From the Principal

We have had a week of wonderful news. The students who went to the regional athletics carnival were a fantastic group of representatives for our school who worked their hardest to achieve amazing results. From that wonderful group two boys made it through to the state competition. Congratulations to Tyler and Harley.

The second piece of exciting news was from our clever engineering challenge group who went to Maitland High to build bridges and demonstrate their ability to work in cooperative teams, and they won the day. Congratulations to this wonderful group as well.

The concert is this week. Please take notice of any information sent home by teachers. There are some seats available still so if you wish to see the concert you’ll need to get one soon. There is no entry without a ticket.

The P&C meeting is tomorrow night at 6:30 in the staffroom. All are welcome to come along to discuss the uniform shop, uniform, Uni for You and the 2016 school plan.

Have a good week.

Canteen News

Term 3

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Please have lunch orders in by 9am to allow time for preparation and cooking.

Pizza notes are due back on the 11th September by 3.00pm. No late orders will be accepted.

Ellie’s article

Chickens and science and engineering.

Recently our school has been involved with the Henny Penny Hatching Program. It is a great way to get involved with animals and caring for one another. Miss Russell and the kindergarten classes have had the opportunity to experience chicken eggs hatch and hold the young chicks as well. You can adopt them for free but you have to sign an adoption paper and have the right equipment to care for a chicken. They are adorable and are happy to be held.

As well as the new chickens, a selected number of students participated and competed in a Science and Engineering Discovery Day at Maitland High School. The students displayed a great effort in teamwork, communication and problem solving as well as having a go and giving it a 100%. There were 9 schools competing including our school. Luckily for us, all our efforts towards the activities made us the CHAMPION SCHOOL!!!!!!!!!!!!! WELL DONE to everyone who contributed their hard work into us winning. Also a big thank you to Mrs Blake and Mrs McDermott who arranged for our participation.

Minister of communication
Ellie

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Move safely and sensibly around the classroom

PBL Awards
Chloe, Thomas, Haylee, Brock, Lilly, Charli, Kate, Jack, Xander, Aiysha, Ashlynn, Sophie, Madison, Luis, Ava x 2, Jonathan, Denzel, Luke, Aidan x 3, Bailey x 2, Olivia, Cooper, Paige, Cooper, Emily, Isabelle, Ellie, Halimah, Eve, Isis, Bailey x 2, Leland, Emerson, Phillip, Lili, Macleay, Zachary, David, Zak, Logan, Grace, Ebony, Sienna

GOLD AWARDS
Mia, Lily, Emily, Tia

BADGE
Emalee

“Congratulations to all students”

THERE WILL BE NO WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY ON FRIDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER due to the hall being used for our concert for the two night’s before-hand.

Assembly awards
4 September 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.
GPS Literacy Lingo

Stage 1 students have been learning about the purpose and audience of different written, spoken, visual and digital texts. Students have been comparing imaginative, informative and persuasive texts and the language features that authors use to entertain, inform and/or persuade.

Here are a few extracts from students writing about elephants. See if you can identify if they are imaginative, informative or persuasive.

They can damage your furniture and eat your bananas. They are too big for your house and your backyard. Emily 1C

An elephant has big ears to cool them down. Emily 1H

Ar! Ar! Mrs Brown is on an elephant. She’s enjoying it but all of a sudden . . . Splash! Mrs Brown falls into the cold, thick and soggy water. She laughs. Alexie 2B

I think that an elephant would be a good pet because it could drop me off at school and it could eat my vegetables for me as well. Tegan 2S

Elephants have trunks to grab stuff like food. Lincoln 2/3K

Old Bluetooth was the odd one out. All the other elephants were rainbow and she was the only one that was blue. Of cause that’s why her name was Bluetooth. Charlie 2B

No, an elephant would not make a good pet because they are too big and they would step on you and they would drink up all the water and drink up all the puddles. Kiahlani 1H

Elephants have good hearing. Not all elephants have tusks. They drink at waterholes. Thalia 2/3K

“Chomp, Chomp!” Two tiny beavers were chomping down trees when suddenly STOMP. Two big ears, four long legs, one thin tale, two long tusks, toenails the size of pears and a big long orange body appeared. Right in the middle of Saturn stood a huge elephant. Olivia V 2B

They can break your whole entire house and you can’t take them for a walk. Skye 1C

Elephants have long tusks like a walrus. They can live in India or Africa. Olivia V 2B

Elephants would make good pets because you’d always have a ride to school. Its nose would be useful in the hot Summer. Matilda 2S

Leadership Positions 2016

Just a reminder that the nomination process will begin the Week 3, Term 4 (as soon as we arrive home from Canberra).

The criteria for nomination have 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 candidate’s eligibility.
- to have had less than 3 strikes. If there are 3 strikes a student is ineligible. Must have had less than 3 visits to the Discussion Room where they have been at fault. Must not have been suspended.

Process

Week 3 Nominations
Week 4 Preselection vote by Stage 3 children to choose the 8 male and 8 female candidates if more than 8 have been nominated.
Week 5 Voting
Letters sent to parents letting them know if their child has been successful or not.
Announcement at Presentation Day.

Henny Penny is here

Kindergarten and Year 5/6 currently have chickens hatching in their rooms. These chickens can be adopted by families. Forms are available at the office but if we have more adoptive families than chicks we will draw the lucky families out of a hat.
**Sports News**

**Softball**
During week 8, Emily M from Year 6 represented the Hunter as part of the Girl’s Softball Team playing in the State Championship at Wagga Wagga. This championship was affected by rain and there was no play on the last day but Emily and the rest of the team did the Hunter proud.

**Athletics**
On Friday August 28, 8 Grahamstown children represented Port Stephens Zone at the Hunter Athletics Carnival at Glendale. Tom, Tyler C, Tyler R, Harley, Haylee, Jordan, Jack and Cooper all competed at a high level. Unfortunately, Matilda was not well enough to attend. Grahamstown had more success with Tyler C winning the Junior Boys Discuss and Harley placing third in the 9 year old boys 100m. Both these boys will now represent the Hunter Region at the State Athletics Carnival at Homebush in October. Congratulations to all these athletes.

**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!

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**GRAHAMSTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL’S CONCERT IS THIS WEEK!**

All the students are excited to perform in our concert this week and have been practicing really hard over the last term. We’d like to give you a few reminders so that this week can run as smoothly as possible;

1. **Tuesday 8th September,** during the morning session – full dress rehearsal: students are required to wear their school uniforms to school and bring their costumes/props with them to school. Students will be given time before the rehearsal to change into their costumes.

2. **Wednesday 9th & Thursday 10th September – night performances:** students are to arrive at their holding rooms at 5.30pm, ready for a 6.00pm start. Please note that there will be **no supervision prior to 5.30pm.** Students are to arrive in their full costumes unless otherwise specified by their classroom teacher.

3. There will be 20 minutes intermission during each night performance. Please do not visit your child’s room during this time. There will be refreshments available from the canteen and a cake stall during this time.

4. At the conclusion of the concert (we are estimating 8.00pm), students are to be collected **by an adult** from their holding rooms.

We are all looking forward to a successful school concert!

**P&C News**

The Father’s Day stall was a great success, a huge thank you to all those that helped out on the day.

At the School Concert the ‘Pick a Prize’ will be run by the 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
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.

If your child is not going to attend the Canberra Excursion could you please notify the office staff or their class teacher ASAP.

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

Contact numbers

Changed your mobile phone number or home phone number recently? Please inform the school office of any changes in your contact details so we can have up to date information. Also if you need to update any other information please let office know.

Sailing

Grahamstown Sailing and Aquatic Club
22, 23 & 24 September 2015
(Tuesday to Thursday)

Cost: $45 / sailor
$65 per family (maximum 3 persons, $10pp extra)
Time: 10am – approx. 3pm each day
Venue: Fielding Madden Park Grahamstown Rd, Medowie.

To book, please contact Richard Byrne 4981 7509
sailwithrichard@gmail.com

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: 