From the Principal

At Grahamstown we have applied EVERYONE, EVERYWHERE, EVERY TIME to the PBL expectations. The staff apply these expectations to themselves and expect the students will do the same.

With this principle in place we would appreciate ALL parents complying with our PBL expectations whilst on site.

Our expectations are that:

- we do not speak through assemblies (be respectful) or the National Anthem.
- if the person at the front is speaking we listen (be respectful)
- we take turns (cooperate)
- be in the right place at the right time (act safely).

Of a morning at the general assembly we would appreciate that parents don’t speak whilst the messages to students are being delivered to set the example for the students and to demonstrate that the rules apply to everyone, everywhere, every time.

At the end of the general morning assembly parents continue to block student movement around the school. If you are at the side of the assembly allow easy student access to avoid the congestion experienced at present. Students moving to activities take the priority.

During Friday weekly assemblies do not speak during the National Anthem (be respectful). Again this is to demonstrate the everyone, everywhere, every time applies to adults on school premises as well as children.

We will appreciate your cooperation in this matter to demonstrate that everyone needs to follow the rules, not just the students.

Congratulations to the students who participated in the zone public speaking competition. All students from Grahamstown through the heats and the final were excellent ambassadors for our school and reflected the quality of our students in their presentation. Two students will move through to the regional final and we wish them luck.

The playground art is finished and looks fantastic. The students will have several extra activities for lunch breaks to occupy themselves. This is as well as the additional board games and building blocks that have been purchased for passive play. Thanks to the P&C and the fundraising events that have allowed for the purchase of these activities.

Have a good week

Notes in Circulation

- Mathletics
- Canberra Excursion
- School Concert Costumes
- Year 6 T-Shirts
- Girls Softball Knockout

EVENTS FOR TERM 3

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REFUNDS FOR ACTIVITIES

If your child is absent on the day/s of an activity/excursion/performance etc, you will need to apply for a refund. Application forms may be collected from the school office. A full refund may not always be provided as the school is still liable for the full costs of some expenses.

Applications for refunds of $5 or less must be made no later than 5 school days after the activity. Applications for refunds over $5 must be made no later than 21 days after the activity. All monies must be collected from the office and signed for by an adult. A copy of the refund policy can be collected from the office if you wish to read it.
Keep your hands, feet, body and objects to yourself.

**PBL Awards**

Charli, Callum, Jordan, Aidan, Andrew, Mia, Dakota, Caine, Bailey, Amalie, Kiahlani, Carly, Denzel, Alice, Sally-Ann, Michael x 2, Jake, Chantelle, Tobias, Stella, Breony, Baydn, Reuben, Lilee, Xzavier

**GOLD AWARDS**

Logan, Jacob, Paige, Thalia, Ebony, Jack

“Congratulations”

**Canteen News**

**Term 3**

Tues 18th Aug: Lisa Jones  
Wed 19th Aug: Jo Delaforce, Pam Paech  
Thurs 20th Aug: Kristy Medway, Tanya Picot  
Fri 21st Aug: Susan Martin, Kim Fleming  
Mon 24th Aug: Jan Bessant

‘Tuesday Treat Day’ each Tuesday there will be special treats for 50c. Popcorn, jelly cups, yogurt cups, fruit kebabs and other treats. Each Tuesday will be a surprise of one of these items.

**Assembly awards**

14 August 2015

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“Congratulations to all students”

**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.
GPS Literacy Lingo

The Smart Hand
Introducing the Smart Hand. At Grahamstown Public teachers use the ‘Smart Hand’ to teach students how to write sentences. The Smart Hand acts as the success criteria to ensure students are forming sentences correctly. As a sentence is a group of words that expresses a complete thought and makes sense, teachers use examples and non-examples of sentences to demonstrate how the Smart Hand can ensure students’ sentences make sense and include basic punctuation. We use the language ‘marker at the end’ that reminds students that sentences can end with a full stop, a question mark or an exclamation mark. The When, Where, Why and How words on the wrist of the Smart Hand prompt students to include relevant information in their sentences and develop their writing.

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.

Public Speaking
Last Thursday our school was lucky enough to host the Finals of the Hunter Inter-Schools Primary Public Speaking Competition. The competition involved students from 23 schools. 5 students from Grahamstown were selected from heats held in Week 4 to progress through to these finals: Caitlin, Jacob, Ellie, Lachlan, Matilda. The students most certainly did themselves and our school very, very proud!!! Jacob (Stage 3) and Matilda (Stage 1) won their respective stages and will now go on to represent all of the schools in our local area at the Regional level competition in September. Ellie and Lachlan received a “Highly Commended” award for their speeches.

Well done! A wonderful, wonderful achievement!!!
**Books Light up our World**

The library is a buzz with preparations for Book Week to be held from the 24th – 28th August. All students will be filling out their ‘wish list’ of books that will **light up their world** later this week. Our book fair will be open Wednesday and Thursday from 8.30 – 9.00 and again from 2.30- 3.00 for sales. Another opportunity to purchase a book can be made after the parade on Thursday.

Has your child chosen a character that they would like to dress-up as for the parade? Let your creativity **light up** with clothing and props from around your home. The parade will be held on Thursday 27th at 10.15am. All family members are welcome and you may also dress up!

Jane Lockhart
Librarian

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**DEFENCE SCHOOL TRANSITION AIDE NEWS**

For members with dependants (unaccompanied) a free **Connecting & Communicating with Children** workshop is being held by Interrelate & DCO at DCO Hunter on **Thursday 20th August** from 9-11am. The workshop is for partners and ADF Members who do not have to be MWDU at present. A **Posting & Relocation Information Session** is also being held on **Thursday 27th August** from 10am-1pm at the Kitty Hawk Club RAAF Base Williamtown. For more information on these forums please email: dco.hunterrims@defence.gov.au or please phone: 4034 6973.

The **Defence Family Helpline: 1800 624 608** is available 24/7 to support ADF families with a variety of issues. The Helpline is staffed by professionals such as social workers who can assist with advice and referrals regarding counselling services, or deployment matters.

If there are any ADF families affected by deployments or postings, 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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**LOST PROPERTY**

Once again lost property is bursting at the seams. If you feel any of your child’s clothing could be in lost property, can you please come in and take a look.

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**Concert Tickets**

**Once Upon A Time**

There will be 2 performances of this year’s school concert:

**Wednesday 9th September at 6pm**

**Thursday 10th September at 6pm**

**Price:** $5.00

Tickets will be available from the school office and seating will be numbered.

There will be 2 rounds of ticket sales.

1. The first round of ticket sales commenced on Wednesday 12th August. There will be a limit of **two** tickets per family during this first round of sales from 12/8/15 – 25/8/15. We have restricted seating available for the concert, so have limited the first round sales to two tickets per family to give as many families as possible the opportunity to see the concert.

2. The second round of ticket sales will commence at 8:30am on Wednesday 26th August. From this date, tickets will go on general sale and families will be able to purchase extra tickets. Please note, however, that they will not be in the same location as any tickets previously purchased, as the seats are numbered.
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.

FORSENIC SCIENCE SHOW

Refunds

Students who attended the Zone Athletics Carnival for field events and 800m on Tuesday 11 August, and had paid for the Science Show may request a refund if they did not attend. Please collect and complete a form from the front office. This must be returned by Wednesday 19 August to the School office.

P&C News

Father’s day stall will be on Thursday 3rd September 2015. If anyone can help on this day could you let us know please?

At the school concert the Pick a Prize will be run by P&C and the cost will be $2 a pick.

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

PACER REBATE

Students from our school will soon be undertaking an education tour of the national capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

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 August 28 Instalment 8- $30

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

Raymond Terrace Athletics Centre

Registration days for the 2015/2016 season
At Raymond Terrace Athletics Centre, Kangaroo Street, Raymond Terrace on Saturday August 22 and 30 from 10am to 1pm

Registrations fully paid by August 31 will receive a discount. Registrations are also accepted throughout the season

A “Come & Try” morning will be held on Saturday Sept 5th from 9am for anyone interested in trying athletics.

Competition begins Saturday September 12th
www.raymondterraceathletics.com.au
Installation of flashing lights near Grahamstown Public School

The NSW Government has provided funding for the placement of school zone signs with flashing lights at all schools by the end of this year to alert motorists of the 40km speed limit required during school drop off and pick up times. Installing these flashing lights in schools zones has been shown to improve driver awareness of the need to travel at a lower speed to ensure the safety of children and others coming and going from the school area. Roads and Maritime Services is delivering this safety initiative and plans to install signs outside Grahamstown Public School on Hastings Drive the week beginning Thursday 3 September outside of 40km school zone hours. Work will take up to two hours to complete, weather permitting.

Lights are installed on pre-existing poles or new poles are put in place if needed. Partial lane closures may be in place while work is carried out to ensure safety of road users and workers. There will be some noise associated with this work, but every effort will be made to minimise these impacts.

For more information about the flashing lights program please visit the Centre for Road Safety website at www.roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe (go to the schools section) or you can contact our team on 1800 726 958 or flashinglights@rms.nsw.gov.au.

Expressions of Interest

Expressions of Interest for swimming (Year 2 students only)

This year’s Swimming Scheme will commence from 26/10 to 6/11, Weeks 4 and 5 of Term 4. The cost of the program will be $35. **You are not permitted to use your membership for this scheme.**

This will cover lessons and the student’s entry to the pool. **It does not include the cost of transport.**

If we do not get enough Year 2 students, we will open it up to Years 3 and 4 from 31st August. Please keep this in mind if you have students in Year 3 or 4.

A majority rule will determine transport to and from the venue.

Please complete the appropriate sections.

Expressions of Interest Swimming Scheme Yr 2

Parent/Caregiver’s Name: ____________________________

Child’s Name: _______________________

Class: _______

I would like my child to attend swimming lessons during Term 4 Yes/No

I would like my child to walk to the pool (free) Yes/No

I would like my child to catch a bus to the pool (approximate extra total cost of $30.00) Yes/No

Signed: ________________________________

Dated: ________________________________

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.