As previously mentioned the school is going through a review process at present which will then enable us to set our school's strategic direction for the next four years. Next week two external reviewers Jill Jackson and Warren St Claire will be spending next week working in the school evaluating and offering independent and expert advice on our progress. With their experience and knowledge they will be able to help identify the most effective strategies for us to continue to improve into the future.

Tomorrow, Olivia Muldoon and Ted Koch our school captains and Lily O'Brien and Chella Biggin co leaders of Student Voice will be attending the National Young Leaders Day at the Melbourne Convention Centre. The National Young Leaders Day is an annual event founded in 1997 to develop strong leadership values amongst young Australians. The Program consists of keynote talks, multimedia presentations and interactive learning that seeks a range of specific outcomes for young people who aspire to lead themselves and others well. Guest speakers presenting to the students will include: Bindi Irwin, Wildlife & Conservation Advocate, Andy Griffiths one on Australia’s most popular children’s author, Jess Gallagher, Summer and Winter Paralympian and Coen Ashton, Ambassador for Organ Donation. We look forward to hearing from our student leaders about this fabulous experience at next week’s assembly.

Last night, we had a very productive initial Country Fair meeting, with lots of great ideas to start the planning. We have attached a form that we would like you to fill in to let us know your ideas and how you may be able to assist to again make the Fair the biggest and the best in the Western District in 2015.

Enjoy the week ahead.
Helen

Funky Hair Day

$446.50 raised!!!!

A huge thank you to all the parents and children involved in last Friday’s Funky Hair Day.

We managed to raise $446.50 which will go to the Worlds Greatest Shave to support leukemia research. Thank you to Anna and Alera Sherry for bringing the idea to us and we hope it helps to reach your target of $2,000.

Craziest Hair prizes went to: Flynn Graham, Maddi Rhook, Taylah Walter, Leidy Kenny, Henry Bensch, Mitch Downes, Mike Allen, Millie Clark, Maeve MacGillivray, Phoebe Andrews-Otter, Saphira Moon, Caitlyn Forrest and Tawseef Hossain.
GIANT EASTER RAFFLE

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

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.

Division Swimming Results From Hamilton District Carnival

The Division Swimming Carnival took place in Portland on Friday, 6th March. The Hamilton District was well represented with four of our seven schools having students qualify for the Regional Swimming Carnival in Ballarat on Friday, 13th March.

Gray St sent a team of ten swimmers (and accompanying families and Mrs. McGinley). Many of the swimmers posted personal bests, even if they didn’t manage to qualify for the next level. Well done to all the team for their excellent efforts on the day.

Qualifying for 9-10 years Butterfly were Amy Talbot and Felicity Shaw.
Tegan Menzel qualified for 12-13 years Freestyle.
Tegan Menzel and Chella Biggin both qualified for 12-13 years Butterfly.
Chad Dymke qualified for 9-10 years Backstroke.
Dylan Talbot qualified for 11 years Freestyle and Butterfly.

These are outstanding results on what was a pretty miserable day weather wise. The swimmers did not let that dampen their spirits and we wish those moving on to the next level all the best in Ballarat tomorrow.

Hamilton District Athletics Carnival

Next Tuesday is the next level of athletics or our senior age groups. Gray St will be sending a team of 56 children (based on results from our athletics carnival) to compete against the other Hamilton schools. All children selected in the team were given a notice yesterday with the program and a permission note attached. Gray St will send several staff on the day, but any available parent helpers would be greatly appreciated as we need to run the hurdles and running track for the day. This requires a minimum of a starter, starter's marshal, three judges, scorer, as well as additional support in moving children from one event to another. If you are able to assist on the day, please contact Mr. Hill to let him know of your availability.

Warrnambool Tennis

Good luck to Olivia Allen who represents Hamilton (after winning the local tournament) in Warrnambool today. Olivia will compete against the best primary school-age girl tennis players from the district. This is a fantastic achievement for her to reach this stage.

Maths Problem

Last weeks answer:
489 divided by 6 equals 81 with a remainder of 3
He can sell 81 bunches, which would leave him 3 to sell at regular price.

This weeks question

Some students hold a cake stall to raise money for their school library. They sold fudge and toffee and cupcakes. One of each type of treat was put into 95 paper bags and the students were allowed to keep the left overs. If they started out with 110 cupcakes, 130 pieces of fudge and 116 toffee squares, the students put the same number of each kind of treat in each bag. How many of each treat did they keep?
2015 Country Fair
Saturday 24th October

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK... Where would your helping hands work best? Thanks to all the members of our school community who have already agreed to take on some aspect of the Fair. Is there something interesting you would like to work on? Do you have some great skills that would suit a special purpose? We will be sharing the load, so you don’t have to commit all day or every week before hand. Any time you can offer will be a great help. Also, there are still a couple of organising roles to fill – feel free to put your hand up! The Country Fair is a wonderful way to become involved with Gray St and is also a great way to meet other families.

We would love some more members on the committee and some new ideas. If you would like to join or you have an idea, please complete the attached form and drop it into the office. Over the next few months this will be the place to look for all the latest information about this year’s Fair – stalls, donations, activities, volunteers and competitions. It’s early days yet but even at this stage we would love to get everyone involved.

It’s a new season and the GVJCC team are already eyeing off pears and figs and stone fruit and citrus and berries and all the wonderful Australian grown produce currently in season and thinking about what to make .... Except they can’t enter! So it’s up to you to get out the recipe books and get some jams and chutneys on the go ready for our second annual event in October! And don’t forget to get the kids involved with picking, peeling stirring and sealing – last year two of the $250 cash

Some recipe ideas
If you are new to preserving, probably the easiest place to start is jam. With summer just finished, there are cheap strawberries at the markets, plus nectarines, apricots, peaches, plums also reaching the peak of their season.

The basic rule with jam is equal (or almost equal) weights of fruit to sugar, often with some lemon juice added (high in pectin, so it helps with setting, as well as reducing the sweetness). It can also be helpful to add some jamsetta (pectin in sugar, available in small sachets from the supermarket) or other fruit pectic to help the jam set without it needing to boil for too long.

Some fruits lend themselves to pairing or adding other flavours. Try mixing different fruits, adding cinnamon sticks or vanilla beans to stone fruit to make a range of different preserves.

Good Luck!!
Newsletters
Today, parents that have provided their email address to receive the newsletter electronically will no longer receive a paper copy.
If you would like to receive the newsletter electronically please advise Leesa in the office of your email address. Thank you.

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, clarinet and saxophone. If you would like your child to particate in instrumental music lessons, please collect an enrolment form from the office.

Canteen News
Wednesday 19th March Lunch Time Special
Strawberry Smoothies - $2.50
To purchase from canteen window lunchtime only

Canteen Roster

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U/12s Football 2015
Registration Days–Wednesday 18th March or Wednesday 25th March
@ 4.15pm – 5.15pm
Under Melville Oval Grandstand
Cost $25
For children in Grade 5 & 6
All players who played in last year’s U/12 competition
MUST re-register, if they wish to play again this year.
Contact Robbie Cook 0407712498

NAB Hamilton
Auskick will commence at Pedrina Park on Saturday 18th April at 9:00am concluding Saturday 20th June 2015. There will be no Auskick sessions on Anzac Day Saturday 25 April or the Queen’s Birthday weekend Saturday 6th June.
Go to www.aflauskick.com.au to register. All registrations must be online. The cost is $75.00 plus credit card fees. All participants that register and pay online before Monday 20th April 2015 are eligible for the AFL Gameday Club Connect offer of four free tickets to selected AFL games. Auskick packs will be delivered to your home addresses and no packs will be distributed at Pedrina Park.

Wallacedale Hall
Yesterday / Today Exhibition
Dedicated in memory of the past life member Russell Phillips
Sat 28th of March  10am – 4pm  GOLD coin entry

- Raffle – a trailer load of wood $2 ticket
- or 3 for $5
- Sausage sizzle, tea & coffee
Country Fair Feedback/Ideas/Suggestions

We hope you enjoyed the 2014 Country Fair!! To help make the 2015 Country Fair bigger and better, we ask that you take a few minutes to fill in the feedback form. Thank you

What was great at the 2014 Country Fair?
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What could we do better?
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What would you like to see at the 2015 Country Fair?
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Would you like to be part of the organising committee for 2015?
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Would you like to volunteer in 2015?
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Contact Details:
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Phone: __________________________________________

Email address: ____________________________________