Principal’s Report…

We have had a great term and while I think everyone is excited for holidays, I know that students and staff will all be eager to come back for another term. It has been incredibly busy and we have had our Athletics day, the next level of Athletics and Swimming, our Easter Raffle, School Picnic, Meet and Greet, Prep Field Events and the Easter Egg Hunt. In addition to all these events, students have all been working hard, and the quality of the writing I have seen around the school, the difficult maths problems students have been completing and the Just Right books which all the students have been reading shows the effort which all our students are putting in.

I would also like to thank the entire school community for the welcome I have received. Parents, students and staff have all been amazingly helpful and supportive and I think Hamilton is lucky to have an amazing school supported by such a great community. Thank you for making my first term as principal such an easy one.

As you will all be aware, Gray St hosts one of the biggest events in Hamilton - the Big Country Fair. It is a great day, and the major fundraiser for the school. We would greatly appreciate any ideas or support the school community may be able to offer and there will be a meeting held on Tuesday 12th April at 7:00 PM in the library to plan, share ideas and reflect on the last fair. I would encourage as many parents as possible to come along. The Country Fair Committee is a great chance to meet new friends, and contribute to the school.

On Monday we had our Fresh Fruit morning, organised by Leanne Jacobson. I would like to thank her in her constant efforts to support the school, as a parent, school council member and head of the fundraising committee. Her work has been outstanding, and she has some great ideas for helping support the school. If you have any ideas around fundraising, please get in contact with her. I would also like to thank Woolworths for supplying all the fruit to the school free of charge. It is great to see these stores supporting local communities and healthy living. Thank you Woolworths.

I am excited to say that we will be having a GenR8 Change forum on Wednesday 27th April at 7:00 PM in the Library. This is a grass-roots Hamilton led program to combat the rise of obesity and I would encourage all parents to come to the forum next term.

Gray St has just become a fundraising partner with the Bank of Melbourne. If anyone is creating a new loan, or refinancing a loan with the Bank of Melbourne, Gray St will receive 0.2% of the total loan amount. Simply mention that you are a part of the Gray St school community and we will be able to put the money towards our fundraising goals.

I hope everyone has a safe and happy school holidays, and I look forward to seeing everyone ready for Term 2!

Lachlan Yeates
PREMIER’S ACTIVE APRIL

Premier’s Active April is a Victorian Government initiative which encourages all Victorians to do 30 minutes of activity a day during April, with the aim of incorporating physical activity into their on-going daily routine.

Similar to the Premier’s Reading Challenge, parents are encouraged to register both themselves and their children to track their activity in the weeks during and after the holidays. Registrations are now open at www.activeapril.vic.gov.au.

Students will be able to download trophies once they reach a certain number of active days during April and other achievements.

Everyone who registers for the Premier’s Active April will receive extra bonuses such as discounts and passes from various organisations including Sportsmart and YMCA. More information and step-by-step instructions on how to register are available at www.activeapril.vic.gov.au/schools.

Swimming

Congratulations to Bailey Baker, Flynn Diedrichs, Grace Diedrichs, Chad Dymke, Rhyan Menzel, George Pern, Felicity Shaw, Isaac Shaw and Angus Stewart for representing Gray Street so well at the Division Swimming Championships in Warrnambool in very trying weather conditions.

Thank you to the parents for taking them all the way to Warrnambool and to Peta Diedrichs for doing such a good job as team manager. Further congratulations go to Felicity Shaw, Flynn Diedrichs, Rhyan Menzel, Chad Dymke and George Pern who went on to qualify for the Regional Championships in Ballarat last Friday.

Well done swimmers. You should be very proud of yourselves.

Inter-School Athletics

Congratulations to all the students who represented Gray Street so well last Thursday at the inter-school athletics. Your behaviour was impeccable and your efforts were fabulous. You have made your school very proud. Well done to all of you.

Special congratulations to Chad Dymke who won the 11 year old age champion and Maddie Downs for winning the 9 year old age champion.

Thanks also to Pene Baker, Penny Stewart, Peta Diedrichs, Barry Struthers and Nicole Downs for their help on the day.

Division Athletics Team

All the best to the Gray Street Athletes that have qualified for the Division Athletics in Warrnambool next term.

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GIANT EASTER RAFFLE

A huge thank you to everyone for contributing to the Giant Easter Raffle. We raised $1785.

Pictured Right: Winners
1st - Charlie Ackland
2nd - Jude MacKenzie
3rd - John Hill
4th - Liz Tossetti
5th - Max Flavel

Because we had so much fun last year, we are doing it all again

2016 Country Fair
Saturday 22nd October

To help make this years Fair even bigger and better than last years we are holding our first meeting on Tuesday

12th April at 7.00 p.m.

in the Staffroom

We would like to invite parents, grandparents and friends to come along, share their fantastic ideas and volunteer their time.
RCH Good Friday Appeal

Today at school we have many patients and a few doctors and nurses. Thank you to everyone for donating to this worthwhile appeal. As the newsletter goes to print we are frantically counting all the donations so we can contact the appeal with our school total.

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.

Canteen News

Term 2 & 3 specials start on Wednesday 13th April with Fried Rice. Dim Sims are available Monday, Wednesday & Friday.

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**FUN, GROUP EXERCISE CLASSES**

Fun group exercise classes will be held on Mondays and Thursdays 5.45pm to 6.45pm, in the school stadium with Personal Trainer Tania Cullinane.

All Levels welcome. Parents $8 per class. Starts Monday April 11th. Bring water, mat and a smile 😊
Hamilton Gray Street Primary School

OSH Club
Happy Children Learning

Autumn Program
Tuesday 29th March till Friday 8th April

OSHC School Holiday Program
The Hamilton (Gray St) Primary School Holiday Program is jam-packed with EXCITING activities and AWESOME excursions in a safe and friendly environment. For primary school children aged 5 - 12 years of age. Once enrolled booking is easy! www.oshclub.com.au or contact OSH Club on 03 884 9000 or the Coordinator on 0408 936 662.

Fees
If you wish to claim Childcare Rebate (CCR) and/or the 30% Tax Deduction (TDD) you must be registered with the Family Assistance Office. FAQ ps: $10.00
Your fees are from $35.00 to $60.30
This includes morning and afternoon tea and lunch.
Please note that on the day of the event that has day care or an incursion is cancelled, the activity will either be postponed or a future session is offered as an alternative activity at the centre, subject to availability.

What does my child bring?
Children must bring a hat, sunscreen, comfortable clothes, and shoes appropriate for the weather. NO CROCS or TONGS! As they may not be able to participate in the activities. OSH Club provides all the food for the day. If children have specialist dietary requirements please call the coordinator to assist with catering. Please note that NO HAT MEANS NO OUTDOOR PLAY or excursions. STRICTLY no money or children’s toys (including gaming, DS & iPod) are to be brought to the program.

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

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

Monday 28th
Easter

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 or 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
Through contact with a mysterious substance, called Ozoe, 4 little tattles of New York mutates into giant telephones. They can speak, walk upright and live pizza. The wise rat Splinter becomes their mentor and educates them to Ninja fighting. They are Leonardo, Donatello, Michelangelo & Raphael. Dress as your favourite character and join the world of the hero’s in a half shell.

Thursday 31st
Judy Hopps is not the Easter bunny but a rabbit from rural Bunyip, who fulfills her dream of becoming the first rabbit officer in the police department of nearby city Zootopia. Let create the chancers before going off to see the movie. At the cinema additional cost $7.00 included popcorn.

Friday 1st
April Fool’s Day
What pranks do you play today? We think it’s a good day to start something new. What would you like to start? We are going to put on a Lab coat and try some new experiments.

Monday 4th
Living in the 70s
These were the days of pet rocks, mood rings, wicker 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 pass, hit, dribble and run like the wind? Well, Hockey is your game. We are off to Pedden Park today where we will get some coaching by the Glenelg Hockey coaches and learn skills and end with a game that should be a heap of fun.

Wednesday 6th
Let’s Turn Back Time 1
No video games and no TV.
This is a time when children made their own fun. Write on chalk boards and with quilts, let’s go there and experience how they lived.

Thursday 7th
Jungle at OSHC
Before we head off to the cinema to see the Jungle Book movie, let’s create our own jungle at OSHC.

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 an outdoor adventure and scavenger hunt before we head back to school.
Finals Festival
Saturday 26th March
10am-5pm
Hamilton Skate Park (Riley St)
Reptile Shows!
BBQ lunch provided!
Gold coin donation
Bouncy Boxing!
Photo Booth!

Come down to the SWRS Regional Skate Finals this Saturday 26th March (Easter long weekend) for a fun-filled skate, scooter and BMX competition. Competition entries welcome on the day! As well as the action, there will be a skate festival including a DJ, Reptile Shows, a Smoothie booth, Bouncy Boxing, a photo booth, a BBQ lunch for gold coin donation, and much more! This is a drug and alcohol free, fully supervised event, plus there are awesome prizes generously donated by Dakari Sport and DC - to be won on the day!

WDHS Freeza
Western District Health Council
www.freeza.vic.gov.au

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 at aflauskick.com.au