Principal’s Report

We welcomed a very special visitor today.....

Year Five and Six students were particularly fortunate today to have the opportunity to meet John Linke. John was born in Hamilton and attended Gray St for his entire primary schooling. He now resides in Melbourne. He is currently with the Victorian Institute of Sport and Rowing Australia. John competed in the 2010 World Rowing Championships gaining seventh place with his team mates in the men’s coxless four. In 2012 he was chosen to compete in the Olympics but due to injury he had to watch his teammates compete from the side line. This disappointment has made him even more determined to train and to hopefully be selected for the World Championships in 2014 and further to that the 2016 Olympics in Rio. He shared his journey to becoming an elite athlete with the students particularly about the importance of pursuing your personal goals and never giving up.

Today, we had a team of twelve students representing the district in the Divisional Cross Country Competition in Warrnambool. I am confident we will have representation at the next stage of the competition which is the Barwon South West Cross Country Championships to be held on the 18th June.

The year 3 and 4 students will complete their two weeks of swimming lessons tomorrow. 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. Staff 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

Pictured above: John Linke talks to Grade 5 & 6 students today.
Handy hints when listening to your younger child read at home

Listen to your child read every day. Here are some ideas to use but remember some reading should just be for pleasure:

- Instead of only “sound it out”, “try”, “get your mouth ready”, “go back and re-read”
- look at the cover, title, pictures and talk about what the book might be about
- talk about the story so far and what might happen next
- after reading, talk about the story and ask questions
- talk about the pictures and how they add meaning to the text
- take turns when reading a harder book.

Artist of the Week

Artist of the week for Prep - 2 is Indy Sparrow for a fantastic drawing and painting of an owl. Artist of week for Gr 3 - 6 is Liam Hartwich for an outstanding caricature drawing of a cat.

Art Exhibition

We have been very lucky to be given the opportunity to display Gray St primary student's artwork in the shop window next to Clarrie the Cobbler. A variety of artwork from all grade levels will be displayed and rotated in the window until August. This is a fantastic opportunity to highlight our talented students and their artwork. I would like to thank Mark and Sally McLaren for giving our school this great space.

Emma Brown

Eisteddfod 2013

It’s that time of the year again – Eisteddfod Week – Monday June 3rd to Friday June 7th.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PARENTS: If your child is participating in the Eisteddfod in any other section (ie Woodwind, Piano, Strings etc), it is the parent’s responsibility to take their child to and from the Eisteddfod.

Prep 2014

If you have a child starting Prep in 2014, please call at the office and collect an Information Package.
Paramedic Visit

Jarrod is a nurse. He helps sick people and dying people. A nurse is a sort of doctor, but a doctor is in charge of a sick patient and a nurse helps the doctor.

There are a lot of chemicals at a hospital. There’s a stethoscope and a bandage but most importantly, if you ever see a bright packet don’t put your hands in it because there might be sharp needles. A hospital has a lot of vehicles. One of the most important vehicles is a helicopter. By Jarvis Niewand

Today Emily Hunter’s dad Jarrod brought in a medical bag filled with lots of stuff like an ambulance person would use. Like bandages, stethoscope, slings and there were funny little tubes that he didn’t tell us about. He showed us a special suit. He told us what to call if you needed an emergency service. It was triple zero then a voice would come up and say, “What would you like?” You could choose ambulance or police or the fire brigade. It was so much fun. He told us about an ambulance cannot just be a van, it could be a bike, a motorbike, a four wheeler, a helicopter or just a normal car and sometimes they use the police boat. He told us about the stretcher bed that you use for a sick person in the ambulance. By Cadell Milne

Today Emily H’s dad Jarrod came to Hamilton Gray Street Primary School. He came to give us information about ambulances like how they get to places quickly.

I have heard the ambulances extremely loud sirens from the ambulance station to my house. I sometimes see them on T.V. and I sometimes see them on the road after school.

When you need the fire brigade, ambulances or police you call 000 but stay calm and someone (it could be a boy or a girl) will say this: “What is your address,” and you tell them your address. They might ask you your phone number or ring back and ask. I want to be in an ambulance. By Ella Sheldon

On Monday Jarrod came in and told us about ambulances. Jarrod showed us all the stuff for when we are sick. He showed us his suit. He goes and gets the people and takes you to the hospital. I have been in an ambulance before. I got to lay on the bed. I also saw the medicines that sick people get when you have to go to hospital. You have to say your address and call 000! There are lots of vehicles like motor bikes, a normal 4wd. There is a helicopter and a plane. There are lots of different helpers, a nurse, a doctor, a boss and lots more. If you hurt your back you have to stay still even if you do not have a sore back you still have to stay still. I like ambulances because they help you and your family.

By Makenzie Annett

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