Principal’s Report…

As I write this, our students are about to leave for Pedrina Park for the next round of the Athletics. I would like to congratulate them on their achievements, and I hope they have a great day. This is after last Thursday, when many of our students went to Warrnambool for the next level of swimming. There were some fantastic results, and many personal bests. Great work guys!

We are delighted to welcome two new staff members into the Gray St team.

Fiona Isles will be working as a Primary Welfare Officer (Bonita O’Brien’s old role) every Tuesday. She has many years experience working as a teacher and welfare officer and she will be a valuable contribution to the school.

Narelle Pitts is joining us as an integration aide. She has contributed a great deal to the school as a parent, and we are looking forward to having her as a staff member. She has already made a great start to her time here and she is going to be a valuable member of the team.

Over the next few months, the local shire will commence spot-checks of our parking and will be delivering fines by mail. This will not impact most of our wonderful parents, but please make sure you follow the road rules.

Every year, on the last school day before Easter, our lovely crossing attendants give out Easter Eggs to students walking to school. Please be aware of this, and make appropriate arrangements if your child has severe allergies or you do not want them to have chocolate.

Responses to the question “What do you want your child to get from their time at Gray St” continue to come in. Please keep them coming. One response from the school Facebook page was:

_The best education tailored to suit the individual needs of the student, not the system. The students to feel safe and nurtured._

Please continue to send them in – they are greatly appreciated.

Lachlan Yeates

Patient for the Day – Good Friday Appeal

Thursday 24th March !!!

Don’t forget next Thursday is ‘Patient for a Day’ to support the Royal Children’s Hospital Good Friday Appeal.

Good Friday Appeal envelopes have been sent home today with everyone. If you wish to participate in Patient for the Day on Thursday, please send a monetary donation to school in the envelope (receipts are available if required).

Pictured Right: Alyssa (6B) is all ready for ‘Patient for the Day’ next Thursday having broken her arm last week!
DROP AND GO ZONE

Please be aware the Drop and Go zones are signed as 2 minute parking and are enforced by Council’s Local Law Officers and the Police.

Below are some helpful tips when picking up your child/children from the Drop & Go Zone. Also please note the bus zone time in Kennedy Street, out the front of the Administration Office.

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.
- Think about timing your trip to avoid the busiest times
- 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.

GIANT EASTER RAFFLE

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

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

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

School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS)

Bruce says; ‘I sit ready to learn in the listening position’

Pictured right: Levi (2B) sitting in the listening position.
Fundraising Meeting – Tonight 7pm – all welcome

Tonight (Thursday 17th March) at 7pm there will be a fundraising meeting held here at school. Those who put their name down to be in the fundraising committee it would be great if you are able to attend. However it’s open to anyone who would like to come along. So if you have some ideas, feedback, interested in helping out, or any sort of input you’d like to add, please feel free to come join in. Hope to see many of you there.

Leanne Jacobson

Don’t forget ‘Patient for the day’!!

This year we will be supporting the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal on the last day of term – Thursday 24th March. Students are asked to wear casual clothes/pjs along with “Patient” attire - sling, bandage, bandaid, crutches etc. Good Friday Appeal envelopes for donations were sent home today.

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). We already have a number of unnamed items in the lost property box.

All lost property handed in to the office throughout this term will be put on display for Friday morning assembly.

Many thanks, the lost property fairy.

New Uniform Shop Hours

New Uniform Shop Hours - Monday 9.30 to 1.00pm and 2.00pm to 4.30pm

Parents may order and pay for uniforms using the uniform order form available from the office.

Wanted: Pikachu Soft Toy

Mrs Murray is looking for a Pikachu soft toy. If you have one you would be able to donate to Mrs Murray, please bring it to the office.

Many thanks in advance,

Mrs Murray

Canteen News

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Hamilton Gray Street Primary School
OSHClub
Happy Children Learning

Autumn Program
Tuesday 29th March till Friday 8th April

What does my child bring?
Children must bring a hat, sunscreen, comfortable clothes, and shoes appropriate for the weather. NO CROCS OR TYPHOON shoes, or they may not be able to participate in the activities. OSHClub provides all the food for the day. If children have special dietary requirements, please call the coordinator to assist with catering. Please note that NO HAT MEANS NO OUTDOOR PLAY. Expectations record, no money or children’s toys (including computers, DS & iPods) are to be brought to the program.

Behaviour
If a child’s behaviour adversely affects the safety and/or enjoyment of others, parents will be contacted and asked to make alternative arrangements for their child/children.

Cancellations
Once bookings have been received, NO refunds will be given or cancellations accepted.

Monday 28th
Easter
Public Holiday

Tuesday 29th
Chinese New Year Celebrations

2016
The Year of the Monkey
The Chinese zodiac is made up of animal signs - rat, ox, tiger, rabbit, dragon, snake, horse, goat, monkey, rooster, dog, and pig based on your year of birth. The monkey is considered to be curious, clever and playful. It is the year of the monkey, join in our celebrations.

Wednesday 30th
Zoo-Phoria
Through contact with a mysterious substance, called Ooze, 4 little turtles of New York mutate to giant turtles. They can speak, walk upright and love pizza. The wise rat Splinter becomes their mentor and educates them to Ninja fighters. They are Leonardo, Donatello, Michelangelo & Raphael. Dress as your favourite character and join the world of the heroes in a half shell.

Thursday 31st
Judy Hopps, the littlest bunny, but a rabbit from rural Bunnytown, who fulfills her dream of becoming the first rabbit officer in the police department of nearby town Zoopolis. Let create the characters before going off to see the movie. At the cinema additional cost $7.00 included popcorn.

Friday 1st
April Fool’s Day
What pranks did we play on April Fool’s day? We took some fun games and activities in the afternoon.

We are going to put on the Lab coats and try some science experiments.

Monday 4th
Living in the 70s
These were the days of pet rocks, mood rings, water beds, crystals, and wild colour. Tie-dyed shirts were fashionable! Dress in your best 70’s outfit, move and groove to the music of the time. Also some great crafts and fun activities.

Tuesday 5th
Hooked on Hockey
Can you hit, hit, dribble and run like the wind? Well, Hockey is your game. We are off to Pedirra Park today where we will get some coaching by the Glenly Hockey coaches and learn skills and end with a game that should be a hoop of fun.

Wednesday 6th
Let’s Turn Back Time
No video games and no TV this is a time when children made their own fun, wrote on chalk boards and with quilts. Let’s go there and experience how they lived.

Thursday 7th
Let’s create our own Jungle at OSHC
before we head off to the cinema to see the Jungle book movie.

additional cost $7.00 included popcorn.

Friday 8th
Autumn
Play in the autumn leaves and celebrate Autumn with some autumn crafts and fun activities. Then, go off for a BBQ at the Adventure Playground and walk around the lake. We go on a outdoor adventure and scavenger hunt before we come back to school.
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JUNIORS
5 to 16 years
COME & TRY DAY
Saturday 19-3-16
9.30 - 11am

Get Involved in a Training Session
- Registration Details
- This year MiniRoos @ Hamilton & Dunkeld

PEDRINA PARK
Nth Boundary Rd

NAB Hamilton Auskick
Commencing
Saturday, April 16 to Saturday, June 18
Excluding June 11

PEDRINA PARK
Start time 9am - finish time 10.30am
★ Regardless of the weather, Auskick will be held ★
Registrations and payments online
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GREATER HAMILTON
KICK - A - THON
KICK’N IT 4 KIDS

DATE: 20th MARCH 2016
PLACE: 85 COX STREET
TIME: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
WEAR: LOOSE CLOTHING

TO ALL KIDS, MUMS, DADS
AND GRANDPARENTS: TOO
COME AND PARTICIPATE
ORGANIZE YOUR TEAMS
HAVE SOME FUN & GET A WORKOUT
DONATE TO A WORTHY CAUSE
Phone 5571 9816 or 0400 402 346 for more information
or to request a sponsorship form

LET’S KEEP THEM SAFE...

one in four girls and
one in seven boys
sexually abused by the
time they are 18 in
Australia
So let’s learn and keep
them safe

KEEP KIDS SAFE WORKSHOP
19th March 2016
Hamilton Base Hospital, Auditorium
8800 – 4572 5515

LIMITED SEATS ARE AVAILABLE...
19th March 2016