Principal’s Report

The week began with a green focus, with the celebration of St Patrick’s Day in the Prep rooms.

Last Friday, Chella Biggin, competed in her butterfly event and then joined Lily McLeod, Tess Dempsey and Tegan Menzel in the girls under 11 relay at the Regional Swimming Competition in Warrnambool. It was an excellent achievement by all girls to get to this level of the competition. Well Done. Congratulations to Ellie Jeal for competing in the regional tennis finals in Warrnambool.

On Tuesday 62 children from Gray Street competed in the Hamilton District Athletics Championships at Pedrina Park. Congratulations to all children for their wonderful efforts on the day, with a high number of children receiving ribbons and personal best achievements. Congratulations to Tegan Menzel and Lucy Clarke on winning their Age Championships. Thank you to our great parent helpers: Penny Stewart, Vicki Whyte who worked at the finish line, Leesa Dorman who marshalled the competitors for their events and Nicole Downes and Simon Povey for completing the pack up for us at the end of the day. Children in the 10, 11 and 12 year age groups who came first in a relay or field event, or first or second in a running event, have now qualified for the division athletic championships in Warrnambool on Monday 28th April.

Finally, at school we come across and many are suggested to us APPS and websites that maybe of interest to parents. So occasionally I will include them in the newsletter.

Smiling Minds App
What is Smiling Mind? Smiling Mind is modern meditation for young people. It is a unique web and App-based program, designed to help bring balance to young lives. It is a not-for-profit initiative based on a process that provides a sense of clarity, calm and contentment.

Enjoy your weekend.

Helen

Patient for the day!!

This year we will be supporting the Royal Children’s Hospital Good Friday Appeal on the last day of term – Friday 4th April. Students are asked to wear casual clothes along with “Patient” attire - sling, bandage, bandaid, crutches etc. Good Friday Appeal envelopes for donations have been sent home today. Pictured below: Sara Philip, Milla Rossouw and Eliza Millard already have their “Patient” attire organised!!
GIANT EASTER RAFFLE

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

Raffle tickets were sent home with the eldest student in the family last Thursday. Tickets are great value at 50¢ each.

Raffle books and money are due back to the office by Friday 28th March.

The raffle will be drawn at assembly on Friday 4th April.

District Athletic Sports.

On Tuesday in perfect athletic weather conditions a large team of 62 students participated in the District Athletic Sports Day. The behaviour and sportsmanship on the day was terrific. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Penny Stewart (Angus 2A) and Vicki Whyte (Jackson 5/6A) for their great work on the time-keeping all day. Mrs Horne, who was in charge of the sports, rated it the best day ever.

The next event will be held in Warrnambool early next term. Students in the 10, 11 and 12 year old age groups that finished first in relays and field events and first and second in track events will participate at the next level. Some students have qualified for more events than they will be allowed to contest at Warrnambool (3 individual only) so some students may be called up into the team who currently don’t think they will be selected.

The Official sport results from Tuesday can be found on our website.

Grade 6 and Prep Families – Easter Egg Hunt

On Sunday 30th March the grade 6 and prep families are invited to…An Easter Egg Hunt at School!!

Time: 3:00 – 4:30
Where: Hamilton (Gray St) Primary School
What to bring: A plate of afternoon tea to share, picnic rug, and most importantly the whole family!

We’ll provide: yummy eggs for the hunt, tea, coffee and cordial. This is a great chance for both old families and new to Gray Street Primary School to catch up with old friends and to make some new friends too.

Please return the slip below to the office by Wednesday 26th March to confirm your attendance so the Easter Bunny knows who is coming!

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Grade 6 & Prep Families – Easter Egg Hunt

Students Name: ___________________________ Grade: _________

Our family will be attending the Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday 30th March.

_______ Adults and ________ Children.
Junior Netball

The Junior Netball Committee has provided the following update regarding the current season and season 2 that will commence 11th October 2014:

This season was always intended to be a warm up for players leading into their winter seasons and seeing that it only encompasses 6 games there are NO FINALS.

This means no POINTS WILL BE CARRIED FORWARD to the second part of the season which will commence on 11th October… and an entirely new draw will be drawn up. This second season for 2014 is longer comprising eight weeks and will involve finals. We are hoping that players that love playing netball will continue to play after their football/netball winter seasons and use this as a chance to stay fit and further develop their skills.

We will provide a ladder of results from this summer season after round 6.

Gray Street are hoping that children currently playing will again register to play for season 2 and that our four teams from season 1 will carry over into season 2 with few changes, if any at all.

Netball 2014
Sheree McGinley & Carolynn Murray

Volunteers – URGENT

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 contact Leesa in the office.

New Uniform

The Uniform Shop will be open Tuesdays from 8.30 to 4.00p.m.

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.

Dylan Edge - Music Lessons

Mr Edge will be away on Thursday 27th March and Frday 28th March as he is participating in the Orchestra Victoria Workshop at Hamilton College. His lessons for these days will be held on the following:

Thursday 27th March - Monday 24th March
Friday 28th March – Monday 31st March

Canteen Roster

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Easter Workshop

Easter Workshop will be held at the Hamilton Uniting Church on Wednesday 2nd April from 3.30 -5.00. Learn some of the Easter story through play and craft activities. Cost $4 per student or $10 per family, which includes afternoon tea on arrival. Numbers will be limited to 15. To secure a place please contact Uniting Church ph 55 724881, email untinghamilton113@bigpond.com or phone Heather MacLean 55722961 by Friday 28th March.

U/12s Football 2014

Registration Days - Thursday 27th March or Thursday 3rd April 3.45pm – 5pm
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