Wow! We have had a full week celebrating Education Week at Gray St.

We had a successful night on Monday when Janelle Harms and Cindy Dorman spoke to prospective parents regarding the outstanding Prep Program we offer at Gray St. Adam Taylor (Year 5/6), Coordinator of the School Wide Positive Behaviour Framework a DEECD initiative being implemented over the next two years at Gray St spoke regarding this program followed by Hugh Koch giving an overview of the exciting plans for the future including the landscape master plan and the upcoming replacement of the old playground equipment with the addition of some natural quiet sitting areas for students to enjoy at the French St end of the school yard. We look forward to future parents and students taking up the opportunity to experience school life in a fun, friendly and stimulating environment during our ‘Prep Discovery Afternoons’ which begin next term.

The theme for Education Week is ‘Scientists do amazing things!’ The benefits for children involved in science from an early age and throughout their education journey are enormous. Curiosity and a sense of adventure are the perfect combination for getting young inquisitive minds interested in science.

Science stimulates key developmental and behavioural skills such as problem solving, patience, creativity and teamwork.

Studying science throughout their school years also builds a strong foundation for children to pursue one of the hundreds of rewarding career paths in science-related fields. Yesterday we had a fun filled morning based on Science.

The students enjoyed the multi age groupings for the morning as they rotated through the three activities based on Science. Last night it was wonderful to see so many families come and participate in our ‘Science Night.’ Congratulations to Ted Koch and Anita Trigger the winners of our Science Passport prize. Ted and Anita received some kinesthetic sand, a marvelous invention, that has become quite popular for modelling in the Artroom. Thank you to Baimbridge College for the loan of the microscopes and Lab coats.

Tomorrow our Junior School Council members are heading off to our beautiful Botanic Gardens to contribute their ideas on behalf of the other students to the new Master Plan for the Hamilton Botanic Gardens.

The Shire of Southern Grampians has appointed Andrew Laidlaw, Landscape Architect to produce a Master Plan it will become a blueprint for future development of the gardens, including the fenced animal enclosure.

Tomorrow, The Southern Grampians Shire and the Friends of the Hamilton Botanic Gardens are holding a Community Day in the Gardens from 1.00 – 4.00pm. This time will give users of the Gardens the opportunity to talk with Andrew Laidlaw on how they use the Gardens, and present ideas on how they would like the Gardens to evolve.

As we are a constant user of the Gardens we were invited to attend. We look forward to some of the ideas submitted by the students coming to fruition in the future.

Enjoy the week ahead.

Helen
JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL – CASUAL CLOTHES DAY

Our Junior School Council have organised a casual clothes day on Friday 6th June to assist a local charity. Students wearing casual clothes are asked to bring a non-perishable/can item of food or something from the list below.

- Tinned items – Soup, Fruit, Stews
- Jam, vegemite, honey
- Pasta, rice, Flour, 2 minute noodles
- Pasta Sauces, Pasta Bake, Tomato sauce
- Long life milk or fruit juice
- Breakfast cereals
- Tea, Coffee, Sugar, Milo
- Soap, Toothpaste, Shampoo or Conditioner

Also, as it is nearing the colder months, the Junior School Council have suggested that students can wear their ‘ONESIE’ over the top of shorts, pants, shirts and jumpers to keep warm and make our schoolyard more lively and colourful on the day.

Prep – Back in Time Day

On Friday, the preps concluded their History unit with an old fashioned dress up day. The students enjoyed playing marbles and knuckle bones. We used skipping ropes and hoops for our fitness session and completed our lessons using chalk boards and an abacus. We also heard Mrs Smith talk about the ‘olden days’ when she used to work in the Library here at Gray Street. Thank you to all those who helped the children dress up for the special day.

Hoop Time Basketball 2014

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

Juniors (grade 4) - Thursday 24th July 2014 (approx. 9.30am to 2.45pm).
Seniors (grades 5 & 6) - Monday 28th July 2014 (approx. 9.30am to 2.45pm).

Please note that Senior Hoop Time will now see all grade 5s and grade 6s attending. Junior Hoop Time will remain as grade 4s as per previous years.

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

Hoop Time Basketball 2014 - Volunteers

Name:........................................................................................................
Contact phone no:................................................................................
Day available: Thursday 24th July / Monday 28th July
Role: Coach Scoring Team Management
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.

MLC Tennis Hot Shots – forms due back

Recently a yellow 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.

We have been given an extension for registration for children to receive t-shirts but t-shirts will not be distributed until term 3.

Don’t forget Gray Street will receive $2 for every child that returns their form and is entered right up until the end of June (t-shirts just won’t be distributed until term 3) so we are hoping as many families return their forms to take advantage of both offers.

All families have to do is complete and return the form and we will enter the details to receive the $2 which will then enable us to purchase new tennis equipment for Gray Street. Children will be participating in tennis activities during their PE lessons for the remainder of this term as part of the MLC Tennis Hot Shots program.

Any queries please contact the school.

Sheree McGinley &
Carolynn Murray

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

030 – Grade 5 & 6 Melbourne Camp (due back Thursday 29th May)

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)

Steamed Dim Sims are available for lunch orders only on Monday, Wednesday and Friday served with/without soy sauce – 80¢ each

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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Lost Property

Please clearly label all clothing with your child’s name, especially school rugby jumpers, this will save much confusion (and money!). School bags, hats, drinks and lunch boxes should also be clearly labelled with the child’s name and class. Sometimes children are required to take off their shoes (for sport, etc.) so it is wise to have the child’s name written in each shoe.

PLEASE NAME EACH AND EVERY ARTICLE OF YOUR CHILD’S CLOTHING.

Items will remain in the lost property box until the end of each term. Unclaimed items will then go into the second hand uniform stock or given to Charity if the items are not uniform.

Fit 2 Function Group Training Session for Peter Mac Foundation

Diana Dixon is running a group training session every Tuesday evening in the school Stadium. Sessions cost $10 a night and all money raised is being donated to The Weekend to End Women’s Cancers, benefiting the Peter Mac Cancer Centre. If you are interested in attending please leave your name at the office.