Principal’s Report…

Athletics time is upon us! Our prep students did a great job during the prep field events on a hot day. They should all be proud of themselves! A big thank you to the Prep teachers, parent helpers and spectators for a great morning.

This Tuesday is our major Athletics day, and I am looking forward to a fun day spent watching everyone do their best. Many parents have already expressed an interest in coming along, so there should be a good crowd. Please remember that the space inside the running track is reserved for staff and volunteers. Anyone wandering may be given a job!

It is not too late to join School Council, and there are 4 unfilled positions. If you are interested in being a part of an exciting team, working to help improve the school, we would love to hear from you. Just drop past the office, and give your name to Leesa or myself.

It has been great to see parents paying close attention to the signs in the waiting zones around the pick-up and drop-off areas of the school. This has made a big difference to the flow of traffic and the safety of our students. Thank you for being helpful and respectful.

I hope that everyone has a great week, and that everyone is looking forward to the Athletics as much as I am!

Lachlan Yeates

Which house will win the Ath Sports?

Will it be Nigretta, Glenelg, Grange or Wannon. House Captains Will, Tahlia, Eden and Max are all hoping their house will be the winner.
Gray St primary school has been utilising the School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS) for over a year. The SWPBS is a framework which helps schools to plan and implement practices across the whole school, to improve educational and behaviour outcomes for all students using positivity and consistency.

The SWPBS framework is founded on a positive approach to whole school wellbeing with targeted approaches for students with higher levels of need.

Gray St primary introduced the ‘Five Steps’ throughout each classroom and learning area of the school. This consistent approach has given the school community a framework for positive school behaviour.

School Voice has also introduced Bruce the Bandicoot as our SWPBS school mascot with our 3Bs:

- Be Respectful
- Be Safe
- Be Responsible

At tomorrow’s assembly, Student Voice will be unveiling our new ‘GOTCHA CARDS’. Come along and hear all about these exciting new cards.

Art Extension Workshops

During Thursday lunchtimes, specific students will be invited to attend art extension workshops, facilitated by myself. The grade 6 students commenced last week, with an experimentation in watercolour painting and art expression to music. These workshops will run for 4-5 weeks and will help extend the students in art skills and techniques as well as introduce them to a wider variety of art mediums. It was great fun last Thursday with a great culmination of artworks being created.

Emma Brown

In the Artroom.....

Continuing with our Asian art them this term in the artroom, students have been creating works of art with Chinese dragons this week. Grade 5 & 6 have been drawing them. Grade 4 (pictured here) have been collaging them and the younger grades made dragon puppets and drew Japanese cartoon characters. Some of the artwork is on display in the Open Learning Centre, so grab a chance to have a look at it some time.:)

We currently need old paint roller trays in the artroom for some wet felting activities we will be experimenting with. If you have an old clean paint roller tray at your house could you please donate it to the artroom. Just a reminder that ALL students need an artsmock for art, there are still some students without one.

Many thanks
Emma Brown
District Tennis Team

Last Thursday Henry Bensch, George Pern, Dylan Talbot and Hami Hiroti represented Gray Street in the District Tennis Tournament. All players played very well and were complimented on their sportsmanship and behaviour. Congratulations to Dylan who has qualified to go on to the next stage, Division Tennis on the 7th of March. A big thank you to Gabi Bensch for taking care of the boys on the day.

Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund (CSEF)

Last year many eligible parents successfully applied for and received the Camps, Sport, Excursion Fund (CSEF).

This funding is available in 2016, if you are eligible and would like to receive the CSEF please call into the office tomorrow to complete a form.

Conveyance Allowance Program (CAP)

The conveyance allowance is a form of financial assistance to help families in rural and regional Victoria with the cost of transporting their children to their nearest appropriate school/campus. The conveyance allowance is available to eligible students travelling by public transport, private car and private bus. The conveyance allowance is also available to eligible students whose nearest school is not serviced by a free school bus.

Eligibility criteria

The eligibility criteria varies depending on the type of school attended and where it is located.

Students attending a government or non-government school must:

- attend their nearest government or non-government school/campus appropriate to their year level at which admission is permissible
- be enrolled at a school/campus outside Melbourne’s metropolitan conveyance boundary
- reside 4.8km or more by the shortest practicable route from that school/campus attended
- be of school age (5 to 18 years old at time of application) and reside in Victoria.

Students attending a government or non-government specialist school or Department-recognised special setting must:

- attend their nearest government or non-government specialist school or Department-recognised special setting
- reside 4.8km or more by the shortest practicable route from that school/campus attended
- reside within the Designated Transport Area (DTA) for the government specialist school attended (applicable to government students only)
- be of school age (5 to 18 years old at time of application) and reside in Victoria.

Payment amounts

Depending on how a student travels to school, an eligible student may be granted a conveyance allowance based on:

- the least expensive public transport fares; and/or
- a distance based allowance when travel is by private car and/or private bus

Application forms

- Form 1 - Application for private car travel (docx - 85.79kb)
- Form 2 - Application for private bus travel (docx - 86.49kb)
- Form 3 - Application for public transport travel

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.
Canteen News

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GIANT EASTER RAFFLE

The Gray St Giant Easter Raffle will be held again this term.

It would be appreciated if each family could donate an Easter Egg or two for the raffle. Please send all donations to the office. The more donations the more prizes.

Raffle tickets will be sent home next Thursday with the eldest in the family. Tickets are great value at 50¢ each.

Raffle books and money are due back to the office by Friday 18th March.

The raffle will be drawn at a special assembly on Wednesday 23rd March.

Athletics Sports – Tuesday 1st March

On Tuesday 1st 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 (at least 2 drink bottles of water – anticipated forecast of 32°C)
- School Hat
- Sunscreen
- A safety pin for ribbons
**ATHLETIC SPORTS**  
TUESDAY 1st MARCH 2016  
9.30AM

**MORNING TIMETABLE**

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Prep Students will arrive at approximately 11.30am.
AFTERNOON TIMETABLE

12.05 PM  
11 and 12/13 years Boys and Girls **Hurdle Heats**  
First & second to Final.  

**Hurdle Winners back for final**

10, 9, 8, 7, 6 and 5 (combined) Boys and Girls **Sprint Heats**  
First & second to Final (black cross on hand).

12.50 PM  
10, 9, 8, 7, 6 and 5 (combined) **Hurdle Heats**  
First & second to Final.

**Hurdle Winners back for final**

11 and 12/13 years **100 metre Sprints Heats**  
First & second to Final (black cross on hand).

1.20 PM  
**Final of Sprints for all age groups**  
(Children with Black Crosses)

1.35 PM  
**GRADE LEVEL RELAYS**

Eight runners per team for each of the four Houses  
Glenelg (green), Grange (blue), Nigretta (red), Wannon (yellow)

2.05 PM  
**Long Distance Races** (9yr – 12/13yr Age Groups)  
9yr Girls  
9yr Boys  
10yr Girls  
10yr Boys  
11yr Girls  
11yr Boys  
12/13yr Girls  
12/13yr Boys

2.20 PM  
Announcement of Boy & Girl Championship Winners  
Announcement of the Jack Waldron Shield Winning House