From the Principal

The first disco of the year was a great success. The students thoroughly enjoyed themselves and the DJ made comment through the evening on how he loves to come to Grahamstown because the children are so good.

Parent Teacher interview notes will be coming home next week. The Interviews will take place during weeks two and three of term three (July 20-July31). When you receive your letter, which will come home with the newsletter on June 1, complete the reply notice and return it to the classroom teacher.

The interviews will be scheduled 15 minutes apart. The first responses will get the first choice for interview times. Interviews are an important means for explaining in detail your child’s progress, their strengths and any weaknesses that may be evident. If you are unable to make the scheduled day for the interview contact the classroom teacher to arrange a more suitable time.

Well done to the students who attended the Knights Knockout last Thursday. Your excellent behaviour was a credit to Grahamstown School. Thank you to the parents who assisted with transport; without your support the pupils would not be able to attend the many sporting functions they are accessing at present.

A reminder that the closing date for activities is set for good reason and will not be changed because a child will miss out. If one person is allowed to be excepted from the closing date then all parents/students need to be excepted. A time and date is set so activities can be organised and finalised and so students do not miss out on activities due to late payment, which has been an issue in the past. All notes are sent out with ample notice and clear closing dates included. Please read these notes carefully to avoid disappointment. With some sporting activities late notice cannot be avoided due to the nature of knockout competitions. Under these circumstances we rely heavily on availability of venues, other schools and volunteer referees. However a closing date is required due to the necessity of informing all of those involved to make an event happen.

Congratulations to the soccer team who won their game against Irrawang Public School under trying conditions.

Have a good week

Notes in Circulation

- Mathletics
- Naidoc/Sorry Day Performance
- Canberra Excursion
- Planet Savers Stage 2
- Public Speaking Stage 1
- Year 6 Graduation Bear / Ball

EVENTS FOR TERM 2

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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.
Assembly awards
22 May 2015

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“Congratulations to all students”

Save the date!
The Grahamstown Public School Concert is on again in 2015. It will take place in Week 9 of Term 3, on Wednesday and Thursday nights the 9th & 10th September. More information will follow as these dates get closer, but for now – put it in your diary!!

COOPERATE

PBL Awards
Sienna, Candice, Cailah, Bailey, Luis, Eve, Hayden, Taylor, Popi x 2, Cooper, Lily, Emalee, Brendan, Amalie, Bradley, Bela, Alexander, Kasey-Rose, Rex, Lillie, Zack, Dustin, Johnathan-Lee, Jack, Zak, Mia, Lincoln, Madison

GOLD AWARDS
Camryn, Cailah, Tia, Felicity, Ethan

“Congratulations”

Ellie’s Article

GRIP LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Last Monday the prefects and captains went to Newcastle Panthers for a leadership conference. It was a very fun day with lots of games to teach us how to be better leaders and deal with conflicts around the school. There was a segment called ‘Loud Noises’ which was two comedians playing games with us. They were very funny and played with us between each session. We learned how to solve problems and conflicts, make our school better with the things that need to be fixed and how to organise it so every student can get involved. It has made us think more about how to be a better leader and help everyone around the school!!!

Minister of communications
Ellie
Canteen News

Term 2

Tues 26th May: Lisa Jones
Wed 27th May: Jo Delaforce, Pam Paech
Thurs 28th May: Kristy Medway, Tanya Picot
Fri 29th May: Susan Martin, Kim Fleming
Mon 1st June: Sheree Stanton, Jan Bessant

Captain / Prefect / House

Captain Elections

Leadership Positions

The nomination process will begin Week 2, Term 4, (As soon as we arrive home from Camp). The criteria for nomination has been explained to all Year 5 students on a number of occasions in 2014 and again this year. To be eligible Year 5 students need:

- to have a Stage 3 person to nominate them and another to second the nomination.
- the principal or a Stage 3 teacher must also endorse the nomination having checked a candidates eligibility.
- to have had less than 3 strikes. If there are 3 strikes a student is ineligible. They can't have been ineligible for any reward days this year; must have had less than 3 visits to the Discussion Room where they have been at fault. Must not have turned all the cards in a week more than twice and must not have been suspended.

If there are more than 8 nominations for boys or girls, Stage 3 students will hold a pre selection vote to narrow the field to 8.

The criteria for selection as a captain or prefect at Grahamstown Public School is a reflection of the expectations held for these positions. We hold the school leaders in high esteem and therefore expect excellence from the candidates for the position. Leaders not meeting these expectations can be removed from their position and be replaced by the next eligible candidate. The nominations will take place during Week 2 of Term 4 and the election will be held at a later date to be advertised. Prior to the election, candidates will be given the opportunity to make a speech outlining their qualities. Props are not permitted and speeches must not contain promises or wishes that are not possible in the school setting. The positions will be announced at the presentation day assembly. Prior to Presentation Day parents will be informed by mail if their child has been elected but are asked NOT TO TELL their child.

We wish all candidates good luck and thank them in advance for their contributions to the school and their citizenship. Making the candidates’ list is an honour in itself because students have to have proven themselves to have been nominated.

Zone Softball

The Port Stephens Zone Softball trials were held at Grahamstown Public School on Friday May 15. We had two boys trialling and a number of other students who, during sport, participated to make up the numbers for a game.

From Year 6 we had Tom and Jayden who trialled and were successful and will represent Port Stephens Zone at the Hunter trials on June 26 at Stevenson Park in Mayfield.

Emily from Year 6 will be representing Port Stephens Zone at the Hunter Girls Trials on June 5 at the same venue.

ONLINE PAYMENTS

Online payments can no longer be used for activities which involve limited number of students attending. It takes 1-2 days for the payment to appear on our system depending on the time it is processed at home. Please also keep in mind when making online payments, the payment needs to be received by the closing date of the activity.

If you wish to use the online payment system for other activities please collect an information booklet for instructions on how to do this from the office.

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.
P&C News

The P&C Association AGM will be held Tuesday 9th June 2015 at 6:30pm in the Grahamstown School Staff Room.

Thank you to all those that helped at the Disco on Wednesday, your efforts are appreciated.

Grand friends Day is on the 30th July 2015 so keep an eye here for things that will be happening on that day.

Grahamstown P&C also has an email address. If you would like to make a suggestion or let us know if you can help on any upcoming event please contact us at grahamstownpublic.pandc@yahoo.com.au

Library News

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.

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.

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.

HEAD LICE ALERT!
Please check your children for head lice or nits (eggs) and treat them if needed.
A number of students have been affected recently and it is important that you regularly check your children for the condition.

NAMES ON CLOTHING / UNIFORM ITEMS
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.