From the Principal
P&C
The next P&C meeting scheduled for Tuesday March 10 was to have been the Annual General Meeting. Unfortunately the Auditor will not have had an opportunity to certify the P&Cs financial position before this meeting and the AGM has had to be postponed. As the April meeting would fall in the school holidays the AGM will be held on Tuesday May 12, 2015 at 6.30pm. All parents and community members are welcome.

Parent Information Afternoons
The Parent Information Afternoons, held last week on February 17 and 18, were well attended. Parents were informed about things that will occur during the year and had an opportunity to ask questions and meet staff. Thank you to all those parents who were able to attend. Those parents who were not able to attend the afternoon had information notes sent home with their child outlining those issues that were to be discussed.

Peer Support & 007
Peer Support & 007 training took place on Tuesday February 17. The Stage 3 children participated with enthusiasm and received information about basic leadership strategies. They were fascinated to discover how it feels to lead a group and some of them recognised themselves during the role plays.

Year 6 will receive their 007 badges at the Assembly on Friday February 27 and will begin their duties shortly. Year 5 will wait till term 3 before they put their learning into practice but will have a brief refresher before they begin with their groups. They will receive their badges next Friday 27th February 2015.

Grahamstown Public School would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the support, for the 007 program, of the following Lakeside businesses: Domino’s Pizza, C Kitchen, Sulee Thai Restaurant, Lakeside Newsagency and Lakeside Ten-Pin.

Have a great week.

EVENTS FOR TERM 1

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Notes in Circulation

- Canberra Excursion Note Yrs 5 & 6
- Aboriginal Cultural Program
- Clean Up Australia Day
- Cross Country Yrs 2-6
- Harmony Day Lunch orders in by the 13 March, 11.30am

HUNTER SPORTS HIGH
Hunter Sports High will be hosting their Open Evening on February 24 at 6pm. Parents who are considering Hunter Sports High for their children in 2016 or 2017 are encouraged to attend. Applications to attend Hunter Sports High or Hunter School of Performing Arts can be found online. Applications close soon.

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.

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.
Have a go and participate

Zak, Janae, Crystal, Denzel, Stacey, Amelia, Lani x 2, Kaytlin, Aidan, Ashlynn, Bella, Brianna, Camryn, Candice, Tyson, Skye, Leland, Emily, Kyran, Kiahlanl, Mia, Riley, Lily, Lian, Levi, Haylee, Cooper, Jessica, Cooper, Felicity, Logan, Clare, Isabella, Liliana, Trent, Tora, Chole, Ally, Lillie, Bradley x 2, Sienna, Alycia

**GOLD AWARDS:**
Phoebe, Elyssa and Lily

"Congratulations"

Graham will be spending this week in KW

007 Badges
007 Leaders will be presented with their badges at Friday's assembly. Leaders have been doing a fantastic job in the playground and around the school this year. Congratulations and keep up the great work!

Swimming Trophies
Trohphies and medallions from the recent school swimming carnival will be presented this Friday February 27, 2015 at the School Assembly.

**ASSEMBLY AWARDS 13 FEBRUARY 2015**

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“Congratulations to all students”

**LOST PROPERTY**
If you feel any of your child’s clothing could be in lost property, can you please come in and take a look.
Attention Parents of Year 5 and 6 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 (October 13-16). 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 by 3pm Thursday March 26, 2015. Hope to see all children attending.

P&C News

We are having a movie night on Wednesday 18th March 2015 at 6.00pm. The movie ‘Home 2D’ will Premiere at Scotty’s Cinema Centre, Raymond Terrace. Tickets will only be available from Grahamstown Public School office from 23rd February 2015.

Pie Drive orders are due back on the 20th March. Grahamstown P&C also has a new Email address. If you would like to make a suggestion or let us know if you can help on any upcoming events please contact us at grahamstownpublic.pandc@yahoo.com.au

DEFENCE SCHOOL TRANSITION AIDE NEWS

DCO Hunter would like to invite Defence members and their families (including parents, partners and children) to an Absence from Home Support Function. This function is open to those ADF Families who are, or soon to be experiencing Deployment or the absence of a family member for service reasons. A free informal Morning Tea will be held on the grass at DCO on Tuesday 24th February, 10am – 11.30am RAAF Base Williamtown, please phone 4034 6973 or email dco.hunterrrims@defence.gov.au for more information.

DCO provides funding for employment and education expenses to assist recognised partners of ADF members to better position themselves for employment when posted with their partner. The Partner Employment and Education Program, or PEEP, offers two tiers of funding to eligible partners for a range of educational and vocational courses. Applications are open until the funding allowance is exhausted. For further information please visit the DCO website at www.defence.gov.au/dco.

If you have any queries about PEEP, or require assistance from your local DCO, contact the all-hours Defence Family Helpline on 1800 624 608.

Many thanks,
Deborah O’Donoghue
Defence School Transition Aide

Late Arrivals

If students are late for school, they need to be brought to the school office by their parent or carer so the reason can be verified and recorded. This is a child welfare and protection procedure to ensure children are not turning up late to school without their parents’ knowledge.

Your support with this matter is greatly appreciated.
Peer Support Training Day

Tuesday February 17th, Year 5 had peer support training. There were heaps of activities but one thing we did was get into pairs and we had to choose one person to go outside with Miss Russell and the other person stayed inside with Mrs Blake. Outside we talked about what are signs of listening. Miss Russell said that the people inside are going to tell a story about their weekend and we had to do the opposite of listening to what they are saying. Then at the end the people who told the story had to explain how they felt. The purpose of the activity was so we can understand how students feel in case this happens and we have to deal with it.

Everyone was well behaved, listened to the teacher’s instructions and had fun participation in all activities. I think that Year 5 will do a fantastic job at being peer support leaders.

By Jordan and Sophie 5/6R

007 Leadership Training Day

Last Tuesday the Year 6 students participated in the 007 leadership training day. It was a day full of fun, excitement and students overcoming their fears. To start the day Mrs Trembath and Mr Mort did an introduction about 007 training. Our first activity we had to do was squeeze an orange and get the motto that the more you put in, the more you get out of it. Our second activity was to blow up a balloon, tie it up and then one of the teachers came around with a pin and if you were confident enough and said what you love they would pop the balloon. While we had recess everyone had their turn to go and dance and sing to karaoke. We then went straight back to work and did teamwork activities. The best part of the day was finally here, it was a free pizza lunch. Our next thing to learn was about communications. At 3.00pm the bell rang and the 007 leadership training day ended.

By Madison and Ellie 5/6R

Cross Country

On Friday March 6 we will be holding our annual school Cross Country. Juniors (children who are aged 7-10 years) will run/walk the 2km course and seniors (children 11years or 12/13 years) 3kms. 12.30- Children walk the course to learn the route.

On return- Children will have usual 15min recess (earlier than usual)

After Recess- 7/8 year old boys followed by 7/8 year old girls etc

Once the carnival is over children will return to their classes.

All children in Years 2-6 are expected to participate.

Canteen News

Term 1

 Tues 24th Feb : Rebecca Squires, Elisha Milson
 Wed 25th Feb : Kelly Bink, Katie Trezise
 Thurs 26th Feb : Janet Allen, Kerry Formosa
 Fri 27th Feb: Nerade Lowe, Prudence Green
 Mon 2nd Mar: Amanda Evans, Kelly Mills

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.