Principal’s Report

Welcome back to another exciting and busy term at Gray St.

This week we see the conclusion of a detailed focus on persuasive writing across the school. The outstanding results will be displayed inside and outside the classrooms early next week. The displays illustrate the work that the students do to construct their final copy. So, I strongly encourage you to visit and have a read of the high quality persuasive arguments put forward by our talented students.

Next Tuesday a team of Gray St students will be representing our school at the Warrnambool/Portland/Hamilton Division Athletics Championships 2013 being held in Warrnambool. We wish them luck and a full report will be in next week’s newsletter.

Next Thursday 25th April, ANZAC Day students are invited to attend the annual ANZAC march which leaves the corner of Gray and Kennedy Streets at 10 a.m. Students are to wear their uniform and meet at 9.45am at the front of the school. The march concludes at Melville Oval where a special service is held. Mairéad Kelly and Jacob Millard will represent Gray St at the service and place a wreath at the cenotaph. To commemorate ANZAC Day at school we will be holding a special assembly next Friday morning. This will be coordinated by the Grade Six students. Junior School Councillors Grace Walker and Oscar O’Brien will be selling ANZAC Badges for 20¢ tomorrow and next week.

It is important that students have the opportunity
**Photography Competitions for Students in Grades 2 to 6**

This year there are two photography competitions that you may wish to enter. Usually we have photography lessons before we enter these competitions but this year they will not be possible. I have the relevant information on each competition and if you are interested in taking part I will have the sheets at the Office for you. These sheets are important if you wish to take part as they have all the necessary information.

The first competition is free with great prizes to be won. It is being run by the State Emergency Service and the photos will be collected from the school on Monday 6th May. The topic is water. You will need to take the photo in your own time, print it and bring it to the Office by Wednesday, 1st May so that I can mount them ready to be collected.

The second competition is the one we usually enter and is run by the Lions Club. It has 6 categories and you can enter any or all of them but there is an entry fee of $3.00 per photo. You will need to take the photo in your own time, print it and bring it to the Office by Wednesday 22nd May so that I can mount them and take them to the Lions Building on Thursday 30th May. Because the mounting of the photos takes such a long time I will be unable to accept any photos after Wednesday 22nd May.

Thanks,
Sandra Jacobson

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**Volunteers – URGENT**

More volunteers are required for the Canteen and Meals on Wheels roster. Without more volunteers, these activities will not be able to go ahead.

If you are able to volunteer to work in the Canteen or to help with Meals on wheels, please contact Leesa in the office. Thanks

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**Email Addresses**

The newsletter has been emailed to all parents that have supplied their email addresses to school. If you do not receive the newsletter today, please let Leesa in the office know.

If you would like to receive the newsletter via email, please leave your email address at the office.

Thanks

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**OSHClub News**

**Vacation Care**

Friendship, Fun and Laughter is the OSHClub motto and this is certainly how to describe the atmosphere during the April Vacation Holiday Care program.

With many new children from around the district it was a good opportunity for the children to extend their friendship whilst having great fun participating in the many activities on offer.

The children were treated to a visit by Jamie and Kim’s Zoo. This gave them the opportunity to learn about Australian animals while getting up close and personal. Tia the female wombat and the dingo were certainly the favourites.

During vacation care the children were transformed into monsters and dinosaurs, they potted plants, attended live performances just to name a few of the activities that were on offer to the children. The activities were enjoyed by all the children and their reluctance to go home was a good indication to how much the children enjoyed their time in the program.

Thank you to all who came and made it such a great program and we look forward to seeing many of you again next vacation care program.

**After School Care**

With Earth Day on April 22, this term ASC are embarking on ways we can make a difference to care for mother earth, by learning about ways to recycle, reuse and reduce. This will include stuff we use and eat in afterschool care and at home.

We have many activities planned one is the children are going to compile a recipe book that will focus on food that is left over after a meal or what might be in the cupboard. We are also going to cook some of the recipes out of the book and others that revolve around ingredients that we can grow. I think a hearty veggie soup might be on the agenda with the weather turning cold.

Mothers Day is around the corner and it is fitting while caring for mother earth the children will be making gifts to show how much they care for their mothers or a special person in their life. We look forward to sharing the things that the children make.

OSHClub Staff

**Things we need**
Small cans, boxes – like tissue, cereal, biscuit boxes
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.

Old School Uniforms

As mentioned in Helen’s newsletter piece last week, 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).

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.

If you have any uniform no longer in use please leave it at the Office.

Safeway Earn & Learn

Safeway will be running the Earn and Learn promotion in 2013. Stickers will be available from Safeway from Monday 8th April, so please start collecting!!

U/12 Football

Anyone who is currently in Grade 5 or 6 and would like to play U12 Football and missed the registration night may register and pay the $25 registration fee at Hamilton Real Estate. The first game will be Sunday 12th May.

Auskick

Hamilton Auskick will commence in 2013 at Pedrina Park on Saturday April 20th at 9:00am concluding Saturday June 22nd. Excluding the Queen’s Birthday weekend Saturday 8th June.

All registrations must be online this season and the cost is $65.00 plus credit card fees. All participants that register and pay online before Monday 15th April 2013, are eligible for the AFL Gameday Club Connect offer of four free tickets to selected AFL games. Go to www.aflauskick.com.au. Auskick packs available on Friday 19th April from 4pm to 6pm at Pedrina Park or Saturday April 20th after 10:30am at the completion of Auskick.

Canteen Lunchtime Specials for Term 2 & 3

Monday - Hamburgers
Plain – $3.00
Beef patty, lettuce, Mayo. tomato sauce in a bread roll

Deluxe - $3.50
Beef patty, lettuce, tomato, cheese, mayo. tomato sauce in bread roll

Wednesday – Fried Rice - $3.00
Rice, bacon, spring onions, peas, corn, egg & soy sauce

Please note: That fruit salad, salad boxes, chicken burgers & sweet chilli chicken wraps will not be available again till Term 4.

Thank-you to the new mums who have put their names down to do canteen duty, but we need more as the roster is only half full for this coming term. It’s a service that most families use so it would be appreciated if more families could help (this includes dad’s & grandparents). It’s not hard or for any length of time, and the kids really enjoy seeing their mum etc in the canteen, the cooler months also means the volume of food required is increased. Please think about it, and pop in and see Lyn at the canteen if you are able to assist.

Roster

Monday 22nd April
Helper Required

Wednesday 24th April
Kim Sparrow

Friday 26th April
10.45 – 1.00 – Tracey Barnes
12.00 – 2.00 – Lynne Millard

Monday 29th April
Sam Milne

Wednesday 1st May
Helper Required
Friday 3rd May
10.45 – 1.00 – Beck Blanchett
12.00 – 2.00 – Kerry Price

Head Lice

We currently have an outbreak of headlice at school.

Please carefully check your child’s hair this weekend and if necessary treat their hair.

Junior Netball

After a further HJNA meeting held last night, a junior competition will commence in term 4 and run for 9 weeks from Saturday 12th October until Saturday 7th December 2013.

Gray Street hopes to again facilitate the entry of several U10 and U12 teams in term 4, as per previous years.

The junior committee apologizes for any inconvenience caused by the cancellation of the winter competition which was due to commence this weekend.

The dates for the 2014 season have been set and will see a split competition running in term 1 for 6 weeks (15.2.14 to 29.3.14) and again in term 4 for 8 weeks (11.10.14 to 29.11.14).

Carolynn Murray & Di Brimble