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

As part of the Australian Curriculum the Preps are focusing on Aboriginal Culture. Yesterday, Alkira’s mum Skye Couzens came to school to work with the students on ‘dot painting’. Skye’s mother Debbie Austin (deceased) a Koorie Artist of the Kirrae Whurrong Nation was a well known artist who specialised in ‘dot’ painting. Her work has been exhibited in the Warrnambool Performing Arts Centre, The Whalebone Gallery in Port Fairy and Canberra’s Old Parliament House. Debbie has also illustrated several children’s books. She wrote and illustrated the children’s book ‘Old Tucker Man”. This wonderful children’s book gives an insight into the struggles and efforts of a once proud hunter and the troubles he faced in providing for his family. Thank you to Skye for coming and sharing this unique skill and sharing her mother’s books with the prep students, their ‘dot’ paintings are proudly on display outside the prep rooms.

Pictured right: Alkira with her ‘dot’ painting and the books her grandmother wrote and illustrated.

Yesterday we had a team of 7 students representing the district in the Divisional Cross Country Competition in Warrnambool. Our distance runners all completed a great run. A fabulous effort by Tegan Menzel (pictured right) resulted in her coming first in the Under 11 Girls. Congratulations, Tegan! Olivia Muldoon also in participated in the Under 11 Girls and has qualified to go on to the next level.

The year 3 and 4 students began their two weeks of swimming lessons on Monday. Again the behaviour and enthusiastic participation by all students in the program has been commendable.

The corridors and classrooms are coming alive with the sounds of music 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. Liz Hodkinson, Damian Hayes and Dylan Edge 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
CASUAL CLOTHES DAY – FRIDAY 6TH JUNE

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 or item of food. Some suggestions are listed 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.

Pictured right: Junior School Councillors Ellie Jeal and Millie MacKirdy are hoping everyone at school dresses in casual clothes and brings an item of food next Friday.

Junior School Council - 5 cent frenzy!!

Junior School Council is running a 5¢ frenzy in each classroom this year. Students and parents are asked to save all their 5¢ pieces and bring them to school and place them in the special containers. At the end of each term, grades will tally up the total of the 5¢ pieces. At the end of the year the grade with the largest total will win a little prize!!

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
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:

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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

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 Tomorrow - 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 t-shirts

Important information on current T-shirt delivery

In light of a newly announced 5 year sponsorship by ANZ there are changes to NSPP school T-shirt delivery. Students who have registered between 19 March and 18 May 2014 will receive a SpongeBob SquarePants backpack shortly and the new ANZ-branded T-shirt in early August. Any students who register between 19 May and 30 June 2014 will receive the new ANZ-branded T-shirt in early August.

Any further information can be found on the Hot Shots website www.hotshot.tennis.com.au.

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 tomorrow

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.