Prep 2016 Discovery Morning & Parent Information Session

Hamilton (Gray St) Primary School would like to invite children entering Prep in 2016 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 7th May 10.00am – 11.30am or Friday 8th May 10.00am – 11.30am

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 18th May 7.00pm – 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 March

On Saturday it was wonderful to see so many students from Gray St represented in the annual ANZAC march. Olivia Muldoon and Ted Koch 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.
In The Art Room…..

This week students have been creating and colouring their own Mandalas (circles of art) based on our theme of multicultural art. We have discussed the historical and some cultural backgrounds to a Mandala. Some of these are on display in the Open Learning Area so please have a look when you come into school.

Emma Brown.

Lunchtime Art Club

Wednesday lunchtime Art Club has been busy this term. Students have been drawing, creating and weaving ‘sky weavings’. It’s great to see so many students coming in and enjoying art. Art Club is held every Wednesday lunch at middle bell in the artroom.

Emma Brown.

Cross Country

The Gray St cross-country will take place at Lake Hamilton at 2.20pm Wednesday, 6th 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 75m 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. Parents wishing to see the race should gather at the boat shed area but please do not drive into the parking area. parking is best accessed on Gray Street and you can walk across to the finishing area. All children will return to school on the buses after the event.

The following Tuesday (12th May) will see the running of the Hamilton District cross-country, also at Lake Hamilton, from 2.20pm. This event is for our selected runners; that is those who finished in the top eight places at the Gray St event and also those runners who demonstrated the ability to run the entire course and wish to enter. The senior age groups (11s and 12s) run 3000m and the younger age groups (9s and 10s) run 2000m. This event awards ribbons to the top eight placegetters and acts as a selection trial for the Division cross-country held later in May.

Students with asthma are reminded to come prepared with their puffers, etc on the day. Students may carry their puffers with them on the run.

Anthony Hill
Mother’s Day Stall

The Mothers’ Day stall will be held next Friday 8th May straight after assembly.

Each grade will visit the stall in turn and students will be able to purchase a beautiful gift. Gifts are priced from $2 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.

Maths Problem Solving

Last Weeks Question and Answer

What letters, when written in lowercase, can be read the same upside down as right side up?

Letters that read the same upside down are l, o, s, x, and z.

This weeks problem

Find two numbers whose sum is 7 and whose product is 10

ANZ Tennis Hot Shots 2015

The ANZ Tennis Hot Shot promotion is on again for 2015. As Gray Street is an official venue of Tennis Australia’s National School Partnership Program (NSPP), all children within the school are able to register to claim a free T-shirt as well as enter other competitions and promotions offered by ANZ Hot Shots Tennis.

We are again asking as many of our families to register their children because for every Gray Street child that enrolls, Gray Street will receive $2 that we will use to purchase new tennis equipment. Children do not have to play or be officially involved in tennis to register – any of our students are eligible to enter – it’s that easy!

All parents need to do is go to the website http:/hotshots.tennis.com.au/register/ and fill in the required details. Please ensure you nominate Hamilton (Gray St) Primary School as your NSPP venue and this will ensure Gray Street receives the $2 for your child’s registration.

Alternatively, Registration Forms will be available at the office for those who would prefer the registrations to be lodged by us. If you don’t have an email address, we will use a special school email address for this promotion but would prefer families to enter their own email addresses to enable any correspondence from ANZ Tennis Hot Shots to make its way directly to you.

Prep parents please note that ANZ are providing a limited number of 19 inch tennis racquets which prep children can take home. Registrations for prep children must be done manually by us on a Registration Form provided to the school on a first in basis (ie prep children cannot be registered online directly by parents, their registrations must be done by us).

If your child was registered in 2014 we will be automatically re-registering them for 2015 unless we receive written notification stating that you do not want your child registered.

Remember for every registered Gray Street student, we receive a $2 rebate to spend on tennis equipment. Please ensure you register on line as soon as possible or alternatively, return your forms by Friday 8th May (prep forms required urgently).

Sheree McGinley & Carolynn Murray

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

No notices for this week

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 Roster

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Gastro

Currently we have many children contracting Gastroenteritis, especially in the prep area.

Gastroenteritis

Gastro is a very common illness caused by infection and inflammation of the gut. It causes diarrhoea, and sometimes loss of appetite, vomiting and fever. Gastroenteritis means inflammation of the stomach and intestine.

Symptoms

These can include the following:

- diarrhoea (runny, watery poos)
- abdominal cramps
- nausea
- vomiting
- loss of appetite
- sometimes fever

Course and duration

Gastro usually lasts twenty-four to forty-eight hours depending on what is causing it. However, some forms of gastro, i.e. rotavirus and norovirus (which can cause particularly severe illness especially in infants and young children) may last about a week.

Prevention

The best way to prevent gastro is to avoid becoming infected in the first place, so make sure your children (and you):

- wash hands after going to the toilet
- wash hands before eating a meal or before preparing any food

If your child/children are displaying any symptoms of/or if they have contacted Gastroenteritis, please keep them home for forty-eight hours after they have stopped exhibiting symptoms.

We have antiseptic wash in every classroom and will be encouraging children to wash their hands and use the antiseptic wash before they eat any food and to do the same after going to the toilet.

For more information you may like to read the following web site:

2015 Country Fair

The next Country Fair meeting will be held on Wednesday 13th May starting at 7pm in the Staffroom. Everyone Welcome...

Lots of ideas and helping hands are needed to make County Fair happen. If you would like to be involved in the 2015 Country Fair, please come to the meeting on Wednesday 13th May.