Dates to remember
May 25 – June 1
Swimming Grade 3 & 4
June 4 – June 8
Eisteddfod
June 11
Public Holiday
June 12
Report Writing Day – No Students required at school

Principal’s Report

Wow! What a fabulous response we had to our Grandparents Morning yesterday

We had around one hundred and eighty grandparents, friends, mums and dads attend our special activity to celebrate Education Week.

The classrooms were a buzz with conversations and the sharing of memorabilia from the past. Many special visitors had been former students at Gray St and were able to share their experiences from yesteryear at the school. The morning’s activities concluded with a wonderful Devonshire tea, in the Open Learning Area. I would sincerely like to thank Riana Beardsell who agreed without hesitation to supply all fifteen dozen scones for our special occasion. Thanks Riana.

On Tuesday we held our Prep Open morning followed by the Prep Open Evening. The morning session was a great success and I would particularly like to thank Pene Baker, Bonita O’Brien, Deb Hintum, Riana Beardsell and Kylie Hardy who conducted the special school tours.

The Q&A session which followed with Prep teachers Lisa Ferrier and Janelle Harms, Anthony Hill our Numeracy Leader and Lisa Speed our Literacy Leader and myself was a great opportunity to share information about that important transition time from Kinder to Prep.

The evening session, involved a virtual tour of the school capturing all the wonderful learning opportunities followed by a relaxed opportunity to ask questions.

If you were unable to attend the Prep 2013 Open Day or you know someone that would like more information and tour of the school, please contact the school on 5571 9295.

The Shire has been in touch with us in regards to parking/stoping issues around the school. Please remember the stop and go areas are ‘no standing’ and also ‘blocking’ the roundabout are both offences that can incur fines. Council officers will be monitoring parking issues around the school more rigorously in the coming weeks.

Enjoy the week ahead
Helen

Photos from Grandparents Day

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Prep 2013

If you have a child starting Prep in 2013, please call at the office and collect an Information Package.

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 –
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.

Carolynn Murray & Sheree McGinley
Hoop Time 2012

Equestrian Events

Holly McLeod  Grade 5

On the 17th March, 27th April and 11th May, Holly represented Gray St Primary School at Inter-School Equestrian Events.

These events involved Handy- Mount Riding Skills, Jump Events and Equestrian Games.

Her horse, Brittany, has not always been on her best behaviour for Holly on these occasions.

Holly achieved 6th & 8th placings in Handy Mount & Riding Skills; a 3rd, 5th & 6th in the Equestrian Games and last Friday received 2nd in the Grade 5 / 6 Courage Award Section (due to her brave attempts at handling her “naughty” pony on that day).

We congratulate Holly on representing her school so well and look forward to seeing her achievements in future events.

Emily McGregor  - Prep B

On Friday 11th May, Emily also represented Gray St at an Inter-School Equestrian Event.

Emily and her horse Rocket participated in many events, including Jumping, Bending Races, Barrel Racing and The Sack Race. Emily received 5 ribbons for the day.
### 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**.

### Canteen

Canteen operates on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

**Volunteers for next week are:**

- **Mon 28th May**
  - 10.45 – 2pm – Danni Sarena
- **Wed 30th May**
  - 10.45 – 2pm – Brigid Kelly
- **Friday 1st June**
  - 10.45 – 1pm – Deb Hintum
  - 12.00 – 2pm – Louise McLennan

### 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
- **This Saturday**

Bring yourself, bring your family, bring a plate of afternoon tea to share, and join us for a get together in the Gray St Primary School stadium from 2 till 4pm.

Get involved in Muhktar Kadiri’s “I’m not a Target” session and learn some helpful tips at the same time.

ALL WELCOME. Gold coin per family entry.

A Gray Street Learning Community Event.

### 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.

### Meals on Wheels

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