You Can Do It

Winners:
- Isobel Mecham
- Grace Elsom
- Oliver Pitts
- Ellie Jeal
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Principal’s Report

Thank goodness for the weather change!

Last Friday at assembly Jacob’s ‘Thought of the Week’ was one that I felt compelled to share with you.’

This week’s thought is about doing the little things right. If we do the little things right the bigger things will become a whole lot easier. Last Friday Oscar, Grace, Mairéad and I went to the National Young Leader’s day in Melbourne. Dan Jackson, professional AFL player for Richmond talked about the importance of doing the little things right and making it a routine. You don’t need to be the best, smartest or the fastest you just have to put in the right worth ethic. This is something that we can use in all parts of our life, at school, home, and sport and with our relationships with each other. Some of the little things we can work on are listening to our teachers and friends, trying harder when we’re doing our work, cleaning up our rubbish and making sure it goes in the bin. So let’s all focus on ‘doing the little things right’.

Today, you will find attached to the newsletter a copy of the Gray St Homework Policy which is aligned with the Homework Guidelines as set out in the DEECD School Policy & Advisory Guide, that homework should be: appropriate to the student’s skill level and age; purposeful, meaningful and relevant to the curriculum; interesting, challenging and when appropriate open ended; assessed by teachers with feedback and support provided and balanced with a range of recreational, family and cultural activities. The purpose of our homework policy is to assist students by complementing and reinforcing classroom learning, fostering good lifelong learning and study habits, and providing an opportunity for students to be responsible for their own learning.

Congratulations to Chella Biggin who won a bronze medal in butterfly at the Regional Swimming Championships in Warrnambool on Tuesday. The girls Under 11 relay team consisting of Chella, Nikki, Tegan and Tess won their heat which added to the success of the day.

Today, and tomorrow our Year 5 and 6 have taken up the wonderful opportunity to visit the Hamilton Art Gallery and experience a Shrine of Remembrance Touring Exhibition – Indigenous Australians at War – From the Boer War to the Present. The students will be involved in a special workshop with a representative from the Shrine focusing on the art work on display.

Finally, it has been suggested by parents that it would be a great idea to forward any of our old school uniform no longer in use to a charity organisation – YWAM (Youth with a Mission). This was the group that we supported by supplying tooth brushes and tooth paste to a few years ago. The uniform will be forwarded to villages in Papua New Guinea and Ethiopia. Jules Thomson has volunteered to store and pack the uniform up as it is donated, so if you have any uniform no longer in use please leave it at the Office.

Helen Freeman
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 canteen and meals on wheels rosters are areas where a small time occasionally is appreciated and manageable.

If you are able to volunteer to work in the canteen or to help with Meals on wheels, please complete the forms at the end of this newsletter.

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

Urgent Junior Netball Changes

Due to insufficient team entries to viably conduct junior netball on a Sunday in any age group, a decision was made at last night’s meeting to schedule games back to Saturday mornings rather than Sunday mornings. Saturday morning netball will commence 27th April 2013 and run for 12 weeks to 10th August, with finals commencing 17th August.

Games could commence at 9.30am and possibly 10.30am for U10s & U12s (8.30am - U14s & U16s) although this cannot be confirmed until it is known how many teams are eventually entered in the competition.

Fees have been set for the winter season:
Juniors (born between 1/1/1996 & 31/12/2001 (12-17 years))

VNA fee $43.00 + HNA fee $60 = $103.00
Modified (born on or after 1/1/2002 (11 & under))
VNA fee $33.00 + HNA fee $60 = $93.00
The HNA fee translates to 12 games @ $5.00/game.

Fees are to be paid to the registration officer at Pedrina Park on Saturday mornings (not to Gray Street) and all fees must be paid before round 3. If families foresee real difficulties in meeting this requirement they can contact the registration officer to discuss a formal repayment plan.

Interested players are asked to complete and return to Gray Street an amended Expression of Interest Notice, confirming their child can play Saturdays, not Sundays.

If you are able to coach a team, or umpire, please indicate this on the amended notice sent home recently.

We apologise for any inconvenience these changes may have caused but we can only pass on the information provided at each netball meeting. With so few team entries for the proposed new Sunday time it was decided by those in attendance at the meeting, to try Saturdays in the hope that more teams would be entered and a viable competition result.

Carolynn Murray & Di Brimble

Artist of the Week

Artist of the Week for Prep-2 was Danielle Knight and Artist of the Week Gr 3-6 was Oliver Annett. They both created and coloured a fantastic Picasso style portrait.

Coles Shopper Docket Drive

On behalf of everyone here at Gray Street Primary School we would like to say a big THANK YOU to Leesa Dorman for organising the ‘Coles Shopping Docket Drive’

Thanks also to the parents and grandparents for bringing the dockets in and to Lesley and Rosemary for counting them.

By Jake and Tane – Sports Monitors

Jake and Tane covered in the new balls purchased through the ‘Coles Shopper Docket Drive’
Canteen Specials
Term 1 Special Menu Items

Monday Specials
Chicken Burger - $3.50
Wholemeal Roll - Chicken fillet, lettuce, tomato, cucumber, grated carrot, beetroot & mayonnaise

Wednesday Specials
Chicken Wrap - $3.00
Crumbed Chicken, Salad & sweet chilli mayonnaise served in a wrap
Salad Boxes (available every day)
Lettuce, tomato, cucumber, grated carrot, beetroot, pineapple, cheese & dressing - $3.00
Egg Salad (as above) with hardboiled egg - $3.50
Ham Salad (as above) with sliced Ham - $3.50
Chicken Salad (as above) with diced Chicken - $4.00
Fruit Salad (diced fresh fruit) - $3.00

New Uniform
The Uniform Shop will be open Tuesdays from 8.30 to 9.00am and 3.00 to 3.30p.m. for sizing purposes only.
Please hand Uniform Orders with payment (cash, cheque or credit card) into the office.

Easter Workshop
Easter Workshop will be held for primary school aged children on Tuesday 26 March from 3.30-5.00pm at the Uniting Church, Lonsdale St, Hamilton, cost $5 per child. The session will include afternoon tea, story telling, food and craft. Numbers are strictly limited and children need to book in by ringing Uniting Church on 55724881 or email unitinghamilton113@bigpond.com by Friday 22 March.

OHSC
Out of Hours School Care requires donations of empty tissue boxes for the holiday program. Please leave donations at the office. Thank you

Hamilton Swim Meet & Encouragement Meet
HUGHAN PARK POOL, Hamilton
Sunday 17th March 2013
WARM UPS START 11:30am
MEET STARTS 12:30pm
All Events including Relays are Mixed Age as of Date of Meet
This event is open to all swimmers both registered and non registered.
Enquiries please contact Emma Cush on pandecush@bigpond.com

Relay for Life
This year staff from Gray St will be entering a team in Relay for Life.
To help raise money Graham Devereux (an Aide at School) has offered to shave his head if we raise $300. He will do this at assembly on Friday 22nd March.
To help us raise $300 all children are invited to bring some small change to the office tomorrow (gold coins as well if you have any spare).
Thanks

Angel Flight Concert
Top Artists including:
Saturday 23rd March 7.30pm
The Hamilton & Alexandra College
Kantor Family PAC
Adults $20 Concession $10
Tickets available from Hamilton Laundry, College Reception, Barrie Aaron, Lloyn Hocking, Kevin Commerford or pay at the door.
All proceeds in aid of Angel Flight Australia

Giant Easter Raffle
The Gray St Giant Easter Raffle will be held again this term. It would be appreciated if each family would donate some Easter Eggs for the raffle.
Please send all donations to the office by Friday 15th March. The more donations the more prizes.
Volunteers are required to help wrap eggs on this day, if you are available please leave your name at the office.
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CANTEEN DUTY

Volunteers are required
One volunteer from
One Volunteer from.

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 Monday 18th March.

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I, ________________________________, (ph number: __________________ )

Can help: (please tick)                                         Days which suit me are: (please tick)

☐ Weekly
☐ Fortnightly
☐ Monthly
☐ Once a Term
☐ On Call with short notice

Eldest Childs Name: ......................................................... Grade: .................
MEALS ON WHEELS

As part of our community service program grade 5 & 6 students deliver meals to those in need every Friday during term 2 and 3. We require two parent volunteers every Friday. Parent Volunteers collect three students from the school office at 11.30am and then collect meals from Hamilton Hospital, deliver to approximately 8 - 10 houses, drops 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 twice a year (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 Monday 18th March.

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SPORT ROUNDUP

House Athletics

Well done to all students on your excellent behaviour and outstanding effort at our House Athletics Carnival last week.

A huge THANK YOU must go to the parents and grandparents who helped out with track and field events and assisted with setting up and packing up on both days.

Thank you to Western District Health Services, Shire of Southern Grampians, The Hamilton and Alexandra College, Baimbridge College and George Street Primary School for lending us their shade tents for the day. Also to the parents who braved the conditions and supported the children both at Pedrina Park and here at school.

Congratulations to all children in the 9, 10, 11 and 12/13 year age groups who have qualified to represent Gray Street at the Hamilton District Athletics Carnival next Tuesday 19th March at Pedrina Park.

Good luck to all 60 competitors.

Age Champions

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Zone and Regional Swimming

On Tuesday 5th March seven children represented Gray Street at the Zone Swimming Carnival held at The Hughan Park Olympic Swimming Pool in Hamilton.

Our Swimmers were Eilish MacGillivray, Nikki Menzel, Tegan Menzel, Chella Biggin, Tess Dempsey, Jacob Cook and Riley Dark. All swimmers swam at least one personal best time on the day.

The girls under 11 relay team consisting of Nikki, Tess, Tegan and Chella qualified in the girls relay to compete at the Regional Swimming Carnival in Warrnambool on Tuesday 12th March. Chella also qualified in the 10 year girls Butterfly and Nikki in the 11 year girls Backstroke.

Congratulations to all swimmers on their wonderful behaviour and brilliant swimming at both the Zone and Regional Swimming carnivals.

Special mention to Chella Biggin who came third overall in the 10 year girls age group at the Regional Swimming Carnival in Warrnambool.

Thank you to the parents and grandparents who came to support and assist on both days.

Tennis

Last Thursday afternoon six students from Gray Street attended the tennis at the lawn courts. Cain Robinson, Jacob Cook, Kaemon Smith, Zane English, Louis Beaton represented the boys while Darcey Jackson played in the girl section. The children played several different opponents throughout the afternoon and they all played extremely well, despite the heat. Darcey and Louis both won their sections and qualified for the next level.

The next level was played in Warrnambool on the 8th March and both Darcey and Louis came 3rd overall.