From the Principal

Principal Report

The new kinder children have had a fabulous start to their school life. They have approached the school routine like professionals and have adapted to expectations very quickly.

Tomorrow, February 9, at 9:15 in the hall there will be a parent morning tea as a welcome back to school. All parents are welcome to attend but we ask that the acceptance slip from last week’s newsletter is sent in so adequate catering can be arranged.

Be aware the parking ranger will be about again this week. He will be taking number plates and issuing fines for those people not following the parking sign regulations.

Children being picked up from the ‘kiss and drop’ zone are asked to wait behind the red line until the car they are getting into has come to a complete stop. Please encourage this from home as well as we are looking at the safety of students in that area.

Students riding scooters or bikes to school need to lock them onto the bike racks just inside the back gate. No bikes or scooters can be stored in classrooms as they represent a trip hazard which is a WHS issue. No bikes or scooters can be ridden inside school grounds as this is also a hazard for those moving on foot. This also applies for toddlers with parents who are picking up older siblings.

The fixed equipment is out of bounds for any child not directly supervised by an adult. This also applies to toddlers who are at school picking up older siblings. Do not allow non-school age children to use the fixed equipment please.

Entry to and from the school is via the pedestrian gateways ONLY. The car park gate is NOT to be used. It is not safe regardless of whether a child is with a parent or not. This is a no pedestrian access gateway.

Have a good week

Parent Teacher Information Afternoons

When:

- Tuesday 16th February 16: Stage 2 3:15-4:15
- Tuesday 16th February: Stage 3 4:15-5:15
- Wednesday 17th February: Kinder 3:15-4:15
- Wednesday 17th February: Stage 1 4:15-5:15

Where: School Library

What: Find out the resources your child/children will need, the topics to be covered in 2016, homework expectations, behaviour expectations, class routines, excursions planned, meet the teachers working on your child’s class and the other teachers working on the stage and much, much more. Take the opportunity to learn what is happening for your child this year.
On Line Payments for Parents

An online payment portal linked to our school's website makes it easier for you to pay for school related payments. This is a secure payment page hosted by Westpac Bank. Payments can be paid using your Visa or MasterCard only. Activities such as Voluntary Contributions, excursions, sport and other school activities can be paid using this method. If you wish to pay online there are instructions at the office to assist you. **PLEASE DO NOT USE THIS SYSTEM UNTIL YOU HAVE READ THE INSTRUCTIONS.**

If you are paying online, it will need to be processed **two days** before the school payment cut off day as it takes time for it to come through into the school account. **Online payments which are received after the closing date will be cancelled.** Payments can still be made using cash, cheque or money order at the school office. Please ring the office if you have any questions. When making online payments please ensure you send in the permission note for the activity ASAP please. If a permission note has not been received your child will not be able to attend the activity regardless if payment has been received.

Head Lice Alert!

We have had a case of head lice.

Please check your child/ren for head lice or nits (eggs) and treat them if needed.

It is important that you regularly check your child/ren regularly for the condition.

Events for Term 1

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Canteen News

Tues; 9th Feb- Kerry Formosa
Wed: 10th Feb – Jo Delaforce
Thru: 11th Feb- Janet Allen
Fri 12th Feb – Pru Green, Kath Canavan

- Picklets 10cents are available each morning before school.
- Burrito’s $4.00 - meat, salad & sour cream
- Cheeseburgers have been omitted from the canteen list by mistake. They are still available for $3.50
Please have all lunch orders in by 9am.

Parking Ranger

As of today the 8th February parents will be fined. The minimum fine is $240.

There is a sign attached to our front fence with guidelines to the correct parking procedures if you are unsure of the meaning of differing parking restrictions.

Uniforms

Currently there is some stock left in the uniform shop. If anyone would like to purchase; **Dry and Cosy jackets for $25** there are jackets available in all sizes.
**Baseball Jackets for $20,** we only have 5 x size 8 jackets.
**School Jumpers for $10,** in 5 x size 4, 7 x in size 8, 6 x in size 12, and 3 in size 14.
It will be a matter of first in first served.
If you would like to purchase any of this stock please send the **CORRECT MONEY** in an envelope with your child’s name, class, item size and style to the front office. Your child will be provided with their uniform during the day.
Piper’s Articles

Hi, I’m Piper and I am excited to announce that I am the GPS Communications Minister for 2016.

I would like to welcome everyone new and old back to Grahamstown. I hope that everyone had a superb summer.

I am excited to finally be in Year 6 and have the privilege to be a school leader and a big buddy to a lucky kindergarten child.

Have a great year at GPS!

Staff Car Park

Please do not use the staff car park to deliver children to school or pick them up. The car park is for staff parking only. Please also do not walk children out through the car park of an afternoon. Staff regularly need to leave to attend meetings at other schools making the car park gate an unsafe place for pedestrians. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Act Safely, Be Respectful, Cooperate & Do your Best

Grahamstown Public School
Sports House Captains 2016

COLMAN
Captains
Cooper Baldwin & Sophie Bennett
Vice Captains
Tyler Romero & Alanna Piening

ELDON
Captains
Jack Williams & Crystal Lean
Vice Captains
Luke Brewer & Tahlia Murphy

FINNAN
Captains
Riley Breiner & Jordan Saunders
Vice Captains
Jake Olive & Aiysha Rickard

HASTINGS
Captains
Tyler Clarke & Tiffany Williams
Vice Captains
Jake Atkins & Samara North

PBL Awards
Logan, Alice, Ethan, Lili, Sally-Anne & Lillie.

Gold
Grace, Madison & Cailah

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.
Assembly awards

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“Congratulations to all students”

To all GPS Parents & Carers:

You are invited to a Welcome Morning Tea

Tuesday 9th February

In the school hall

From 9:15am

It would be great to have existing families join in this event to assist welcoming new families to GPS

Looking forward to seeing you!

For catering purposes, we would appreciate it if you could please let us know if you are able to attend, thank you.

Please return this note to the front office by Monday 8th February:

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Welcome Morning Tea

Yes, I am able to attend the morning tea on Tuesday 9th February:

Name/s:

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Thank you.