Principal’s Report

Well, we have all been scampering for the winter woollies these past few days.

On Thursday, we conducted our annual Gray St Anzac ceremony where we paid respect to all past and present soldiers who have fought on behalf of Australia in the name of, freedom, peace and democracy. In remembering these soldiers, we particularly remember those who paid the ultimate sacrifice, giving their life so that we may enjoy the freedom we do today.

This year’s ceremony was led by Year 5/6 students who had each selected an ex-Gray St student who served in WW1 and who is one of the names which appears on an honour roll mounted on the wall in the hallway outside the Staff Resource room. These names represent ex-Gray St students who attended the school in the late 1890s and early 1900s who served in the World War 1 with some of these men losing their lives.

Then on Friday it was wonderful to see so many students from Gray St represented in the annual ANZAC march. Kellie Mitchell and Angus Harms did a fine job placing the wreath at the Cenotaph at Melville Oval on behalf of our school; they were supported on the march by a number of our students from Prep to Grade 6. Thank you to the teachers, parents, grandparents and friends who also attended.

On Monday a team of Gray St students represented our District at the Warrnambool/Portland/Hamilton Division Athletics Championships for 2014 held in Warrnambool. From all reports it was a very successful day for all with Tegan Menzel, Claire Cummings and Victoria Jewell moving into the next level of competition. Thank you to Mr. Hill and the wonderful group of parents who were there to support the team.

On Monday the Grade 1 and 2 students began their swimming lessons, the students are really looking forward to the opportunity to further their skill development. As you would probably realise these two weeks can be a very tiring time too so it is a good idea to try and ensure that children are in bed early over this period. Parents are welcome to attend these sessions to see their child in action.

At the School Council meeting on Monday night the 2013 Annual Report was tabled, the report can be accessed at the school website.

We are all looking forward to our Prep Discovery mornings next Thursday and Friday when pre-school children from across the district have been invited to come and enjoy the experience of a morning at school. Parents are welcome to stay and enjoy a tour of the school. If there is a neighbour, friend or family member who you know has a pre-schooler ready for school in 2015 please let them know of this great opportunity and encourage them to contact the Office for more details so they don’t miss out.

Finally keep this date free for Education Week: This year Education Week will be held from Monday 19th - Friday 23rd May with the state wide theme: “Scientists do amazing things”. At Gray St we will be having an Open Night on Wednesday 21st May from 6.30-7.30pm. Come along with your children and join in some fun science activities in our classrooms.

Enjoy the week ahead.

Helen
Prep 2015  Discovery Morning & Parent Information Session

Hamilton (Gray St) Primary School would like to invite children entering Prep in 2015 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, Janelle Harms and Cindy Dorman. 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 8th May  10.00am – 11.30am or Friday 9th 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.

*Monday 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.

Volcano Dreaming

You may have noticed the gorgeous photographic panel exhibition we have at school at the moment. The exhibition is made up of 12 portable panels to form a photographic panorama of the ecosystems, grasslands and volcanic plains from Melbourne to the South Australian border. This display will be exhibited in our Open Learning Centre for the duration of term 2. Students have been sketching the animals from the panels, along with their natural habitat, showing texture and detail with grey lead shading and pattern making. We welcome the community to come in and have a look at the panels and the student’s artwork based on the panels during the school week. We’d like to thank Aggie Stephenson with the CMA for giving our school the opportunity to borrow these beautiful panels.

Emma Brown

Mr McGee and the Biting Flea – Grades Prep to 2

On Tuesday 6th May students in grades Prep to 2 will be going to the Hamilton PAC to watch the stage production of Mr McGee and the Biting Flea. They will be leaving school at 10.00am, walking to the PAC. Students in grade 1 will then be collected from the PAC and bussed to their swimming lessons. Students in Prep and grade 2 will walk back to school.
Gray Street Clubs

This term we have LOTS of clubs running at Gray Street. Clubs run for the second half of lunch time and are a great option for students who like to do something a little different.

The Library is open every day at middle bell and grade 3-6 choir is during the first half of lunch on Wednesdays. Here are all the other clubs that run from middle bell...

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Division Athletics – Warrnambool

On Monday, a team of 18 super star athletes from Gray St travelled to Warrnambool to compete as part of the Hamilton team in the Division Athletics at Brauerander Park. It was a fantastic experience for many of these young athletes to experience a large competition and to use the wonderful facilities at the venue. This event brings together the best primary school age athletes from all over south-west Victoria and it is a great achievement for our students to make it to this level. Unfortunately the temperature didn't get anywhere near the predicted 22 degrees and the cold sea breeze was a test of everyone’s endurance. All students should be very proud of the way they tried their very best and conducted themselves throughout the day. They were all a great credit to themselves and upheld the best of Gray Street’s sporting traditions - it was a pleasure to be in their company for the day. Thank you also to all the parents who came along to support the athletes (and kept them warm with blankets and pies from the canteen).

Special congratulations to Victoria Jewell, Claire Cummings and Tegan Menzel who won their events, which takes them on to the next level at Ballarat later in the year. All other results will be included in next week’s newsletter when I receive them from the Warrnambool Sports Association.

Anthony Hill (Sports Coordinator)
Hot Shot Tennis

Junior Tennis Coach, Fairlie Lamond visited the grade 4’s during their PE lesson last week. The Students took part in a variety of fun tennis activities. Starting week 4 all students will be participating in various tennis activities during PE.

Today we have sent home a flyer with information about MLC Tennis Hot Shots Registration. For every child that enrols the school will receive $2 that we will use to purchase new tennis equipment. All parents need to do is complete the form and return it to school, don’t worry if you don’t have an email address, we will use a special school email address for this promotion.

In The Artroom

This term in the artroom, students will be focusing on drawing, making and painting Australian animals - using the CMA photographic panels as inspiration.

Pictured here are some grade 5 and 6 students using the new kinetic sand to sculpt animals.

If you have any wool, buttons, material, egg cartons, clean meat trays could you please bring them into the artroom for students to create artworks with. Many thanks.

Emma Brown

Grade 1 & 2 Swimming

Swimming for students in grades 1 & 2 will start on Monday 5th May and will continue everyday until Friday 16th May.

All students in grades 1 & 2 will need to wear their sports uniform for these two weeks.

Students in grade 1 will have recess at 11.00am and lunch 1.30pm. Lunches ordered through the canteen will be available for students to eat at 1.30pm.

Students in grade 2 will have recess at 11.00am, a 10 minute meal break at 12.30pm and another break when they arrive back to school from swimming at approximately 2.30pm. Lunches ordered through the canteen will be available for students to eat at 12.30pm.

Gray St Cross Country - Grades 3 – 6
Wednesday 7th May  2.20pm start

On Wednesday 7th May, all children in grades 3-6 will be competing in the Gray Street Cross Country run around Lake Hamilton. Children will leave school by bus at 2.00pm ready to begin running by 2.20pm. At the conclusion of the run, all children are required to return to school by bus, ready for a normal conclusion to the school day. All students in grades 3 – 6 will need to wear their sports clothes on this day. Spectators are welcome. Please park cars in Gray Street.

The inter school cross country takes place the following week Wednesday 14th May.
Mother’s Day Stall

The Mothers’ Day stall will be held next Thursday 8th May straight after lunch.

Each grade will visit the stall in turn and students will be able to purchase a beautiful gift. Gifts are priced from $3 to $10. If there are any gifts left over, those wishing to do so may buy a second gift.

Parents - Don’t forget to give your child some money so they can buy that special gift.

RAISE MONEY BY RECYCLING

There are over 20 million mobile phones in Australia alone! The Hamilton Telstra Store would like to help your school to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. By you donating even one old, no longer needed, mobile phone you can help make a difference by reducing what goes into our landfill and help your school make money at the same time. All you have to do is hand your old Mobile Phone handset into the special box in the administration area of school and we will donate $2. Please make sure you do a FACTORY RESET on your mobile phone to ensure your personal details/photos/text messages/phone numbers are wiped off your phone.

Notices from the office

026 – Grade 3 & 4 Swimming – due back by Wednesday 21st May

New Uniform

The Uniform Shop will be open Tuesdays from 8.30am to 4.00pm.

Head Lice

There have been a few cases of headlice reported to school this week. Please take the time to check your child’s hair. Thank you

Canteen Lunch Time Specials for Terms 2 & 3

Monday - Hamburgers
Plain – $3.00 (Beef pattie, lettuce, Mayo. tomato sauce in a bread roll)
Deluxe - $3.50 (Beef pattie, lettuce, tomato, cheese, mayo. tomato sauce in bread roll)

Wednesday – Fried Rice – Small- $3.00 or Large - $5.00 (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.

Volunteer’s in canteen are desperately needed as our roster is practically empty for this coming term. It 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 consider helping out and pop in and see Lyn at the canteen if you are able to assist.

Canteen Roster

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Net Set Go

Please be advised that the Net Set Go program that was scheduled for this term has been suspended until commencement of term three. Further information, location and times will be advertised before the end of term two. I apologise for any inconvenience, this change may have caused.

Nat O'Dea

Tennis Coaching now available

@ Hamilton Lawn Tennis Club On Tuesdays
Tennis Australia’s Hot Shots program from 4 years and up, plus a full range of coaching including adult classes.
Interested phone 55626539

Coughs, Colds and Asthma

Coughs, colds and the flu are one of the most common triggers of asthma. The common cold is caused by an upper respiratory tract infection and is a common illness for children and adults in Australia. As we approach the colder months, here are some tips to keep in mind to prevent and reduce the spread of coughs, colds and the flu:

- Avoid coughing and sneezing on or near others and wash your hands thoroughly to prevent the spread of disease.
- If your child is not feeling well, it is recommended that they stay home and rest, to reduce the spread of infections and to speed up their recovery process.
- Everyone should have the annual flu vaccination to ensure they are protected from this disease. You or your child may be eligible for the free flu vaccination. Details about who is eligible can be found here and can also be determined by your doctor.
- Prior to purchasing any medications or herbal and natural remedies, you should seek the advice of your doctor or pharmacist as some medications can react with asthma medications. Such as Aspirin, Ibuprofen/Naproxen (non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medications), Beta Blockers tablet and eye drops (used for high blood pressure and glaucoma), and ACE inhibitors (used to control blood pressure).

Stay warm this winter!

For more information, please contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 278 462 or www.asthma.org.au