From the Principal

Congratulations to the two teams who won their game this week. Both teams demonstrated great sportsmanship and excellent behaviour throughout their games. They should be very proud of themselves for their efforts. It is always a pleasure taking Grahamstown students away for extra curricula activities as they always represent their school so well.

A reminder that NAPLAN testing will take place from **Tuesday May 12 to Thursday May 14**. Testing will take place during the morning sessions and classes will return to normal after lunch on each day.

The **Mother's Day stall** will be held on **Thursday May 7**. Classes will take turns to visit the hall to purchase their gifts.

There is a Star Struck rehearsal next Thursday, leaving school at 9:10 am. These students will be given an opportunity to purchase Mother's Day gifts prior to leaving for the rehearsal.

**School photos** have been rescheduled for **Tuesday June 9**, which is immediately after the June long weekend. The envelopes that were to be used for the photos last week can still be used for June 9. If you have lost your envelope there are spares available at the office. Full school uniform will be needed for the day, at this stage preferably winter, including black shoes. If this is a sport day sport uniform is not to be worn.

Now that deposits have been paid and instalments are due for the Canberra excursion student assistance is available if parents / caregivers require it. A form needs to be completed for the assistance to be accessed. These are available through the front office.

The AGM for the P&C will be held in the staffroom on May 12 at 6:30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Have a great week.

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!!

**EVENTS FOR TERM 2**

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Notes in Circulation

- Mathletics
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- Year 5 IHS Interview Permission Note
- Canberra Excursion

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.
Stage 3 Canberra Excursion

Stage 3 will be going on an excursion to Canberra on Tuesday October 13 to Friday October 16, 2015.

The total cost of the excursion is $410 which must be paid in full to the office by 3pm Friday September 11, 2015.

Please note that currently the Federal government runs a rebate scheme called PACER which we are applying for and may provide a rebate of $20 per student, that can’t be guaranteed but could occur after the excursion.

Suggested Instalment Schedule:

Deposit $50 already paid
By Friday May 8  Instalment 1 - $50
By Friday May 22  Instalment 2 - $50
By Friday June 5  Instalment 3 - $50
By Friday June 19  Instalment 4 - $50
By Friday July 17  Instalment 5 - $50
By Friday July 31  Instalment 6 - $50
By Friday August 14  Instalment 7- $30
By Friday August 28  Instalment 8- $30

Please contact stage 3 staff with any concerns you may have regarding your child’s attendance.

2016 Year 5 Opportunity Class

Application for Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2016 opens on Monday 27 April 2015 and closes on Friday 15 May 2015. Late applications will not be accepted. Parents of Year 4 students can apply online for placement in 2016 opportunity classes for Year 5 students. There are no paper applications.

All students seeking Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2016 will be required to take the Opportunity Class Placement Test on Wednesday 22 July 2015.

The application website is at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement

Parents without internet access should go to a public library to complete their online application. Parents with a disability that prevents them from using a computer can contact the High Performing Students Unit on telephone 1300 880 367 for assistance.

Ellie’s Newsletter Article

ANZAC March

On Saturday the 25th of April it was ANZAC Day. Our school captains laid a wreath and read a poem in front of Raymond Terrace citizens on Grahamstown Public Schools behalf. They spoke clearly and confidently which is great for our school. With other schools involved it was a great success for Raymond Terrace and everyone could pay respect to the ANZACs and remember why they sacrificed their lives for us.

Minister for communications
Ellie

Scholastic Book Club

Scholastic Book Club catalogues were handed out last week. Orders are to be returned to the front office no later than - Friday 8th May. Some spare copies of catalogues are in the Library.

To place an order:
Make sure the order slip has student’s full name & class.
If paying in cash please have the correct amount of money for your order. Cheques to be made out to Scholastic Australia, and credit cards are done online. Please check order sheet for details.
Place order in an envelope marked clearly with Book Club, Child’s Name & Class.
Hand order in at the front office before school.

Mrs Smith

Ribbons and Trophies

Last week’s newsletter mentioned handing out ribbons and trophies from the Cross Country and Athletics Carnivals at the assembly on May 8 but two of our champion athletes will be representing our zone at the Hunter Cross Country on this date.

At our assembly in Week 5, May 22 we will hand out the Cross Country awards. The following week, May 29, we will hand out the Athletic awards.

Sorry for any confusion.
Miss Russell
LISTEN well and SPEAK politely

No awards were given at Assembly due to Anzac Ceremony

Canteen News
Term 2

- Mini Springrolls and California Sushi Rolls are no longer on the menu.
- Tuna Sushi Rolls are still available.
- Spoons are 5 cents
- All hot food available all days.

P&C News

This Thursday the 7th May 2015 we are holding a mother’s day stall in the hall with gifts ranging from 50c to $7.

The P&C Association AGM is on Tuesday 12th May 2015 at 6:30pm in the Grahamstown School Staff Room.

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 event please contact us at grahamstownpublic.pandc@yahoo.com.au

DEFENCE SCHOOL TRANSITION AIDE NEWS

To include the whole school in the commemoration of 100 years since the ANZAC landing at Gallipoli, we created a special wreath using the handprints from each student in the school, and students also coloured and cut out a poppy, to form the number one hundred. Both have been on display in the front office.

The Hunter DCO National Families Week Celebration will be at Walka Wildlife Recreation Reserve on Sunday 17 May 2015 from 11am to 2pm. For more information please contact dco.hunterrims@defence.gov.au or 40346973; RSVP by Friday 8th May.

I would appreciate it if any defence families are aware of mid-year postings or deployments, etc, to be in contact via email: deborah.odonoghue1@det.nsw.edu.au or please leave a message with the school front office and I will be in contact asap.

Many thanks
Deborah O'Donoghue
Defence School Transition Aide