Principal’s Report

Another busy week draws to a close at Gray St.

Congratulations to all our enthusiastic runners who participated in the Hamilton District Cross Country yesterday at Lake Hamilton. Luckily the weather was kind supplying the perfect weather conditions for running. We have several runners who will now move on to the regional competition in Warrnambool on the 30th May. Thank you to all the parents who came and cheered our runners on and to our Gray St teachers who set up and organised the event.

Education Week begins on Monday 21st May. On Tuesday 22nd May we are holding our Prep Open morning from 10.00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. followed by the Prep Open Evening from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. This will provide an opportunity for parents of prospective prep students to visit and make enquiries about 2013 enrolments. We have special school tours organised which will be conducted by current parents at Gray St followed by a Q&A session with Lisa Ferrier and Janelle Harms our Prep teachers, Anthony Hill our Numeracy Leader and Lisa Speed our Literacy Leader and myself. The evening session will involve a virtual tour of the school capturing all the wonderful learning opportunities that are available at Gray St followed by the Q&A session.

On Wednesday 23rd May, we are having a special ‘Grandparents’ morning (if students do not have a grandparent or they are unavailable for the day students are encouraged to bring a special senior, neighbour, relative or mum or dad) from 9.00 am to 11.00 a.m. Activities for the morning will be completed in family groups focusing on the differences in education over time and special memories of school life.

On Friday 25th May as part of Education Week all Grade Five students from the state primary schools in Hamilton have been invited to experience a day in a secondary school environment, so grades 5 A and 5B will heading off with their teachers to Baimbridge College for the day.

Today, the Grade Three and Five students completed their NAPLAN testing. I would like to congratulate them all on the way in which they enthusiastically participated in the battery of tests especially the grade three students as this is a totally new experience for them.
Prep 2013 Open Day

An open day for parents with children due to start Prep in 2013 will be held on Tuesday 22nd May at school.

Sessions will be held at:
10.00am to 11.00am
6.00pm to 7.00pm.

Flyers have been placed on display at local kindergartens.

For further information please contact Leesa in the office on 5571 9295.

News from Canteen

New items available from canteen
- Mini Egg & Bacon Tarts (recess only, homemade) – $1.20
- Mini Fruit Muffins (homemade) – 50c
- Plain Milk 300ml - $1.00
- Jellied Fruit - $1.50
- Milo Custard - 80c

Trialing as of next week Four & Twenty Aussie Pies to replace the meat pies we were selling-$3.00. Party Pies & Lite Party Pies remain the same)

Wednesday Lunch Special (starting May 23rd) –
- Fried Rice (homemade) - $2.50

Ingredients as follows:- Rice, Bacon, Peas, Corn, Spring Onions, Egg & Soy Sauce.

Served in takeaway container / lid &fork

Our Volunteer base is still very light on, having had three days so far with no helper, if a few more parents could help out just one day a term that would be great! Friday is a really busy day requiring two helpers, if one parent could pop in straight after school assembly (Friday) and help with the lunch order bags, for half an hour that would also be a great help! I would like to offer more food options but without the support of more helpers this is difficult. Pop in and check out the new canteen, you’re most welcome!

Regards Lyn Battista

Hoop Time Basketball 2012
Grade 4 & Grade 6

The 2012 Hamilton Hoop Time Basketball dates for early term 3 are as follows:

Juniors (grade 4) - Thursday 19th July 2012
(approx. 9.30am to 2.45pm).

Seniors (grade 6) - Monday 23rd July 2012
(approx. 9.30am to 2.45pm).

We will be asking for parents to help on both days with coaching and scoring. You do not need to have a high level of knowledge about basketball, just be able to make substitutions during the game and to help with supervision of children.

Notices with further details will be sent home at a later date.

Carolyynn Murray & Sheree McGinley
Hoop Time 2012

Cross Country

Yesterday afternoon, with the sun shining, 65 students from Grades 3-6 took part in the HDSA Cross Country. Every student put in their best effort and I am extremely proud of every one of them. It was also fantastic to see all the family and friends of our Gray Street community cheering on the sidelines. Children who finished in the TOP 8 in the 10, 11 and 12 year age groups qualified for the Division Championships in Warrnambool on Wednesday 30th May. Permission notes will be given to those people shortly.

Thank you to all the staff involved with the organising of both our school cross country and yesterday’s event.

Emma Callaway
**Swimming**

Students in Grade 3 & 4 will swim from Monday 21st May to Friday 1st June.

Permission notices were sent home last week with all grade 3 & 4 students. Please complete and return the forms by Friday 18th May. Students without forms will be unable to swim.

**Gray St Learning Community**

“I’m Not a Target”

Don’t forget this family event on Saturday 26th May 2.00pm – 4.00pm

Muhktar Kadiri is an experienced presenter and promises an interesting, interactive session for all. An informative and interesting way to learn about anti-bullying practices. Bring a plate of afternoon tea to share and drinks for yourself and the family. Gold coin per family entry.

Don’t miss it.

**Fundraising**

**Mother’s Day Stall**

The Mother’s Day stall raised a fantastic amount of just over $1200. Thank-you to all those who helped wrap presents over the last few weeks and run the stall on Friday making it such a success.

A huge thanks also to Robson’s pharmacy, Hair-‘la Mode, and the Ladybug nursery for their amazing contributions.

Look out for details about our Farmers market to be held in a few weeks!

Liisa Beaton

**Fundraising**

**Wood Raffle**

Raffle books were distributed to the eldest child last week.

Raffle tickets are $1 each. Families that sell the whole book will go into a draw for a mystery prize.

Raffle books and money are due back to the office by Tuesday 29th May.

The raffle will be drawn at assembly on Friday 1st June.

Raffle tickets are being sold in Gray St on Saturday Morning. We require parent helpers for ½ hour blocks starting at 9.00am. If you are able to spare ½ hour of your time, please leave your name and number at the office.

**Canteen**

Canteen operates on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Volunteers for next week are:

- Fri 18th May
  - 10.45 – 1pm – Narelle Pitts
  - 12.00 – 2pm – Kym Hunter

- Mon 21st May
  - 10.45 – 2pm – Helper Needed

- Wed 23rd May
  - 10.45 – 2pm – Pam Menzel

- Fri 25th May
  - 10.45 – 1pm – Sue Pertzel
  - 12.00 – 2pm – Lynne Millard

**Earn & Learn**

We’re thrilled to announce that Woolworths Earn & Learn is back for 2012 and it’s now easier than ever to participate and receive valuable resources for your school.

It’s simple to participate: from the 9th May, when parents shop at Woolworths they collect stickers from the checkout operator and place them on sticker cards. There’ll be 1 sticker for every $10 spent* (*excludes liquor, cigarettes, and gift cards.)

Once your sticker card is full please send to your child’s grade. Each grade will get to ‘spend’ their Earn and Learn points in July.

**OPEN NIGHT**

Baimbridge College, Hamilton

Wednesday, May 23, 2012

7.00-8.30pm

We invite all members of the Hamilton and District Communities to attend our annual Open Night on Wednesday, May 23.

The Principal will welcome all visitors in the West Gymnasium at 7pm.

Information is available on all Teaching Programs and Courses, including:

- Middle School 5-8
- Transition years 6-7
- Literacy/Numeracy (all levels)
- Music
- Years 7-10
- VCE, VET, VCAL

For general enquiries contact reception; for enrolments contact the Principal, Mr Robert Vecchiet telephone 5572 2788.

**Meals on Wheels Volunteer Drivers**

Friday 18th May

Bonita O’Brien and Karen Joseph

**Pauls Collect a Cap**

Remember to send Pauls Collect a Caps into school. The grade that collects the most this term wins a fantastic morning tea!