From the Principal

The P&C meeting will be held on September 8 at 6:30 in the staffroom. All are welcome to attend.
At this meeting the uniform shop, new school uniforms, the school plan and surveys and future fund raising will be discussed. Come along to have your say and assist in the development of school plans for 2016.

Book Week was a great success and the children looked fantastic in their costumes. Thank you to the parents for taking so much trouble with costumes and allowing children to participate in this annual event.
The Book Fair was again a great success and the proceeds will support our library resources for 2016.

Next week is the concert. Preparations are going well and the students are very excited about performing their item.
The items look fantastic and the children and teachers are working very hard to perfect them before the big event. Make sure you get your tickets to avoid disappointment. There is a limited number and without a ticket there is no entry.

The last day of term four which is traditionally a pupil free day will also be staff free this year. All staff, including office staff, have worked additional hours of an evening (2 x3hour sessions) to make up the time in lieu of the day. No one will be at the school that day so any school business will need to be finalised by Thursday December 17.

Have a good week

Events for Term 3

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Notes in Circulation

- Mathletics
- Canberra Excursion
- School Concert Costumes
- Year 6 T-Shirts
- Pizza Day End of Term Order

Canteen News

Term 3

- Tues 1st Sept: Jodie Bennett
- Wed 2nd Sept: Jo Delaforce, Lea Wallace
- Thurs 3rd Sept: Kristy Medway, Angela MacKenzie
- Fri 4th Sept: Sally Douglas, Michelle Bink
- Mon 7th Sept: Barbara Govan

Sunfruit snakes and feet are no longer available. We still have sunfruit faces, 50c bag.

Rulers, pens and pencils are available at the canteen for $1.00

Head Lice

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 and treat ASAP.
Follow teacher's instructions in the classroom

PBL Awards

Mitchell, Aidan x2, Lilliana, Lani, Elyssa, Nicole, Taj, Hayden, Felicity, William, Cody, Breony, Rylee, Xander, Emailee, Breanna, Lily, Ethan, Lili, Lachlan, Amelia, Cameron, Cade, Tia, Claire, Javanna, Zoe, Emily, Deklan, Chloe, Libby, Isabelle, Archy, Cooper, Quinn, Jessica, Alexander, Shae

GOLD AWARDS

Lily, Emailee, Tobias, Pheobe

“Congratulations

REFUNDS FOR THE FORENSIC SCIENCE SHOW

Refunds are now available for collection from the front office. These may be collected by parents or students who bring in a permission note until Friday 4 September. After this date the refund will be given to your child to bring home. All refunds must be signed for.

Thanking you

Assembly awards

28 August 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

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.
sticker if you are shopping at Woolworths and deposit them in the collection bin in the Office Foyer.

Books Light up our World

A sincere thank you to all parents for involving their children in the Book Week Parade. I am always astounded at the creativity which is shown at these times and yesterday was no exception. Thank you also for the purchases made at the Book Fair, we appreciate your support as commission earned goes towards more resources for our school. Although Book Week has come to an end please keep reading to your children so the light on their world is not extinguished.

Jane Lockhart

GPS Literacy Lingo

Getting persuasive in Stage 2
As mentioned earlier in the term, Stage 2 students have been learning to analyse, plan and write persuasive texts. Here are a few snippets from students work in classrooms.

Dear My Extremely Caring Mother,
I have been doing all my disgusting chores. I have been trying really hard to not get into annoying fights with my little sister. I really tried to eat all my dinner every night. Don’t you think I need a little appreciation for all the extremely hard work I have been through. Sincerely your beautiful daughter Ellie.

Letter by Ellie 3S persuading her mum that she deserves a present

Students should have their own laptops so they won’t come home and complain about other children copying. You don’t have to waste paper which is saving the environment and nature. Parents don’t have to go to the shops and bother about supplies for their children so they don’t waste their hard earned money.

Emerson 4C

If students have their own laptop they can use the Internet to help them with work. Laptops are not like worksheets which means there will be less copying or cheating.

Tora 4C

Using laptops students have access to the Internet. This means school work is quicker and easier to do. Having laptops will improve important work that'll help in later life. Teachers on the other hand will have less marking to do which will help precious time.

Lilliana 4C

Concert Tickets Still Available!

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

The second round of tickets are now on sale and are selling fast! Tickets can be purchased from the front office. Please note, however, that they will not be in the same location as any tickets previously purchased, as the seats are numbered.

Don’t miss out!

P&C News

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

At the School Concert the ‘Pick a Prize’ will be run by P&C and the cost will be $2 a pick.

The P&C Association meeting will be held on Tuesday 8th September at 6.30pm in the School Staff Room.

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

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

**BUS PASS APPLICATIONS FOR 2016**

This is a reminder to all students who are going into Year 3 next year and will be travelling to and from home by bus. If you live outside the 1.6km radius and are eligible for a bus pass, you need to complete a new application form. These may be collected from the school office. If you have changed your address you also need to complete a new application form. Please note that students cannot use their bus pass to go to before or after school care, grandparents, parents place of work, after school sport etc, a fare is payable by the student in these instances. . If you have an enquiries please ring the office on 4987 6510.

**Music Lesson Availability**

Music lessons for Term 3 have started. Jarrod Wilton, who is the music tutor, has been taking students throughout the school day each Thursday. Students are learning lots and we can already see some promising progress from all of them.

As lessons have been going so well, we are now offering 3 more places for students interested in learning guitar as part of a group.

The guitar group will consist of 3 students and cost $15 per ½ hour lesson. Payments are made in 4-week blocks.

The benefit of having music lessons during school time is that it's one less activity to find time for in the afternoons.

These limited places will fill quickly so if your child is interested in this opportunity, please contact Mrs McDermott ASAP on 4987 6510.

**Stage 3 Cake Stall**

Stage 3 is holding a cake stall during the two evenings of the concert performance. Children who have brought in a signed permission note or are with an adult will be able to purchase cakes, slices etc before heading to their classroom on the evening of each performance. Parents will be able to purchase cakes and slices during the intermission but will not be permitted in classrooms to visit children.

Stage 3 children will need to bring their contribution to the Year 6 rooms on the morning of the first performance, Wednesday September 9.

**Girls’ softball**

On Wednesday the 19th of August 11 girls from Grahamstown Public School represented us at Halliday's Point Public School in the girls’ softball knockout.

As this was our first time playing we cheered each other on and played fairly. Sadly we lost; the score was 23 to 8. We were disappointed but we had lots of funny moments such as Caitlin getting the softball stuck under her chest plate, falling over when she was trying to get back to first base and having lots of aggression when running to first base. As the field at Halliday's point was different to Grahamstown's field, Grahamstown's players had lots of trouble trying to get to first base, they got lost, which made most of us giggle.

Thank you to the volunteers that helped drive, score and assist on the field. All the girls had a fun time and good luck to next year's softball team.
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)

The Greater Raymond Terrace Fun Run

- Walk, run or push at the 2nd annual Raymond Terrace Fun Run which will start at the Vi Barnett Field, Kangaroo St Raymond Terrace on Sunday September 6th.
- The 8km starts at 9am, the 4km at 10am and the 2km at 11am.
- Register online at www.raymondterracefunrun.com.au
- The day will be supporting the Cure Brain Cancer Foundation with merchandise for this worthy cause available online and on the day in limited quantities.
- There will also be a giant slide, jumping castle and market stalls to support the foundation.
- For enquiries, including market stall requests, call Deidre on 0418 962 185.

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: _______________________________