Principal’s Report

I would like to thank all of the parents who have adapted to the new parking arrangements. Parents have done an excellent job of adapting. There is still more work to do and please read all signs carefully and follow the directions of our lovely teachers.

All parents will have received a letter explaining the outcome of the recent Principal selection process. The school is committed to finding a top quality Principal and I applaud the panel for their courageous decision. The Acting Principal who will take over from me is highly experienced and has worked in a range of schools and systems. I have already commenced a detailed handover process, and they will be ready to hit the ground running. They are very committed to the move to Hamilton, and Gray St Primary in particular and I think the new Principal and her husband will be valuable additions to the community.

Remember that next Wednesday is the first pupil free day of the year. All teachers are still required at school and will be busy with professional development and report writing. Our next two pupil free days will be on the 1st of August (Sheepvention) and the Monday before Melbourne Cup.

‘A DAY IN MAY’

Tomorrow - Friday 27th May

Students come to school dressed as Rockstars

Gold Coin Donation

Tomorrow Friday 27th May, for a gold coin donation, students can come to school dressed as their favourite rockstar.

‘A Day in May’, an annual fundraising event that aims to provide positive musical experiences for children living with cancer.

Below: Music Captains – Millie Clark, Sophie Taylor and Ella Thompson, along with Tessa Kelly have been organising our ‘A Day in May’ rockstar day!
2016 Premier’s Reading Challenge

The Premier’s 2016 reading challenge is now open. The reading challenge encourages children to read a set number of books between now and 9th September. This is a great way for students to challenge themselves and read as many books as they can. Students who meet the challenge guidelines receive a certificate of achievement. Any students who are interested in registering should see Leesa (in the office) or Mrs Hawthorne.

1B – Time

The Grade Ones received a very important letter from ‘the giant’ this week. He had broken his clock and wasn’t sure where all the numbers should go. The children worked in pairs to make a new clock as a present. They also practised making different times.

Sticks and Stones Performance

Last week all the students in the school watched a performance by Brainstorm Productions called Sticks and Stones. This production was about how to handle your emotions and bullying.

The students found this performance very engaging and all staff felt it helped address issues that children face regularly.
‘Pirate Pete’ by Harry Blohm and Georgie Harris Prep B

Last Thursday all the preps went to see ‘Pirate Pete’. We caught a bus to Good Shepherd School then we went inside. Pirate Pete sang a song, and then we had to copy the words after him. We got to stand up and do some moves. Mrs Alexander and Chads mum got up in front and had to put on some handcuffs and a bandana. Pirate Pete then sang a song and we had to copy their moves.

At the end, Pirate Pete gave us all a bandana to wear and keep. Then he let us look in his Treasure Chest. There was lots of treasures in the chest, Dinasour Cards, Gold, necklaces, bracelets, and earrings.

Then we caught the bus back to school. This was a fun day!!

Prep A Science

This term in science the preps have been investigating what different materials are used for. After completing a walk around the school to see what materials are used for different things, the preps made ‘people’ out of foil, pipecleaners, straws and cups. The Preps left their ‘people’ outside overnight to see what effect the rain had on them.

Chad – We were learning about science and we made a person because we thought they were waterproof. We took them outside to see if there was rain coming down.

Hugo – We were learning about science and water. I made a knight and then I took him outside to see if he would get all soaky in the rain.

Abi – We were making people out of some materials and we could bend the pipe cleaners. I took my furry monster outside into the rain to see if it got all wet.
Outside School Hours Care Program (OSHC)

Just a reminder - our amazing OSHC program is now running in the mornings. Enrolled students can arrive for the program from 7.00am, breakfast is included.

This care may be valuable to parents that drop their children off at school before 8.30am.

Canteen News

Term 2 & 3 specials have started. Dim Sims are available Monday, Wednesday & Friday.

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Hoop Time Basketball 2016

The 2016 Hamilton Hoop Time Basketball dates for early term 3 are as follows:

Juniors All Grade 4’s - Thursday 21st July 2016 (approx. 9.30am to 2.45pm).
Seniors All Grade 6’s - Monday 25th July 2016 (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. Any helpers over the age of 18 years will require a current Working With Children Check.

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 2016

Hoop Time Basketball 2016

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

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

Day available: Thursday 21st July (Grade 4s)  Monday 25th July (Grade 6s)

Role: Coach  Scoring  Team Management
Hamilton Gray St OSHClub

The new winter vacation care program will be handed out next week.

We can confirm on Wednesday 6th July, children will be participating in Toonworld – every child will get a drawing activity book.

Fundraising Evening - Terrarium Workshop

Gray St Primary School is holding its first ever fundraising crafternoon except it will be in the evening. You will get to make your own terrarium in a step by step tutorial by our very own Mrs Riddle to take home and display.

It's all happening next Thursday June 2nd in the open learning area.

To book your place, complete and return the form below and payment to the office no later than Tuesday 31st May.

Price will be $25 pp and it includes nibbles as well. So come along for a short evening out and enjoy some craft time, feel free to invite family or friends who might want to make one as well.

Fundraising Event - Terrarium Workshop

Name: .......................................................... Contact Number: .............................................

Please register my interest in attending the Terrarium Workshop on Thursday 2nd June.

I have enclosed $25.

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