Principal’s Report

ANZAC Day is fast approaching. We will be holding a special commemoration assembly on Friday, run by the Grade 5 and 6 students. We also have a number of students who are involved in the march on ANZAC Day. I would like to thank Cindy Riddle and Janelle Harms for agreeing to give up some of their weekend to help students in the march.

The first meeting of the Big Country Fair was held on Tuesday. It is shaping up to be another great fair and it is good to have so many members of the school community involved. If you are interested in helping organise the fair, it isn’t too late, and feel free to come along to any of the fair meetings.

Our Prep students have started their swimming program, and have been doing a great job. Learning to swim is an important skill, and it is great to see so many students having a go.

Once again, our students represented the school well at the District Athletics level. They behaved admirably and did their best, and they should all be proud of their efforts.

I would like to thank the many parents of Preps, Grade 1s and Grade 2s who are helping to sell raffle tickets to help us build up our classroom mini-libraries. We still have books of tickets available, so if you can help out, please come past the office.

The local council has informed me that they will be starting random spot checks of parking in school drop-off zones. Keeping our students safe around cars is a priority, and it is vital that we follow council rules.

I hope everyone is as excited for a busy and interesting term as I am!

Lachlan Yeates

Dates to Remember

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Prep 2017 Discovery Morning & Parent Information Session

Hamilton (Gray St) Primary School would like to invite children entering Prep in 2017 and their parents to various information opportunities held throughout May.

SCHOOL DISCOVERY MORNINGS/SCHOOL TOURS

Preschool children will be given the opportunity to familiarise themselves with the Prep environment. Children will participate in a number of activities planned by Prep Teachers, Cindy Riddle, Kerrie McFadden and Britt Hawthorne. Parents may leave their children and return to collect them at 11.30am or alternatively there will be an opportunity for a school tour during this time.

**Thursday 5th May** 10.00am – 11.30am **or**
**Friday 6th May** 10.00am – 11.30am

Please contact the school office on 5571 9295 to register your interest in attending.

PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

Parent information sessions will provide parents and carers with an insight into how our school operates and the opportunity to meet our current Prep teaching team to discuss any elements of our program and to ask questions.

**Thursday 19th May** 7.00 pm – 7.30pm

Please contact the school on 5571 9295 or dorman.leesa.m@edumail.vic.gov.au to register your interest in attending.
ANZAC Day Parade

Our local ANZAC Day Parade will be held Monday 25th April. The parade starts at the front of our school and runs along Gray Street, down Brown Street and concludes with a service at the War Memorial at Melville Oval.

We would love to have as many of our students participating in the parade as we can.

- Please meet Mrs Riddle and Mrs Harms at the front of the school at 9.45am ready for the 10am start.
- You must wear school uniform.
- Children can wear family medals on their right side.

The event will go for almost an hour and a half with students to be collected from the Melville Oval Memorial.

Prep Marimbas

Last Thursday all three prep classes got the opportunity to go and see the Marimbas as part of the Promenade of Sacred Music Program. There was lots of noise and laughter as the children played along to different tunes on marimbas, xylophones and drums.

My favourite bit was when I got to play tic-tac-toe on the marimbas. By Scarlett

I had fun when I played the xylophone. By Noah H

We didn't want to go up and play the instruments but then we did because Mrs R said she would give us lollies and we had fun. By Lane and Riley

Cross Country

The Gray St cross-country will take place at Lake Hamilton at 2.20pm Wednesday, 4th May for all students in Grades 3 to 6. The children start in the area of the playground at the end of Rippon Road and each age group are spaced 75 metres apart. The youngest age group run 2000m and the older age groups run 2225m. Medals will be awarded for the winners of each age group and ribbons given to major placegetters. The finishing line is in the boatshed area on the Gray St side of the Lake.

All students in grades 3 – 6 are to wear their sports clothes this day.
Science

This term students across the school are learning about Chemical Science. For these units to be successful, we require a range of equipment.

If parents could collect any of the following items and drop them into the office or Miss Quinn's classroom that would be fantastic!

- bread tags
- screw top lids
- 500 ml plastic bottles
- 250 ml plastic bottles
- glass jars (any size)
- glass bottles

Thanks
Nat Quinn
Science Coordinator

Notices Sent Home (Notices can be found on the school website)

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Spare notices are also available from the office.

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 have started. Dim Sims are available Monday, Wednesday & Friday.

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