Another fantastic week at Gray St is coming to a close! This week I have seen so many students helping their friends and getting along, and everyone who has helped someone out should be proud.

The School Picnic is quickly approaching, and I am looking forward to meeting even more of our wonderful Gray St parents. Remember as well that Meet and Greet is on Monday February 15th, and you can book a place in with your teacher.

All the staff at Gray St were very excited to hear about the arrival of Henry Roy Hayes (pictured right). Mr Hayes has spent the week at home with his new bub, and we look forward to welcoming him back on Monday 22nd February (a little over a weeks time). Could parents of Mr Hayes’s class please note that his meet and greet has been shifted to Monday 29th Feb.

Finally, a quick reminder about parking around the school. Please observe the signs as posted, especially in 2 min and 15 min parking zones. This will help make sure all of our students can leave the school in a safe way. For longer stops, there is ample parking around the Botanical Gardens.

Have another great week, and I look forward to seeing everyone’s smiling faces on Monday!

Lachlan Yeates
Acting Principal

Dates to Remember

Friday 12th February
Whole School Family Picnic
5.30pm – 7.00pm
Botanical Gardens

Wednesday 17th February
No Preps required at School

Tuesday 23rd February
Prep Field Events

Wednesday 24th February
No Preps required at School

Tuesday 1st March
Athletic Sports

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Teachers and students would like to invite you and your family to the
Gray St Family Picnic
Friday 12th February
5.30pm – 7.00pm
BYO everything
At the Botanical Gardens
In The Artroom......

We've started off the term with our 'Learning to Learn' content, where students drew pictures of themselves and their favourite things. This week students commenced the Asian art unit with drawing and painting of a Japanese Koi fish. We used the wet on wet watercolour painting technique and utilised the hairdryers to dry each section before continuing on with the next colour. The results have been amazing as you can see in the photos.

A reminder about art smocks. There are many students who don't have a smock or it has been left in last year's classroom. ALL students need to bring their own smock for art. **No smock...no participation.** This is due to the messy materials which are used to create the artwork.

We are looking for donations of old clean plastic roller trays for the artroom which will be used to teach wet felting. If you have an old one or two in the shed and don't need it anymore, please bring to the artroom.

Many thanks, Emma Brown.

**Earn & Learn Woolworths**

A huge thank you to all the families that supported the school through the Woolworths Earn & Learn promotion.

We were able to redeem the points collected for 70 books, a heap of Lego and some tennis balls.

Right: Ben Phelan and Matilda Brook looking through all the items received through the redeemed Earn and Learn Stickers.
Prep Days Off

Prep students do not attend school on the following days in February:

Wednesday 17th February 2016
Wednesday 24th February 2016

Sunsmart

Hats must be worn every day during Term 1. Don’t forget to bring them to school.

Local Aboriginal (Gunditjmara) History with Daryl Rose and Ros Pevitt

Last Tuesday the Grade 5 students were fortunate enough to have Ros Pevitt and Daryl Rose come to speak to them about Gunditjmara history and culture. The students learnt how to say ‘ngatanwah’ (hello) and ‘woorook’ (goodbye). They also sat captivated when Daryl told them about the eel traps, stone huts and community life at Condah. They were also fascinated with how the inside of big, hollow trees were smeared with clay and used as ‘smoking trees’. Eels and fish were hung inside and smoked to preserve them.

They also learnt about ‘men’s business’ and ‘women’s business’. Men were in charge of hunting and making weapons such as spears and boomerangs. Women were in charge of gathering food closer to home and weaving grass and reeds into long, cylindrical eel traps. Ros brought in her great grandfather’s spear and boomerang and Daryl explained how they were made and used. Ros also brought in a digging stick/club with an emu shaped head and a very intricate example of an eel trap.

We look forward to Daryl and Ros coming back next week so we can learn more.

Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund (CSEF)

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government’s commitment to breaking the link between a student’s background and their outcomes

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum. CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child. The annual CSEF amount per student is: • $125 for primary school students • $225 for secondary school students

HOW TO APPLY - Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef
MORE INFORMATION For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef
Fundraising

As you would all know fundraising is a vital part of a school community as the funds raised help provide our children with a better school experience. This year we are wanting to put a fundraising committee back into place which will provide support and possibly new ideas to our already fantastic fundraiser year. Please note this will be separate from the country fair committee as we understand this is our major fundraiser each year and requires a lot of attention, however those on the country fair committee are welcome to be part of the fundraising committee if you wish. If you are interested in joining our newly formed committee please leave your contact details at the office so you can be contacted to arrange our first meeting together. We understand that the school community is very generous when it comes to fundraising in our school, so we want to make sure we get the best out of it every year without having too much.

Thank you
Leanne Jacobson

New Uniform

The new navy polo shirt has been so popular that we are currently unable to keep up with demand. Until all current orders are filled, the uniform shop will be closed and no further orders may be submitted into the office.

Thank you for your patience and understanding in this matter.

Drop & go Zones

Some helpful tips when picking your child/children up from the Drop & Go Zone;

- Remind your children in the morning that you will be picking them up in the afternoon from the Drop & Go Zone (especially the young ones – they usually need a reminder each time) and to get to the drop and go zone area straight after school. Please also remind your children that they are to remain at the Drop & Go Zone and wait for you. They are not to drop their bag and then go off to play.
- It is best not to enter the Drop and Go zone until the bell has rung and your child has had time to get to the Drop & Go Zone. This means entering the ‘Drop and Go zone’ after 3.30pm. Cars arriving early will be asked to leave the Zone after two minutes, if their child is not there.
- NO PARKING in the Drop & Go Zone. Cars will be asked to move on after 2 minutes if their child is not ready to be picked up.
- Do Not park in the zone and walk away from your car
- If your child is not ready for collection, drive around the block to re-join the queue or find a legal place to park.
- Always obey the school zone speed limit of 40km/h
- Park only where parking is permitted
- In the mornings the same rules apply – parents/carers are to remain in their car while children get out of the car. If you need to assist/walk your child to class, please park your car in a different area.

At Hamilton (Gray St) Primary School, parents, students and teachers have a common goal—to make sure that students can travel to and from school in the safest possible way.

Notices Sent Home This Week (Notices can be found on the school website)

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Athletic Sports – Preps (5/6 year old age group)

On Tuesday 23rd February Prep students and some younger Grade Ones (notices have been sent home with these children) will compete in the 5/6 year old field events as part of our school sports day. Students will compete for house points in long jump, high jump, discus and shot put. Prep students will compete in the field events at school on Tuesday morning and then the following week (March 3rd) they will compete in the track events with the rest of the school. This breaks up the house athletics for the prep students so it is not such a long day.

Students will need to wear school sports uniform, sunscreen, bring a drink bottle and lots of lunch. We will provide the bibs in house colours.

Field events begin at 9.15am on the school oval and finish at approximately 11.00am. Parents are most welcome to attend.

Athletics Sports – Tuesday 1st March

On Tuesday 3rd March the Athletic Sports will be held at Pedrina Park (North Boundary Road). All students in grade one to grade 6 will participate in these sports. (Prep students and some grade 1 students will participate in the afternoon session but will have already participated in field events on Tuesday 23rd February at school.)

The day begins at 9.30am and concludes around 3pm. Students in grade 1 to 6 are bussed to Pedrina Park leaving school at 9.10am. Students participate in a variety of athletic sports. The program will be handed out with next week’s newsletter.

Students in grade 1 to grade 6 will participate in the morning field event sessions (ie: long jump, high jump, shot put, discus). Our field events are set at ‘standards’. This means the children are competing to achieve a standard 1, 2 or 3 by throwing or jumping to reach set standards appropriate for their age group. These scores are marked on their cards, carried on their team-coloured sports jackets (these will be distributed at school for use on the athletics day). A bonus point (a ‘4’) is awarded to the overall age-group winner of the event. Age groups are determined by the age each child will be by 31.12.16.

Prep students will be bussed to Pedrina park and will join students in grades 1 to grade 6 in track activities (ie: sprints, hurdles, distance events and relays). All children will participate in a sprint and a hurdles event (with placings receiving 3, 2 or 1 on their tickets). Finals will be held to determine the overall winner of each age group. Older age groups will participate in distance running events and selected children (from trials at school prior to the day) will be involved in relays.

Students need to bring:
- Morning Tea and Lunch (food to ‘graze’ on)
- Drinks
- School Hat
- Sunscreen
- A coat
- A safety pin for ribbons

Parent Helpers required for Athletic Sports

We require parent volunteers to help at our Athletic Sports Day on Tuesday 1st March. (Parent volunteers must have a Working With Children Check). If you could assist please complete the form below and return to the office by FRIDAY 12th FEBRUARY.

Thank you
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Athletic Sports – Parent Helpers

Parent Name: ………………………………………

I can assist with the following:

☐ Setting up at Pedrina Park from 7.30am – 8.30am (do not need Working With Children Check)
☐ The morning of the Athletics Sports Day 9.00am – 12.30pm
☐ The Afternoon of the Athletics Sports 12.30pm – 3.30pm
☐ Packing up at Pedrina Park from 3.30pm – 4.30pm (do not need Working With Children Check)

Eldest Child ……………………………………… Grade……………… Contact Phone Number: ……………………………
St Mary’s Parish Sacramental Program

There will be an information meeting on Thursday 18th Feb for parents of children who are wishing to complete their Sacraments of Initiation – Confirmation and First communion.

Where: Dunworth Centre, behind St Mary’s church.
When: Thursday 18th February at 7-8pm
For more information contact the Parish Office on 5571 1161 OR Noreen McLeish on 0438 531 651

St Mary’s Website: www.stmaryshamilton.org.au

TYRENDARRA SHOW TIME AGAIN  !!!!!!!!

SATURDAY 13 FEBRUARY (HORSEMANSHIP CHALLENGE)
SUNDAY 14 FEBRUARY

The Tyrendarra community is proud to present its 99th Annual Show – Saturday 13 February.
Get the kids busy preparing to enter some of the many competitions – scarecrows, pets, art, horse riding, beef cattle junior judging, beef cattle junior handling, farm & garden, craft work, lego, floral art, cookery, photography, junior show kids & much more! The lego section has 3 classes – check all the information out on our website: www.tyrendarraagriculturalshow.com.au

In addition to all the fun of the Show, there will be mini golf, photo booth, free stagecoach rides, small train rides, animal nursery, animal zoo, face painting & chainsaw wood carving.

On Sunday 14 February the Tyrendarra Horsemanship Challenge will be held at the Showground. This commences at approximately 8.30am and 40-50 competitors are expected. Competitors will vary in experience from those still on lead learning how to trot to those who have been riding for 60 years. It is judged on how the horse & rider work as a team.