From the Principal

Congratulations to the students and staff for the presentation of a wonderful concert. It was very rewarding to see so many children thoroughly enjoying being on stage and performing. It is always interesting to see the quietest of children blossom on stage and present themselves in a confident manner. Thank you to the parents for preparing costumes and coming along to support their children. It was wonderful to see so many parents here across both evenings.

The holidays begin at the end of the week. We hope everyone has a safe break from school. Students return on Tuesday October 6 due to the long weekend being on the Monday. Term 4 is an eleven week term with the last week being a three day week for students. Term four ends on December 16 for students and December 17 for staff. There will be no one at school on Friday December 18 as staff have worked an additional 6 hours over two evenings in lieu of that day. No staff, including office staff will be in attendance on that day.

Next year there will be no uniform shop in operation as there are no volunteers to take Mrs Beasley’s place. We thank Mrs Beasley for her excellent service to Grahamstown Public School and her dedication to organising the uniform shop over the past couple of years. She has done an excellent job as a volunteer and her service to our school will be missed. Uniforms will need to be purchased through Lowes in 2016.

Have a good week.

Events for Term 3

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Notes in Circulation

- Mathletics
- Canberra Excursion
- Year 6 T-Shirts
- Festival of Choral Music x 2

Canteen News

Term 3

- Tues 15th Sept: Lisa Jones
- Wed 16th Sept: Pam Paech
- Thurs 17th Sept: Kristy Medway, Tanya Picot
- Fri 18th Sept: Susan Martin, Kim Fleming

Thank you to everyone who has helped in the canteen during the concert.

This week is the last week of Term, please be patient when ordering lunches.

Stage 3 Cake Stall

The Stage 3 Cake Stall was a wonderful success. The cakes were delicious and lots of people bought cakes and made the stall very busy. Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and family members who made cakes because it would not have been such a success without your help. Thank you to all those children who waited patiently to buy cakes. Also thank you to all those teachers who collected notes or gave up their lunch to help us sell cakes.

Year 6 raised over $700.
**NUF NUF DAY**

**Stage 3 Mini Fete**
As one of the fund raising activities for the Year 6 Farewell, the Student Parliament has voted to hold a Mini Fete during the last week of Term 3 (TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 15). Stage 3 students, in pairs, will devise a fete type activity to run complete with minor prizes (e.g. wrapped lollies). These activities may include Ten Pin Bowling, Putt Putt Golf, Guessing Competitions etc. Children from Early Stage 1 through to Stage 2 should start saving 5 & 10 cent coins now as each activity will cost only 5c or 10c to participate. The canteen will not be able to provide change on the day. For a small amount of money younger children will be able to have a turn at every activity. Keep looking at future newsletters for a list of the activities Stage 3 have organised so that you can plan ahead.

**NUF NUF Day is coming.(That’s FUN FUN backwards)**

**Timetable**
12.00pm Stage 3 start to set up
12.45pm until 1.00pm Recess
1.00pm till 2.30pm. Let the fun begin
2.30pm we will have an assembly and then return to class while Stage 3 pack up.

**Ellie’s article**

**Opera House**
On 28th of October 2015, the school choir will be performing at the Sydney Opera House in the 2015 festival of choral music. They will be singing 11 songs which include, Live out Loud, Sailing Away, Danny Boy, Give Me a Kite, An Empire’s Message, Endless Blue, Spirit of the ANZAC, Silent Moon, River Song, Putting on the Ritz and You’ve got a Friend in Me. All of the students have spent their lunchtimes practising, learning new songs and working as a team to make their performance amazing. Ms Saville and Mrs Brown have done a fantastic job to encourage these students and teach them the songs. We wish them all good luck and hope that their performance will be CHORAL-TASTIC!!!!

**2015 ‘Once Upon A Time’ School Concert**
Many of you might have watched this year’s school concert and agree that it was a fantastic night with all students putting in 100%. Everyone enjoyed it and the performances looked great. Thanks to all the teachers who organised the concert items and worked on all the sound, lights, props and backstage. The cake stall was also a great success with us raising over $700. Both nights were sold out and all the compares did an awesome job. There were a lot of nerves before the students went on stage but they all got their confidence and were great. From drama to dancing and singing our concert was like you went back to a Once Upon A Time story and at the end of the night they all lived happily ever after!!!!!!!!

Minister of Communication
Ellie

**The Premier’s Spelling Bee**
The Spelling Bee was held at Tenambit Public School on the 9th September 2015. Both myself (Luke) and Harrison represented our school in the spelling bee. We were a bit nervous on the 30 minute drive there. I, unfortunately was knocked out in the first round. Harrison made it through to the third round. It was worth it because we all had fun, even though our school didn’t win on the day.

By Luke

**P&C News**
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We are happy to announce that the Father’s Day stall raised around $600.00. The P&C Association AGM will definitely be held on Tuesday 13th October 2015 at 6.30pm in Grahamstown Public School Staffroom. All are welcome.

**Woolworths Earn and Learn**
Woolworths Earn and Learn program has finished and it is now time for us to return the stickers and choose our rewards. The stickers have to be in the mail before the holidays and so we ask that all stickers be returned by Wednesday September 16th, 2015. Thank you to all those parents, carers and friends who have supported our school by collecting stickers for us.
Fruit & Veg Month 2015 - Let’s Go Green!

Due to a busy Term 3 GPS will be participating in the fun of Fruit & Veg Month during the first 4 weeks of Term 4 – Tuesday 6th October to Friday 30th October.

As part of Fruit & Veg Month, students will be involved in various classroom and school based activities that aim to encourage them to eat more fruit and vegetables including fruit and vegetable tastings, nude food days and recycling programs.

Watch this space for updates. Or, better yet, ask your child what activities they have been involved in. It is a great way to bring the healthy eating message home!

GPS Fruit & Veg Month Committee

Expressions of Interest

Expressions of Interest for swimming

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.

It is open 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 / 3 & 4

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: ____________________________

Have a Safe and Happy Holiday!

School returns Tuesday 6th October 2015.

Spring Markets and Pets Day Out
Saturday 19th September
9am – 2pm
Riverside Park
rtcommunitymarkets@bigpond.com