From the Principal

Congratulations to the soccer team who won their match against Clarence Town Public School. The boys played well, were great sports and were proud of their efforts. Well done team. With so many activities occurring throughout Term 3 it will be vital that you keep watching out for permission notes and information through the newsletter.

It was great to see a few new faces at the P&C meeting last Tuesday night. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) could not be held as there were not enough registered members in attendance to meet the quorum required by the Grahamstown Public School P&C constitution. We will attempt to hold the AGM next month.

The car park should not be used to exit the school in the afternoon. It is accessed by vehicles at all times of the day and is an out of bounds area for students for safety reasons. Please comply with this request.

Grandfriends’ Day
Grandfriends’ Day is very close, Thursday July 30th.
9:30am Assembly in the Hall
- Choir
- Drum corps
- Dancers
- Drama Group
- Local Hero talk

10:30am Parent / Careers / Grandfriends visit to classrooms
11:00 Sausage sizzle lunch
- Portraits for sale $1
- Photo Booth available $1
- Tombola cups $2 (on sale from 11:30)
- Coffee Van on site
- Picnic Lunch with children

12:00 Kinder – Year 2 sport activities
12:45 Early Recess

1:00 Students return to Classes
1:15 Years 3-6 Sport activities (relays, ball games, tug-o-war)
2:45 Activities over. Students return to class

Have a great week.

Notes in Circulation

- Mathletics
- Canberra Excursion
- Public Speaking
- Grandfriends Sausage Sizzle
- Showcase Tickets
- Science Week Show Yr 3-6
- Oakvale Farm Kinder
- Hunter Wetlands Yr 1
- Awabakal Environment Yr 2

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ENROLMENTS 2016

If you are leaving Grahamstown Public for 2016 please let the office know as soon as possible. We need to submit our initial numbers for 2016 to The Department by August 5th.

If you have a child enrolling in kinder it is important that enrolment forms are completed and returned to be counted in our 2016 numbers. If you know of a family with a kinder child in our zone who does not have siblings at the school and therefore does not receive a newsletter please let them know it is time to enrol.
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.

Suggested Instalment Schedule:

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.

Safety Alert

An increasing number of parents are walking children out through the car park gates of an afternoon. This is a dangerous practice and a non-pedestrian area.
The car park is an out of zone area for students at all times due to safety concerns with vehicle movements. There are vehicles entering and leaving the grounds at that time of the day so the car park remains an out of bounds area.
Please comply with this request in the interest of safety.

Ellie’s article

Softball try-outs

Friday 26th June Emily.M, Tom.B and Jayden.N, all from Year 6, went to softball try-outs for the Hunter team, at Stevenson Park Mayfield. It was very nerve-racking but a fun day. The day included different softball activities, throwing and catching drills, batting drills and we played a few games of softball. Emily.M made the Hunter team as a first baseman. Tom and Jayden unfortunately didn’t make it through but tried their best and did a great job. Congratulations to Emily and the boys for having a go!!!! “It was one of the best days ever!” Emily stated.

Minister of communications
Ellie

Assembly awards
17 July 2015

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“Congratulations to all students”

Woolworths Earn & Learn

Grahamstown is participating in the program once again and we will have an opportunity to gain free educational resources for our school.
Stickers are available at the checkout according to the total amount of money that you spend in the store. Please remember to ask for your sticker if you are shopping at Woolworths and deposit them in the collection bin in the Office Foyer.
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Have a Go and participate

PBL Awards
Lily-Jade, Phillip, Chelsea, Liam, Halimah, Chantelle, Madison, Mia, Luis, Kyle, Oliver, Tyson, Matilda, Cailah, Patrice, Cody, Popi

GOLD AWARDS
Charli, Alice, Kasey-Rose, Lily, Brian

PBL Badge
Ethan

“Congratulations”

Canteen News

Term 3
Tues 21st July: Lisa Jones
Wed 22nd July: Jo Delaforce, Pam Paech
Thurs 23rd July: Kristy Medway, Tanya Picot
Frid 24th July: Susan Martin, Kim Fleming
Mon 27th July: Jan Bessant

Help will be required in the canteen on Grandfriends’ Day. If you can help please come in and see us.

Leadership Positions 2016

Just a reminder that the nomination process will begin the 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. The election process has been explained to the children and to parents at the Parent Information Session at the beginning of the year and in previous newsletters.

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.

Library News

The library is preparing for the 70th Children’s Book Council Awards to be announced during Book Week to be held from the 24th – 28th August. Book Week is held each year to honour and celebrate the diversity of Australian authors and to encourage a love of reading in everyone. During this week we hold a number of exciting events including competitions, a book fair and the popular Book Week parade where all students and staff are encouraged to dress according to the theme. This year’s theme is ‘Books Light up Our World’. We will be ‘shining a light on’ the shortlisted books during library visits and putting each book under the ‘spotlight’. With the cooler weather, now is a perfect time for you to share with your children, the books that have ‘lit up your world’.

Further information about the upcoming events will be in the newsletters, online or on our Facebook page in the coming weeks so keep a look out.

Jane Lockhart
DEFENCE SCHOOL TRANSITION AIDE NEWS

In Term 1, I wrote about Poppy Park which was established to coincide with the ANZAC Centenary, to commemorate the 102,000 Australian servicemen & women that lost their lives while serving since 1885. The park formed the shape of a giant poppy (over 2000sqm) and the individual poppies that made the shape had a name attached of a fallen soldier, sailor or airmen/women. The park was established by a group called “Remember a Soldier” and they wish to ensure that all 102,000 servicemen & women will be acknowledged. The park was located in Penrith and it had 50,000 visitors during the five weeks it was open, from March 21st until 29th April.

With Defence funding, Grahamstown Public School purchased four poppies to honour these servicemen & women and our poppies are now on display in the school foyer. For more information please go to: www.poppy.park.org.au

For the defence families: There are various upcoming information sessions provided by DCO Hunter. For Partners of ADF members there is a Partner Employment & Education Program (PEEP) that assists with training and education, an information session will be held Tuesday 21st July 5:50-6:30pm @ DCO Hunter conference Building.

A workshop will be conducted by Interrelate with support of DCO to assist with communication for Members with Dependents (unaccompanied) on Thursday 23rd July from 9-11am @ DCO.

A Posting and Relocation Information Session will be held Thursday 27th August from 10am-1pm @ the Kitty Hawk Club. For more information please email: dco.hunterrims@defence.gov.au or phone 4034 6973.

If a defence family is aware of deployments, other member’s absence or postings, I would be grateful If you could please contact me via email: deborah.odonoghue@det.nsw.edu.au or please leave a message with the school front office.

Many thanks,
Deborah O’Donoghue
Defence School Transition Aide

P&C News

Grandfriends’ Day sausage sizzle notes are due back on Friday 24th July 2015 at 9am.

Grandfriends’ Day is on Thursday 30th July 2015. This will be a great day for the school to celebrate our Grandfriends. On the day there will be a coffee van, snow cone and fairy floss for sale along with canteen food and a tombola stall which will start selling after second bell at lunch time 11.30am. There will also be a photo spot for dress up fun photos and a display on stage in the hall at the start of the day. There will be displays in class room windows of heroes and time to look in the kids classroom too.

This will be a busy day for everyone so if any parent can help out for a little while on the day this will be much appreciated. There will be a roster in the canteen to put your name on.

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

Showcase 2015 – Never Stop Dreaming

Once again, Grahamstown Public School has the opportunity to exhibit some of the fabulous talent of the Choir, Dance Troupe, Drum Corps and Drama Group in the 2015 Showcase performance.

When: Tuesday 28th July, 2015
Where: Irrawang High School
Tickets are available from the GPS and Irrawang HS front offices. Tickets will NOT be available at the door.

Adults: $10.00
Children/Pensioners: $5.00
Family (2 adults & 2 children): $25.00

We look forward to a fantastic night showcasing Grahamstown’s talented students.
Raymond Terrace Arts & Crafts Inc.

This year we are attempting a larger showing with art work from the students from our Primary Schools. As space will be limited we would envisage at this moment, two paintings from each Class, entry will be free to participating students, certificates awarded to entries plus cash or goods awarded by our judges.

Show Dates:
14th, 15th, 16th August 2015

For further enquiries please contact:
Eric Dates, President 4987 3449
Julles Brell, Secretary 4987 3160

STUDENT ABSENCES REMINDER

- Students between the ages of 6 and 15 are required by law, to attend school.
- Parents should ensure that their children attend school regularly.
- Students are allowed to be absent from school due to illness, incapacitation, or if they accompany their parent/caregivers for a legitimate reason.
- Explanations for their children’s absences are to be provided promptly.
- Parents are expected to contact the school if their child will be absent for more than two days or if their child is reluctant to attend school.

Attendance at school is very important. Students need to be at school every day and should arrive prior to the 9 a.m. bell. It is not acceptable for students to arrive late on a regular basis.