From the Principal

Welcome back everyone. As usual the Grahamstown students have shown how fantastic they are by their superb start to the New Year. They all looked fantastic on their first day in full school uniform and were amazingly patient while sitting and waiting to find out their new classes. Grahamstown children are a wonderful group of students.

Parent Meetings have been organised for Week 4.
Tuesday February 17 Stage 2 and 3 will have their meetings. Stage 2 will be in the library at 3:15 and Stage 3 will be in the library at 4pm.
Wednesday February 18 kindergarten will have their meeting in the library at 3:15 and Stage 1 will be in the library at 4pm.

Teachers will give information on the content of units to be taught this year, class requirements, expectations and class excursions to be held throughout the year. We hope you can make it to your child’s stage meeting. Children are welcome to attend with their parents.

Mrs Trembath and Mrs South will be taking long service leave later this term. Both teachers will be replaced by Mrs Cox.

If you are not yet connected to the Grahamstown Facebook page and often miss the newsletter many of the announcements from the newsletter are duplicated on our Facebook page. This is a quick and easy way to find information on upcoming events.

Classes will remain as they are for the remainder of the year providing we do not lose any students between now and February 13.

We do not have any new permanent staff however Miss Sciaccia will be here full time supporting students in writing. Miss Sciaccia has worked consistently at Grahamstown as a casual staff member but will be here throughout 2015 in her support role.

The school swimming carnival will be held on February 10 at Lakeside Leisure centre for students in Years 2-6 who can swim 50 metres or more. A note will be sent home with further information included.

The back gate of the school will be closed by 9:15 each morning and reopened by 2:30 each afternoon. This is an additional security measure that we will be using every day. Access to the school will be via the main gate closest to the front office.

The P&C Meeting will be held in the staffroom on Tuesday February 10th at 6:30pm. All are welcome to attend.

Have a great week

Events Term 1

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P&C News

Welcome to the 2015 school year. The first P&C meeting of the year is on the 10th of February 2015 at 6.30pm in the staff room. All new parents are welcome to attend. We are hoping to make this year a good year. If you can help volunteer at any upcoming events throughout the year please let Sherri know at the canteen.
007 2015

The 007 leadership program will continue in 2015. This program will provide Year 6 students with the opportunity to develop communication and leadership skills. Over the next few weeks, nominated students will be involved in training to prepare them for their important roles. We look forward to having successful applicants organising lunchtime activities and creating a positive school environment for all our students throughout 2015.

Important dates
Friday 6th February: Nominations due
Monday 9th – Thursday 12th February: Interviews
Tuesday 17th February: 007 Training Day
Monday 23rd February: Lunchtimes activities begin
Friday 27th February: 007 Badges and Gold Passes presented at assembly.

Grahamstown Public School
Annual Swimming Carnival

The swimming carnival will be held on the Tuesday 10th of February.
Students will be walking to and from Lakeside Leisure Centre Pool. Students have to come to school in the morning to pay their money and have their names marked off. Membership passes are not allowed to be used. If you wish to take your child from the carnival you will need to get their name marked off first.
The cost this year will be $5.00, this covers pool entry, lifeguard costs and general running costs of the carnival.

Peer Support 2015

The Peer Support program will continue in 2015. This program will provide Year 5 students with the opportunity to develop communication and leadership skills. Students will be involved in whole day training to prepare them for these important roles on Tuesday 17th February. Students will be required to wear full school uniform. We look forward to creating a positive and encouraging school environment for all of our students.

House Captains for 2015

Colman Captains
Codie Pye
Alanna Piening

Vice Captains
Cooper Baldwin
Elizabeth Finney

Hastings Captains
Jared Doherty-Lilly
Jessica Russell
Vice Captains
Jordan Henderson
Samara North

Eldon Captains
Zachary Chambers
Emily Green
Vice Captains
Lachlan Roberts Harwood
Kasey-Rose Dissinger

Finnan Captains
Liam O’Connor
Emily Maytom
Vice Captains
Keenan Woodbine
Claire Harris

House Captain Badges will be presented at next week’s Assembly, Friday 6th February 2015.

IRRAWANG NETBALL CLUB

REGISTRATIONS NOW BEING TAKEN
CONTACT: MANDY 0414 652 173
Canteen News

Term 1

**Tues 3rd Feb:** Lisa Jones  
**Wed 4th Feb:** Jo Delaforce, Pam Paech  
**Thurs 5th Feb:** Kristy Medway, Tanya Picot  
**Fri 6th Feb:** Susan Martin, Kim Fleming

Rosters for 2015 are now available. If you put your name down to work at the canteen this year please call in to pick up your roster. Your help is very much appreciated.

New price list is now in place. Spare copies can be picked up from the office or canteen.

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**DEFENCE SCHOOL TRANSITION AIDE NEWS**

I wish to welcome all new families to the school. My role is to assist the ADF families here, with the particular challenges of military life, such as moving, and absence due to deployments, etc. If you are an Australian Defence Force family and haven’t been in contact already, I would greatly appreciate if you could please contact me on the email address below, thank you.

There will be a “Welcome to Williamtown” function at the Kitty Hawk Club, RAAF Base Williamtown on **Friday 6th February 11am-1pm**. For further information, please contact dco.hunterrims@defence.gov.au or phone 02 4034 6973.

If there are any other ADF families affected by deployments, etc, I would be grateful if you could please contact me via email: deborah.odonoghue1@det.nsw.edu.au or please leave a message at the front office and I will be in contact with you asap.

Many thanks,  
Deborah O’Donoghue  
Defence School Transition Aide

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WELCOME MORNING TEA

To all parents/carers:

We would like to invite you to a Welcome Morning Tea  
In the school hall  
Thursday 12th February  
From 9:15am

We would like to welcome new families to GPS and it would be great to have existing families join in this event.  
Looking forward to seeing you.

P & C Committee and  
Deborah O’Donoghue  
(Defence School Transition Aide)

For catering purposes, we would appreciate it if you could please let us know if you are able to attend, thank you.

Please return this note to the front office:

Yes, I am able to attend the morning tea on Tuesday, 10th February:

Name/s:

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Thank you.