, 11th December.

There will be a school Disco on Wednesday 11th November. The entry cost is $3. The canteen will be open for cold drinks and some food. We are asking for canteen helpers to help on the night at both junior and senior discos.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.
- Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for information for childcare and schools about whooping cough.
Chicken Pox

There has been a confirmed case of chicken pox at school.

What are the symptoms?

- Chickenpox begins with a sudden onset of slight fever, runny nose, feeling generally unwell and a skin rash.
- The rash usually begins as small lumps that turn into blisters and then scabs.
- The rash appears over three to four days. At any one time, the lesions of the rash vary in stages of development.
- Symptoms usually occur two weeks after exposure to the virus.

Fruit & Veg Month

Competition Winners

Early Stage 1
Dustin KF, Emily KF

Stage 1
Cooper 1C, Chantal 1H

Stage 2
Ellie 3S, Bailey 4C

Stage 3
Kasey-Rose 6T, Jayden 5WB

Thank you to everyone who took the time to enter. Winners will be invited to attend a special lunch in week 6.

Nude Food

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Well Done Grahamstown, Stay Green!

Stepping Stones Triple P

Does your child have a disability?

As part of Stepping Stones Triple P Project, Family InSight and Raymond Terrace Public School invites all parents of children with a disability, aged 2 to 12 to attend the following FREE parenting seminar series:

Seminar 1: Positive Parenting for Children with a Disability
Tuesday 3rd November 2015, 10am – 12.30pm

Seminar 2: Helping Your Child Reach Their Potential
Tuesday 10th November 2015, 10am – 12.30pm

Seminar 3: Changing Problem Behaviour into Positive Behaviour
Tuesday 17th November 2015, 10am – 12.30pm

Raymond Terrace Public School Hall, Swan Street Raymond Terrace

RSVP: As these programs are being funded as part of a research project please register your interest
Ph: 02 9114 4060
Email: fhs.Steppingstones@sydney.edu.au

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Port Stephens Children Services

Raymond Terrace before and after school care ‘quality care and learning environments’

We provide recreational activities in a friendly, supportive and inclusive environment.

Providing care to school age children 4-13 years
Nutritious breakfast and afternoon tea provided

CCB approved

Operates from 7-9am and 3-6pm
Enquiries: 4980 0308

Boomerand Park, Corner Williams & Irrawang St
Raymond Terrace 2324.

childcare@portstephens.nsw.gov.au

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Nominate today

Do you know someone in our community who goes a little bit further, who opens their arms a little bit wider and who gives a little bit extra to inspire us all to make every day better?

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