Well, House Athletics has come around for another year. Our budding 5 and 6 year old athletes competed in their ‘special field events’ morning on Tuesday. We are hoping there are some potential Olympians for the 2024/28 Olympics amongst the competitors. Next Tuesday all students will be involved in the day at Pedrina Park. We look forward to seeing as many parents, grandparents and friends there to cheer the students on as they compete in a variety of events.

Students this week have enjoyed a feast of sporting opportunities with the Year 1 to 4 students on Monday enjoying a hockey clinic and the Year 5 and 6 students showing some real technique in their Golf Clinic followed up on Tuesday with an AFL football clinic at Melville Oval, with players from the Essendon Football Club.

The fifth Day of Action against Bullying and violence will be held on Friday 20 March 2015. This annual day provides a focus for all schools to say Bullying. No Way! and to strengthen their existing everyday messages that bullying and violence are not okay at any time.

We have registered our school and Gray St will be part of a growing nationwide movement to ‘Take a Stand Together against bullying and violence.

There will be more information about this campaign in next week’s newsletter so please keep a look out for it.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on Tuesday at the Aths sports. Enjoy the week ahead.

Helen

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 have been sent home today with the eldest student. Tickets are great value at 50¢ each.

Raffle books and money are due back to the office by Friday 20th March.

The raffle will be drawn at assembly on Friday 27th March.
5/6 Year Old Ath Field Events

On Tuesday the 5 and 6 year old students competed in high jump, long jump, shot put and discus as part of our School House Athletics Carnival. They tried very hard all morning to reach the highest standard they could, which was great to see. The students also enjoyed competing in front of parents and later proudly showed off their ribbons. Thank you to Grade 4 students Rhyan Menzel, Felicity Shaw, Indy Sparrow and Chad Dymke for assisting on the day. Thanks also to staff and parents who helped give out ribbons, add up points, take photos and generally ensure things ran smoothly. Next Tuesday Prep students will travel to Pedrina Park by bus after recess to compete in the track events.

Code Club

Is your child 9 years or older and would like the challenge of learning computer coding?

Code Club is an Australian wide club that teaches children computer coding skills by working on set projects and programs. Interested children must be prepared to spend all Monday lunchtime and commit to a ten week block. Code club will begin on Monday in Mrs McFadden's room.

There are only 15 places available. If your child is interested could they please see Mrs McFadden before Monday.

Science equipment

As part of the Grade 6 Science topic, Chemical Change, the Grade 6 classes require a number of glass jars. These can be any size from very small (baby food size) up to 600ml. Lids are optional and whether the labels are attached or not doesn’t matter. Please send any available jars to school over the next two weeks.

Many thanks, Ms Ferrier and Mr Hill

Tennis

Congratulations to Olivia Allen who won last week’s Hamilton Primary School’s Tennis Tournament. Olivia won the final 6-0; 6-2 and now has the opportunity to take the next step and represent the Hamilton District in the Division Tournament in Warrnambool on Thursday, 12th of March. Well done to Grade 4 students, Henry Bensch and George Pern, who also represented Gray St in the boys’ section and will benefit from the experience of playing older opponents. They will return next year as more experienced and seasoned tennis players.

Pictured Right: Olivia Allen and Henry Bensch
Golf Clinic

On Monday, the Grade 5/6 classes each received a golf clinic from junior golf development co-ordinator, Mr Tony Collier. Each class was taught the fundamentals of the grip, stance and swing and spent a very enjoyable 45 minutes hitting golf balls down the school oval. Tony was very impressed with the students’ abilities and commented favourably on their attitude and willingness to accept advice. Tony also commenced his selection procedure for the district primary school golf tournament, which will take place in term 3 this year.

Brochures were handed out advertising the local “My Golf” sessions, which cost $55 and includes six lessons at the Hamilton Golf Club and a cap, bag, club and practice ball. This program commences next week and details are contained in the brochure distributed to the children.

AFL Clinic

The Grade 5/6 children attended an AFL clinic conducted by seven Essendon Football club players on Tuesday. The star of the show was undoubtedly Dyson Heppell, with our young Bomber fans especially excited to be in his company. All the children participated in a one-hour session on hand-passing, kicking, bumping and marking. A special thanks to Jock Whiting, our local VFL Football Development officer, for organising this clinic with AFL players.

Any children wishing to participate in the local AusKick sessions in Hamilton for 2015, there are advertising flyers available from the school office.

Grade 5/6 Parliament Excursion

Next Wednesday, 4th March, the Grade 5/6 classes will participate in a parliament education session run by education officers from Parliament of Victoria as part of their regional outreach program. During these sessions, the children will role-play a parliamentary session and look at the processes involved in turning a proposed idea (a Bill) into a law. The children will take on the roles of speaker, premier, leader of the opposition, minister, shadow minister, etc as they debate and vote on either “The Plastic Bag Bill” or “The Fast Food Bill”. These sessions are run every few years in regional centres and are an excellent introduction to helping the children understand the workings and purpose of parliament (which is a curriculum topic for our senior students). The Grade 6 sessions (at the Exhibition and Conference Centre, Showgrounds) are 9.30 – 10.45, with the Grade 5 sessions from 11.00 to 12.15. There is no cost attached to this excursion but the permission form distributed last week must be completed and returned.
Meals on Wheels and Canteen Volunteers

A huge thank you to the parents that have volunteered their time for our Meals and Wheels Program and Canteen duty. Unfortunately we require more volunteers for these programs to run successfully. Please, if you can spare an hour or 2 complete the forms at the back of this newsletter or leave your name with Leesa in the office.

Division Swimming in Portland

Our Gray St representative swimming team (of ten swimmers) has been entered for the Division event in Portland on the 6th of March. Competitors will be given a permission slip outlining the day's requirements. The next level of swimming is the Region Championships in Ballarat on Friday March 13th.

Grade 3 & 4 Hockey Clinic Report by Indy, Cadell and Jasper

On the 23rd of February the grade 3 & 4’s had a hockey clinic. We played 3 games. We played rob the nest, hoctopus and vulture. We had lots of fun and learnt a lot of new skills.

Funky Hair day

Student Voice has planned their first fund raising effort for 2015.

To support Anna Sherry (mother of Alera 6A and Michael 1A) in her quest to raise $2000 for the “World’s Greatest Shave for a Cure” conducted by the Leukaemia Foundation there will be a “Funky Hair Day” at school Friday 6th March.

For a gold coin donation children may wear their craziest hair (temporary colour, spiked hair or wear a wig etc) with their school uniform.

Class Prizes to be won for the craziest hair and the most money raised!!

Funky Hair Day
FRIDAY 6th MARCH

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

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Spare notices are also available from the office.

Instrumental Music Lessons

There are still a few places available for students interested in learning the flute, piano, guitar, trumpet, trombone, Clarient and Saxophone. If you would like your child to participate in instrumental music lessons, please collect an enrolment form from the office.
Athletics Sports – Tuesday 3rd March

Next Tuesday 3rd March the Athletic Sports will be held at Pedrina Park (North Boundary Road) and at this stage the weather forecast is very favourable! Attached to today’s newsletter is the program for the day. Unfortunately there have been very few offers of assistance from parents which makes running a full aths carnival very challenging. If you are able to assist, please contact Mr Hill or the school office.

Grade 1 to 6 children will be bussed to Pedrina Park after classroom rolls are taken at 9.00am. Children will be issued with a sports colour-jacket to wear over their Gray St sports uniform. Please ensure your child has sufficient food and drink for a very active day, sunscreen and a safety pin attached to their shirt (for ribbons). Streamers and other decorations (in House colours) are encouraged within acceptable limits. Please don’t allow decorations which will restrict running performance or excessive use of coloured zinc, etc.

The Prep children (having completed their field events on Tuesday) will arrive at Pedrina Park at lunchtime ready for the afternoon track events. We are all looking forward to an exciting day of athletics and lots of PBs!

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 31.12.15.

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.

If you would like to take your children home with you at the end of the day directly from the sports, (approximately 3.00pm) the notice sent home last week, with every student, must be returned to the class teacher by Friday 27th February. **Students who do not return their forms will return to school for dismissal at 3.30pm. Arrangements CANNOT be changed on the day. Students are not permitted to leave before the Athletic Sports have concluded.**

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 assistance for the morning and the afternoon of our Athletic Sports Day on Tuesday 3rd 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 TOMORROW.

Thank you

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Athletic Sports – Parent Helpers

Parent Name: .................................................................

☐ Am able to help the morning of the Athletic Sports Day

☐ Am able to help the afternoon of the Athletic Sports Day

Eldest Child ......................................................... Grade............... Contact Phone Number: ........................................
Canteen News

Term 1 Monday Special

*Chicken Burger (the lot) - $3.50 - Bread roll, chicken burger, lettuce, tomato, cheese, beetroot & special sauce.
*Plain - $3.00 - Bread roll, chicken burger, lettuce & special sauce

Term 1 Wednesday Special

*Chicken Twister - $3.50-Crumbed Chicken Strips, Salad & special sauce, served in a wrap
Salad Boxes (available every day) - Lettuce, tomato, cucumber, grated carrot, beetroot, pineapple, cheese & dressing - $3.50
Egg Salad (as above) with hardboiled egg - $4.00
Ham Salad (as above) with sliced Ham - $4.00
Chicken Salad (as above) with diced Chicken - $4.50

Canteen Roster

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PRICE INCREASE: Milo Scoop Shakes - $2.80
(sorry for inconvenience, price increase after 2015 Price List Printed)

Students Absent From School

If your child is absent from school upon returning they must bring a notice advising their teacher of the absence. All notices that are sent to school in regards to students must include the following details:

Date, Students Name, Students Grade, Parents Name and Parents Signature

Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

Math Question of the Week

Last weeks answer

1 and 17 are female -- from clue 1 and 3
5 and 7 are male -- from above
J did not come 3rd -- from clue 5
17 is not first -- from clue 1
Kim is not first.
Rick finished before 7, therefore he must be 5
after Raelene who was first, therefore, Raelene is #1 and first Rick is #5 and second Kim is #17 and third Jim is #7.

This weeks problem

A grocery store has a sale on bananas. If you buy six bananas you get the sale price. If the grocer has 489 bananas how many bunches of six can he sell at his sale price? In this case how many can be sold at the regular price?

Lost Property

Please ensure you clearly name all of your children's belongings with their full name (initials or first names only make it very difficult for items to be identified and returned to their owner).

This year all lost property handed in to the office throughout the week will be put on display at Friday morning assembly. Items not collected by the end of assembly will be disposed of at the end of the day. We already have a number of unnamed items in the lost property box and the term has only just started! If you are missing something please come and look in the lost property box which is located in the office foyer.

Many thanks, the Lost Property Fairy.
VOLUNTEERS

Children love to have their parents and grandparents involved in their school. It isn’t always possible to have a weekly commitment to the school all the time, but the meals on wheels roster and the canteen roster are areas where a small time occasionally is appreciated and manageable.

If you would like further information about volunteering at the school, please contact Leesa in the office on 5571 9295.

MEALS ON WHEELS

As part of our community service program grade 6 students deliver meals to those in need. On Fridays during terms two and three a parent volunteer collects three students each from the school office at 11.30am. The parent volunteer and the three students then collect meals from Hamilton Hospital, deliver meals to approximately 8 - 10 houses, drop the esky back to the Hospital and then return the students back to school at approximately 12.30pm/1.00pm.

We require at least 20 volunteers (you don’t need to have children in grade 5 & 6) to volunteer to drive the students once each term (but more times if you’d like). Comprehensive car insurance and a Working with Children Check are compulsory.

If you are able to volunteer in any capacity, please complete this sheet and return to school by Friday 27th February.

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MEALS ON WHEELS

Name: ____________________________, (ph number: ____________________________)

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Canteen Duty

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Duties include packing food into lunch bags, selling various food items and a quick tidy up.

We hope you can help us to make the canteen a great resource for our school.

If you are able to volunteer in any capacity, please complete this sheet and return to school by Friday 27th February.

Can help: (please tick)
- Weekly
- Fortnightly
- Monthly
- Once a Term
- On Call with short notice

Days which suit me are: (please tick)
- Monday
- Wednesday
- Friday

Eldest Childs Name: .................................................. Grade: ...............
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ATHLETIC SPORTS
TUESDAY 3\textsuperscript{rd} MARCH 2015
9.30AM

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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