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

On Monday night we had a great turn out of parents and students to enjoy an entertaining slide show covering the many activities experienced by the students and in some cases parents and teachers at Camp Kangarooibie. The students did a great job stepping us through each day of the camp and sharing their favourite activities.

We had a great night on Tuesday when Janelle and Cindy spoke to prospective parents regarding all the valuable programs we offer at Gray St. 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.

Yesterday we had a fun filled morning based on Italy. The students enjoyed the multi age groupings for the morning as they rotated through the three activities; Mask Decorating which fits with the Carnivale spirit, a celebration of the traditional Italian story Pinocchio and jewellery making using the tradition Italian food pasta to make some original designs. A very big thank you to Lynn in the canteen for preparing so much ‘ottimi’, ‘delizioso’ pasta, catering for 244 hungry students. Lynn also mentioned she could not have done it without the super help from Sandra Newns and Nichole Downes.

I would like to thank Sam Milne for her outstanding contribution to Gray St, organising the Music Room Make-Over Fundraising Night last Saturday night which was a huge success. Sam prepared the insert below thanking all the people who made the night possible, it was a wonderful team effort by some very special people. Thank you.

Last Saturday night we had the Music Room Make-Over fundraising night at the BlueMalt cafe, with Phil Holmes providing a great night of entertainment. From all accounts the evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended and the best part was we raised $1341.90 in ticket sales and a raffle held on the night.

An impromtu auction was also held with Phil generously offering a “private” performance to the highest bidder. Well done to the table of successful bidders with proceeds adding to our total raised for the night.

Please accept this as my personal thanks to the following people who generously donated their time and/or items for the raffle.

Phil Holmes
Atton & Kate Barber-BlueMalt Cafe
Miss Robb
Leesa & Maree
Kym Hunter
Amanda Pederick
Rowena Smith
Deb Hinton
Grand Central Bistro

To all the people who purchased tickets and who helped "spread the word" thank you for helping to make the night a great success. Sam Milne

Finally, if you would like to contribute to the ‘Wheels for Marie and Jarrah’ the fundraiser organised by the Lion’s Club of Hamilton we have a collection tin at the Office.

Enjoy the week ahead.

Helen
Preps - Back in time day

Last Friday the prep children had a 'back in time' day. The students dressed in old fashioned clothes, sat in rows, wrote on blackboards, solved problems with an abacus and played with hoops, marbles and elastics. It was such a fun day! We were also very fortunate to have Mr Henderson OAM speak to us about what school was like when he was at Gray Street over 80 years ago.

Italian Day Photos
Well Done Leoma

Recently Economics Victoria conducted the Food Design Challenge, an innovative recipe competition for students. There were many entries from all over Victoria in each of the divisions.

A big congratulations to Leoma Bahntoff for her 2nd prize in the year 3 and 4 category.

Kerrie McFadden

Artist of the Week

Artist of the week for Prep - 2 is Tessa Kelly for drawing and painting a fantastic picture of her Mum. Artist of week for Gr 3-6 is Angelique Trotter for a very colourful oil pastel and paint design.

Grade 3 & 4 Swimming

Grade 3 and 4 students have been busy with swimming this week. The students have been very focussed on their lessons.
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.

Canteen

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Also available at the canteen:

- Monday Recess ONLY Egg & Bacon Muffins $2.50 (Toasted English Muffin, egg, bacon and tomato sauce)
- Monday, Wednesday & Friday Lunch Order Only
  - Chicken and Veg Pies $2.80 (Four & Twenty School Range)
  - Long Home Made Sausage Roll $2.00
  - Small Home Made Sausage Roll $1.50

OSHClub News

Things we need
- Small cans, boxes – like tissue, cereal, biscuit boxes
- OSHclub Staff

Safeway Earn & Learn

Safeway are running the Earn and Learn promotion in 2013. Stickers are available from Safeway please keep collecting!!

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SWALES CONSTRUCTED AT LAKE HAMILTON

Southern Grampians Shire Council is pleased to announce that construction is almost complete on the new Storm Water Filtration Swales at Lake Hamilton.

The works have involved the construction of four interconnected settling pools next to Lake Hamilton to intercept the stormwater run-off from the Cross Street outlet before it runs into Lake Hamilton.

The project is being completed to provide a natural filtration of pollutants by way of the plants absorbing nutrients through their roots. This results in cleaner water entering the lake and improved water quality.

Council would like to thank the groups who assisted in the construction of the swales including Conservation Volunteers Australia and Corrections Victoria and the primary schools involved in the planting of native plants including Gray Street Primary School and Tarrington Lutheran School.

Southern Grampians Shire Council Natural Assets Management Officer, Skott Stark said, “These swales are just one part of the greater efforts being made by Council, in conjunction with other groups, to improve the quality of water in Lake Hamilton.

“Another project which focused on fencing off and the revegetation of the Grange Burn upstream of the lake is also an important part of improving water quality.

“The involvement of schools with projects like these is very important. It gives everyone a shared sense of ownership in the process of improvement of this fantastic asset we have,” he added