Principal’s Report

Tomorrow we have a team of 10 students representing the district in the Divisional Cross Country Competition in Warrnambool. We wish the team all the very best as they not only represent Gray St but the Hamilton District.

Last night I joined many others who attended the exhibition opening at the "HIRL Gallery" for our student’s exhibition opening and it was fantastic! The students were very excited to see their artwork exhibited along with professional artist's work. A big thank you to all who attended the opening. A special thanks to Emma Brown our passionate Art teacher and to the HIRL committee for this fabulous opportunity. If you are passing please drop in, our student's artwork will be exhibited in the gallery until the 14th June.

The Department of Education and Training has released an App which is designed to help you better understand the curriculum we use to teach your children every day.

The App, called SchoolMate, is available for free download now in the App Store for iPhones and iPads and in Google Play for Android phones and tablets. SchoolMate gives you a general overview of the Victorian curriculum in each subject at each year level and:

- Provides you with an overview of what your children are learning in each subject at each year level according to the Victorian curriculum (AusVELS)
- Provides you with tips regarding activities and things you can do at home to help your kids in each subject and year level
- Suggests apps, books, events and activities related to each subject area and year level.

Our school, like all other government schools in Victoria, uses AusVELS as the basis for the learning programs we run at school every day.

Our teachers adapt the curriculum to meet the needs of our students and community, for example, designing learning programs around what your children are interested in, or around days or celebrations that are important to our community.

SchoolMate is designed to give you an overview of what children are expected to learn in Victorian government schools across every subject from Prep to Year 10.

I encourage you to download SchoolMate and to please talk with your teacher or myself if you are interested to find out more about how our school teaches the curriculum.

You can feel the ‘buzz’ around the school in readiness for the Eisteddfod next week. The children are very excited and practising continuously their songs and pieces of music working towards perfecting their performances. The Gray St Choir have been on an intense rehearsal regime which is proving to be a success as witnessed last week at assembly with an outstanding performance, if you missed it they will be performing again at tomorrow’s assembly. Mrs Megan Garland and Mr Damian Hayes along with our talented team of instrumental instructors are to be congratulated on the time and effort involved in helping prepare the children for the big week ahead.

Finally, I would like to wish all the children at Gray St who are performing in the Eisteddfod whether it be as part of a school performance or a special interest group the very best of luck and that they enjoy the experience and have fun.

Enjoy your week ahead.

Helen
My Best Pet!!  By Liam Keeble 1B

A cat could be the best pet. After this session you would be persuaded by now. Now you can lie back while the cat catches all the mice and you don't have to set up traps. Like a slave really. Next if you ever tease it they wont bite as hard as dogs bite. My last reason is if you are feeling glum it will hug you. That is why a cat would be the best pet. Meow from Kitcat!

Eisteddfod

The choir and many of our instrumental students have been working very hard this year to prepare for the Hamilton Eisteddfod, and finally the time has come! Next week our Music students will be performing at various times at the PAC, competing with other students from Hamilton and surrounding towns. The String Ensemble will be performing on Tuesday 2nd June at 1.30, and our Choir will be performing in three sections on Thursday 4th June from 9.30 onwards (see the schedule online for the times for solo, duet and dance performances). If you would like to come along and support these talented and brave students admission prices include: $5 for a single session, children 16 and under free, daily ticket $10, Thurs and Fri evening $10 each, season ticket $40. We would love to see you there!

Mrs Megan Garland
Music Teacher

Gray St Primary School Mini Art Exhibition

We had the Opening Night to our school's mini exhibition last night at the HIRL Gallery, 101 Gray St. What a great night it was! Thanks must go to all of the students with their amazing artwork in the exhibition, to parents with their great support and to the HIRL Gallery for giving Gray St students this opportunity. Thanks especially to Julie Love, gallery coordinator, Chris Cole and Megan Jackson for officially opening the night.

The exhibition will be at 101 Gray Street until 14th June. Go along for a look, see our amazing artist's work!

Emma Brown.
News from Bruce the Bandicoot...

Building on the SWPBS (School Wide Positive Behaviour Support) at Gray St, which is having a very positive affect across the school, there are times when a student may not respond in a positive way to an instruction in the classroom. To support students there are 5 steps, which were mentioned in a previous newsletter, for the classroom. This approach is used consistently across every classroom and year level. The steps are:

Step 1: Warning
Step 2: Warning
Step 3: Thinking Spot
Step 4: Buddy Class
Step 5: Office to see Mrs Freeman

Buddy Class requires students to move to a different classroom where they quietly sit at the thinking spot and reflect on the choices they have been making and how they might best change their behaviour. We understand that parents need to be notified at this stage so that they can talk to their child about the situation. A simple slip has been designed which explains the reason/s for your child going to a 'buddy class'. We ask for a parent signature at the bottom of the form and return it to your child’s class teacher. After receiving the slip, if you would like further information please do not hesitate to contact the teacher.

The slip will look like this

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Hamilton (Gray St) Primary School
Buddy Class Slip
Dear …………………………
Today ………………………………… went to Buddy Class because 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Grade ones – Italian Poster Competition in Melbourne.

"Dante Alighieri Society is offering all the Victorian Primary Schools with Italian programs the opportunity to participate in a Poster Competition. The topic of the Competition is based around fairy tales. Students had to create a poster and write five interesting words in Italian about their favorite character from a fairy tale. Grade 1 students created wonderful and colorful posters about the Italian fable "Pinocchio" which they had studied during Term 1.

Unfortunately, we had to choose only two posters which will enter the final competition in Melbourne. Congratulations and good luck to Matilda and Emily! BRAVE!"

Grade 2 – Italian Masks

Grade 2 have been learning about Italian masks. We looked at the beautiful masks from the Carnival in Venice and made some of our own with Miss Gallo. We think Grade 2 camp should be in Venice this year!!
ANZ Tennis Hot Shots 2015 – dates extended!!

The ANZ Tennis Hot Shot promotion is on again for 2015. All Gray Street students are able to register to claim a free T-shirt as well as enter other competitions and promotions offered by ANZ Hot Shots Tennis.

We ask as many of our families to register their children because for **every Gray Street child that enrolls, our school will receive $2 that we will use to purchase new tennis equipment.** Children do not have to play tennis to register – any of our students are eligible to enter – it’s that easy!

Go to the website [http://hotshots.tennis.com.au/register/](http://hotshots.tennis.com.au/register/) and fill in the required details and nominate **Hamilton (Gray St) Primary School** as your NSPP venue and this will ensure Gray Street receives the $2 for your child’s registration.

**Prep parents** please note that ANZ are providing a **limited number of 19 inch tennis racquets which prep children can take home.** Registrations for preps must be done manually by us on a **Registration Form provided to the school on a first in basis** (ie prep children cannot be registered online directly by parents, their registrations must be done by us). Forms are available at the front office at school.

Remember for every registered Gray Street student, we receive $2 to spend on tennis equipment. Please register online as soon as possible or alternatively, return your forms to the front office.

The tennis racquets offered to prep students are only available whilst stocks last and the actual offer ends on **31st May. Prep families should complete their forms and return them to us by** **Sam Friday 29th May** to enable details to be entered. No late forms will be accepted.

Sheree McGinley & Carolynn Murray

Hoop Time Basketball 2015

The 2015 Hamilton Hoop Time Basketball dates for early term 3 are as follows:

- **Juniors Grade 4’s** - **Thursday 23rd July** 2015 (approx. 9.30am to 2.45pm).
- **Seniors** - **Monday 27th July** 2015 (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.**

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Name:....................................................................................................
Contact phone no:......................................................................................
Day available:  Thursday 23rd July (Grade 4s)    Monday 27th July (Grade 6s)
Role:  Coach    Scoring    Team Management

Sheree McGinley & Carolynn Murray
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Be Responsible  Be Safe  Be Respectful
Uniform

At Hamilton (Gray St) Primary School, we have an agreed school uniform. We have worked hard to ensure this is weather appropriate and practical. In addition the Year 6 students can wear the year 6 rugby jumper, which makes their Year 6 year a bit special and which they wear with pride.

At the moment there seem to be a number of students wearing hoodies or windcheaters. These are not a part of our school uniform and are therefore not to be worn during school hours.

It is also important to note that leggings/stocking/tights are not to be worn with summer dresses. Students are able to wear trackpants or a winter tunic with tights if the weather is cold.

The uniform is made up of articles of clothing in the school colours (maroon, navy blue, pale blue) and consists of the following:

**Winter Uniform**
- Rugby Jumper with school logo *compulsory*
- Navy blue polo vest with school logo
- Long/short sleeve Light blue polo- shirt with school logo
- Navy blue track suit pants – straight leg
- Tartan tunic/skirt
- Navy blue gabardine long pants
- Black school shoes or runners

**Sports Uniform**
- Long/short sleeve pale blue polo- shirt with school logo
- Navy blue poly-cotton sports shorts
- Navy blue track suit pants – straight leg
- White or black runners

**Accessories**
- Maroon School bag
- Socks – navy or plain white
- Hair accessories – navy, pale blue, maroon
- Navy blue tights with tunic in winter
- Maroon broad-brimmed hat or bucket hat

Maths Problem Solving

**Last Weeks Question and Answer**

Jim threw eight coins. Three times more coins landed heads up than the number that landed tails up. How many coins landed heads up?

**Answer** - 6

**This weeks problem**

How much faster does the minute hand move compared with the hour hand?

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 be given to Charity if the items are not uniform.

Currently lots of children are missing their jumpers. Please take a moment to check the name on your child’s rugby jumper. Thank you.
Grade 5 & 6 Camp Kangarooobie

Grade 5 & 6 Camp forms and payment are due back tomorrow – Friday 29th May.

Notices Sent Home (Notices can be found on the school website)

No new notices this week.

Canteen Roster

Volunteers are need urgently in the canteen. If you can help please contact the office 5571 9295. Thank you

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CANTEEN - TERM 2 & 3 WINTER WARMERS

Available Everyday

Recess only Canteen Window
Egg & Bacon Quiches - $1.40
Mini Pizza - $1.60
Party Pies - .90¢
Crosscants – Ham & Cheese – Large - $2.40
Small $1.20
Warm Milo - $1.50
Cup of Soup - $2.00

Lunchtime from Canteen Window
Warm Apple Pies - $2.00
Warm Milo - $1.50
Cup of Soup - $2.00

Lunchtime Orders - Winter Specials

Monday
Spagheti Bolognaise - Large $5 (Cheese .20¢ extra)
Spagheti Bolognaise - Small $3 (Cheese .20¢ extra)
Dim Sims - .90¢ (no charge for soy sauce)

Wednesday
Fried Rice – Large $5 Small $3
Dim Sims - .90¢ (no charge for soy sauce)

Friday
Dim Sims - .90¢ (no charge for soy sauce)

Recess Specials
Friday Recess – Spinach & Ricotta Puff - .50¢

Plus all the everyday selections.
Be Responsible

Be Safe

Be Respectful

**Church Hill Kindergarten**

**MINIONS**

**Movie fundraiser**

**All welcome!**

**Sunday 21st June**

**11am screening**

**All tickets $13**

**Popcorn, drink & lollipop included**

**Kids must be accompanied by an adult**

**$1 Raffle tickets available, first prize for a family photoshoot with Lauren Ann Photography**

**Tickets available from**

**Kym Hunter 0413 594 043**

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**Cyber Safety information session**

**Location:** Hamilton Special Developmental School
15 Kerr Street Hamilton, 3300.

**Date:** Monday 15th June.

**Time:** 4:15 for a 4:30 start.

**Afternoon tea provided.**

**Family Forum: An empowering approach to dealing with cyberbullying**

Presented by one of the PROJECT ROCKET coordinators, Lucy and Rosie Thomas, recipients of the International Award for Outstanding Achievement in Cyber Safety.

With a "no-scores zone" policy, Rosie and Lucy use their experiences as digital natives and cyberbullying experts to demystify the most common social media platforms used by young people. The workshop extends beyond the lens of cyberbullying, and instead focuses on the strengths of technology. Introducing the idea of digital citizenship and the opportunities that social media can offer young people. The workshop provides parents with new on-screen touch strategies for dealing with cyberbullying as well as provide practical tips for preventing and intervening. We encourage you to bring your kids along too (Grade 4+) - we're all about bridging generation gaps and working together to tackle cyberbullying.

This workshop is classically PROJECT ROCKET: entertaining, engaging and insightful. Parents are encouraged to bring their children to the evening workshops.

"It was encouraging to see approximately 100 parents and children at the Cyber Safety Workshop led by Rosie and Lucy from PROJECT ROCKET. It was particularly pleasing to hear the interesting questions from the floor and the supportive discussion that followed amongst parents and students. It shows us that the issues around cyber safety are very real and widespread amongst our community. It also shows us that, as parents, we need to be vigilant in guiding and supporting our children."

- Principal at Soldier's Point Public School, NSW

PROJECT ROCKET are Australia’s youth-led bullying and leadership organisation that deliver workshops in schools to empower young people to stand up and take action. The team have worked with nearly a hundred thousand young people and is proud to have earned the reputation as the student favorite in anti-bullying interventions.

For more information and to RSVP contact:

Hamilton Special Developmental School on 55723077

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**1-2-3 Magic and Emotion Coaching**

A Parenting program to create a more peaceful household, less arguing and fewer angry moments.

**COMMUNITY SESSIONS**

**Great Interaction between parents**

**Easy to follow strategies**

**More Confidence**

**1-2-3 Magic and Emotion Coaching**

**Program**

**1-2-3 Magic and Emotion Coaching**

**Program designed to teach parents how to help parents gently and firmly manage the behavior of children in the 2-12 year age range.**

**Program aims to help parents find positive ways to get kids to:

- Stop acting up and show less anger.
- Take action in a way that is positive, giving, & firm.
- Turn their children into motivated individuals.**

**Benefits**

- Reduces the number of power struggles.
- Encourages children to develop self-control.
- Enhances parent-child relationships.

**Date:** 8th, 15th, 22nd June 2014 - 3 WEEK PROGRAM

**Time:** 6:30 – 8:30 pm

**Venue:** CENTACARE, 168 TIMOR ST, WARRINCONG

**Cost:** Free (Up to 50 parents)

**Contact:** Sue 5593 3008

**Enquiries:** 5572 3077

**Bookings required** — phone Marla on 5593 3008.