Yesterday afternoon, all students from Years 3 to 6 headed off to the lake to compete in the Gray St Cross Country. The weather was perfect and the running was of a high standard. Congratulations to Tegan Menzel and Rhyan Menzel who were our winners, a great sister and brother combination.

Last Friday, our Grade 5’s students had their first taste of what going to a Secondary school is really like. The students had an amazing day at Baimbridge College. Some of the activities the students participated in were – Cooking, Art, Woodwork, Science, Computers, School tours, SOSE and Music. The current Baimbridge student junior leaders buddied up with our students to assist in their activities and finding their way around the school. Special thanks to Mr Hill and Mrs Cook for their organisation of the day and giving us this great opportunity.

Next week the NAPLAN (National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy) will be conducted for all students in years 3 and 5. The NAPLAN consists of common assessment tasks in Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar, Punctuation and Numeracy. The data gathered through NAPLAN is a reliable source of data about student progress for schools, parents and education systems. It is of course, just one component of the information we need to make sound judgements about how students, schools and the system are progressing, but nevertheless its position as one of the key indicators is assured.

I know that schools across Victoria have achieved significant success in using NAPLAN data to communicate their students’ learning improvements with parents and local community members. This kind of communication involves the whole community and motivates people towards achieving further gains. Our school uses NAPLAN data as part of a collection of resources to inform practice in the classroom, including their professional judgments of students’ learning. NAPLAN data is also regularly used as a valuable component of whole-school planning for improvement.

The NAPLAN tests are scheduled for the mornings of Tuesday 14th May, Wednesday 15th May and Thursday 16th May. An information brochure will be sent home to parents with all year 3 and 5 students today. If you have any questions about the testing please do not hesitate to contact your child’s teacher.

Today we enjoyed welcoming pre schoolers from around the district to our first Prep Discovery morning for this year. The children enjoyed a science and an art activity, then a special morning tea of fruit and homemade muffins followed by a ‘Big Book’ experience.

This afternoon we had the Mother’s Day Stall where students had the opportunity to purchase a special gift. The students were all very excited selecting the gift which they believed would be the best for the person they were buying for. All the gifts were beautifully presented. Thank you to all the wonderful parents who helped out with the stall, and to Penelope and Peta Diedrichs for their organising and preparation for the stall. Without help from our parents, such events could not be possible.

Finally I would like to wish all our wonderful mums at Gray St a very Happy Mothers’ Day and I hope that on Sunday you are justly spoilt for the day!

Enjoy the week ahead.

Helen
NAPLAN

During Week 4 of Term 2, all Grade 3 and Grade 5 students at Gray Street Primary School will complete the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2014 tests.

These tests will take place over three days and will be as follows:

Tuesday the 13th of May – Language Conventions and Writing
Wednesday and 14th of May – Reading
Thursday the 15th of May – Numeracy

The students will require good a good nights sleep and a hearty breakfast for each of these days to help them concentrate and do their best.

Damian Hayes – NAPLAN coordinator

In The Artroom

This week students have been sculpting using the ‘magic sand’ and wooden tools for texture. There’s been a lot of excitement with the magic sand as it is a very unusual, fun medium to use. Grade 4 students have also commenced needle felting, making bookmarks from felt and merino wool.

Ms Brown.

Star Wars Drawing Competition

To celebrate the purchase of new Star Wars books for the school library and the International Star Wars day on May 4th, the library is holding a drawing competition, open to all students at Gray Street PS.

What you need to do if you’d like to enter – Draw a picture of a Star Wars character or characters on an A3 size paper. Colour the picture. Make sure your name and grade is clearly printed on it.

The drawing must be all your own work, no tracing. Mrs Freeman will be choosing the winning drawings. There will be a 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize given. Drawings will be displayed in the library and must be given to Ms Brown by Friday 30th May.

So get those pencils sharpened and start drawing your pictures! Mrs Freeman and myself are looking forward to seeing all of your fantastic artworks! Good luck and have fun……. 😊

Ms Brown.

Aussie Footy (Grades 5 & 6)

This year Gray St will be entering one team in the Wednesday afternoon competition. It will be for the Grade 5s and 6s and is open to boys and girls. The first round is the first week in June. The season continues into the first three weeks in term 3. The games start at 4pm and last for one hour. Gray St’s home games are played on the school oval, with away matches played at other schools or Pedrina Park. Students interested in participating need to see Mr Hill for a notice.
Inter School Cross Country –Wednesday 14\textsuperscript{th} May  2.00pm start

On Wednesday 14\textsuperscript{th} May, various children will compete in the interschool 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 competing in the cross country will need to wear their sports clothes on this day.

Spectators are welcome. Please park cars near the Lake in Gray Street.

MLC Tennis Hot Shots – forms due back

Last week a flyer with information about MLC Tennis Hot Shots Registration was sent home with our newsletter. For every child that enrolls 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.

To enable us to complete this process we are asking that all forms be returned to the office by \textbf{Friday 9\textsuperscript{th} May} to enable us to enter all the details before the closing date on 14\textsuperscript{th} May.

Sheree McGinley & Carolynn Murray

Grade 1 & 2 Swimming

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

Hoop Time Basketball 2014

The 2014 Hamilton Hoop Time Basketball dates for early term 3 are as follows:

- **Juniors** - \textbf{Thursday 24\textsuperscript{th} July} 2014 (approx. 9.30am to 2.45pm).
- **Seniors** - \textbf{Monday 28\textsuperscript{th} July} 2014 (approx. 9.30am to 2.45pm).

We are seeking as many parent helpers on both days with coaching, scoring and team management. For a coaching role, you do not need to have a high level of knowledge about basketball, just be able to make substitutions during the game. Scoring is modified and you do not need to be experienced.

If you think you are able to assist with either day could you please indicate on the form below. Parental help is essential for the Hoop Time days to run successfully.

Sheree McGinley & Carolynn Murray

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**Hoop Time Basketball 2014 - Volunteers**

Name: ..........................................................................................

Contact phone no: ..................................................................

Day available:  Thursday 24\textsuperscript{th} July   /   Monday 28\textsuperscript{th} July

Role:  Coach Scoring Team Management
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.

Canteen Lunch Time Specials for Terms 2 & 3

**Monday** - Hamburgers
Plain – $3.00 (Beef pattice, lettuce, Mayo. tomato sauce in a bread roll)
Deluxe - $3.50 (Beef pattice, 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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BAIMBRIDGE COLLEGE
PRINCIPAL TOURS 2014

COME ALONG AND SEE WHAT WE CAN OFFER YOUR CHILD IN YEAR 7 AND BEYOND.
TUESDAY MAY 20
9:30AM - 10:30AM AND 12NOON - 1:00PM
TO BOOK PLEASE PHONE 55 722 788.

*****SCHOLARSHIP REMINDER*****
Scholarship applications are due on Friday May 23, please hand in to the office.