Principal’s Report

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

Last Thursday it was wonderful to see so many students from Gray St represented in the annual ANZAC march. Mairéad Kelly and Jacob Millard did a wonderful 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 the Grade 1 and 2 students began their swimming lessons, the students really enjoy this opportunity to further their skill development. I was lucky enough to travel down with the Year 2 students on Monday and saw how much they and the Year 1 students enjoy their swim session and master the getting dressed routine on their own. As you are probably realising 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 present we have our Year 5 and 6 students, parents and teachers enjoying the change in routine of a camping experience at Camp Kangarooibie. This camp at Grade Six Graduation is the camp that always receives several mentions by students as being the most memorable experience at primary school. From daily reports all is going extremely well with everyone enjoying themselves.

Last Friday I was contacted by Paul Roser (Senior Manager Advocacy & Conservation, Nation Trust of Australia) asking whether we would have a group of children available to attend a Ministerial Announcement at the Murndal Homestead today. So, today Janelle Harms and I have travelled out to Murndal with a group of our wonderful Preps to be part of the funding announcement for the Gallipoli Oaks Project 2015-2018.

As part of its commitment to celebrate and preserve our environmental heritage, the National Trust of Australia (Vic), has identified the Gallipoli Oak tree as a symbolic link between the Centenary of ANZAC, the people of Turkey and the primary school children of Victoria. To bring this link to life the Trust plans to propagate up to 2000 juvenile Gallipoli Oaks to be planted in Victorian primary school grounds during remembrance ceremonies in the 2015 to 2018. The original Gallipoli Oak planted in Victoria at Murndal in 1916 came back as an acorn from the campaign.

Enjoy the week ahead.
Helen
**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, mount the print and bring it to the Office by **Monday 6th May** ready for them 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 with the entry money and the entry form in a clearly marked envelope (name of child and amount of money enclosed)** to the Office by **Monday 6th May** ready for them to be collected.

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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**Mother’s Day Stall**

The Mothers’ Day stall will be held next Thursday 9th May.

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.

**Gray St Cross Country - Grades 3 – 6**

**Tuesday 7th May  2.00pm start**

On Tuesday, 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 1.40pm ready to begin running by 2.00pm. 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 15th May**.

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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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**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.
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 old uniform no longer in use please leave it at the Office.

Canteen Lunchtime Specials for Term 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 - $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 6th May - 10.45am
Debbie Hunt

Wednesday 8th May – 10.45am
Leanne Jacobson

Friday 10th May
10.45 – 1.00 – Shelly Muldoon
12.00 – 2.00 – Pam Menzel

Monday 13th May - 10.45am
Robyn Young

Wednesday 15th May – 10.45am
Helper Required

Friday 17th May
10.45 – 1.00 – Becky Blanchett
12.00 – 2.00 – Lynne Millard

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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!!

Workshop: 2013VICPC4 Location: Hamilton

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Workshop details

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When: One day workshop – Tuesday, 14 May 2013
Day 1: 9.00 a.m. - 4.30 p.m
(Registration from 8.15am)

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181 Fairy Street, Warrnambool

Cost: $20 per person – members*
$40 per person – non-members
Morning tea & light lunch included


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