Principal’s Report

We have enjoyed another busy week at Gray St with many exciting learning opportunities for all students…

I am a little shocked to think that we are now in June; the year is disappearing fast so I encourage all to make the most of every opportunity.

Last Friday, our representatives in the District Cross Country Team travelled to Warrnambool to compete in the Regional Cross Country where the team performed to their very best. A special mention to Tegan Menzel who came second in her division. Tegan will be representing the District in the Regional Cross Country on Friday 12th June. We wish her all the very best.

This week there has been a constant stream of students heading down to the Performing Arts Centre to perform at the Eisteddfod with some great results but more importantly to have that positive feeling when performing on stage.

I was lucky enough to witness an amazing performance by our Choir this morning. Watch out for a full report from the Eisteddfod in next week’s newsletter.

Tomorrow’s pupil free day will be time well spent by teachers working on writing their student’s midyear reports. The report writing process is quite time consuming for teachers but an integral part of the reporting process. All students have been hard at work on a variety of assessment tasks that are used as the basis for the writing of the reports. The reports will provide you with a clear, overall picture of your child’s achievements so far this year as well as information on any areas for improvement or extension.

Next Tuesday our Year Five and Six students, teachers and parents are heading to Kangaroobie for their camp. This camp is recognised as being the highlight of many students’ primary years. A quote from the website says it all – “At Kangaroobie we believe that coming on camp is about a number of different things – learning to live together with other people cooperatively, challenging yourself to try things that you might think are too hard, taking responsibility for yourself and, most importantly, having fun!” We wish them all the very best and look forward to hearing all about their adventures on their return.

Early notice for our upcoming ‘working bee’ on Saturday 13th June starting at 9.00 a.m. and finishing at midday. We have a list of jobs to get through so please if you can donate some on your time during the morning of the 13th it would be greatly appreciated.

Finally, I would like to wish you all an enjoyable long weekend.

Helen Freeman
In The Artroom........

This week in the artroom, all grades have experimented with 3 dimensional artwork. The younger grades used play dough to make funny little characters, middle years used plasticine to make small models of scenes and the grades 5 & 6 used clay to make comical pinch pot monsters.

A reminder too that our student's artwork is exhibited at the HIRL Art Gallery, 101 Gray Street until 14th June in a mini exhibition. Pop along and see our student's work.:)

Ms Brown

Warrnambool Cross Country

A huge congratulations to our District Division Cross Country team! It was a very challenging course beginning with a steep climb and a sharp right hand turn. It was cold, slippery and the 12 year olds had to deal with some rain. Runners who had competed in Melbourne said that this course was harder! So well done to everyone for doing their best as you really did Gray St proud. Remember, at this Division level you are competing against the best of the best in the whole of our area. Thanks to Mrs Freeman who accompanied the team on the day and to those parents who were able to attend and support the runners.

Rhyian Menzel (10 year old boys) - 15th
Chad Dymke (10 Year old boys) - 23rd
Georgia Pitts (10 year old girls) - 33rd
Maddison Rhook (10 year old girls) - 58th
Emilee Hong (11 year old girls) - 35th
Callum Anderson (12 year old boys) - 31st
Jacob Cook (12 year old boys) - 32nd
Tegan Menzel (12 year old girls) - 2nd
Olivia Muldoon (12 year old girls) - 15th
Chelsea Hunt (12 year old girls) - 29th

Grade 5 & 6 Camp - Kangaroobie

Next Tuesday the Grade 5/6s depart for their 4 day trip to Kangaroobie (Princetown).

This will be a wet, muddy and cold camp for all of the outdoor activities BUT everyone who has ever been to Kangaroobie says it is the best camp of all and we are not going to let the weather spoil our fun and sense of adventure! Please ensure the packing list (two copies have been provided) is followed, especially the bedding requirements and the need for a waterproof coat and suitable footwear (at least two pairs). This is a camp for lots and lots of old, warm clothes and certainly not a camp for brand new, expensive clothes.

We depart from the front of the school at 9.00 am on Tuesday and should return home at approximately 4.15 pm on Friday. Some of the activities include a bush dance, ropes course, obstacle course, farm activities, beach exploration, canoeing, Port Campbell cliff top walk and visits to the Twelve Apostles and Loch Ard Gorge.

The Kangaroobie website, www.kangaroobie.com, has photos of the camp so you can take a look at what we will be doing next week.
**Student Voice - Fundraising - Casual Dress Day**

On the last day of term 2 (Friday 26th June) we will be running a Yellow Themed Casual Dress day with all money being donated to the Anti Cancer Council. Students are encouraged to come as a yellow something or wear yellow – ideas could include – a duck, a smartie, a banana, a chicken or a pineapple!!

On this day we will also be selling Honey Joys – all proceeds will also go to the Anti Cancer Council.

Honey joys will be 50¢ each and will be handed out at recess on the last day of term 2. An order form was handed out today to the eldest in the family.

**Visiting Performers Prep to Grade 6 Students**

As part of our visiting performers program we have the Australian Opera and Planet Rhythm coming to our school in the next few weeks.

**Australian Opera – Wednesday 17th June - $7.00 each**  
**Planet Rhythm – Thursday 16th July - $5.00 each**

If you would like your child to participate in these performances, please complete and return the form handed out to the eldest in the family earlier this week with payment to the office by **Friday 12th June**.

If you have any questions please see Leesa or Maree in the office.

**News from Bruce the Bandicoot...**

Blitz for this week

Meet & Greet - Remembering to say Please and Thank you

Bruce says keep up the good work!!

**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.

- [ ] Thursday 23rd July (Grade 4s)  
- [ ] Monday 27th July (Grade 6s)

Role:  Coach    Scoring    Team Management

Sheree McGinley & Carolynn Murray
Maths Problem Solving

Last Weeks Question and Answer
How much faster does the minute hand move compared with the hour hand?

Answer
12 times faster. The minute hand makes 12 complete turns while the hour hand makes one turn.

This weeks problem
We cut a 1800 gram stick of butter in half. We then cut one of the halves into 4 equal slices. Find the weight of one slice.

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

Navy Blue Polo Shirts

Please give us your thoughts- There has been some interest shown in adding a navy blue polo shirt to the uniform list. The polo shirt would be navy blue with a pale blue stripe through the collar and the emblem would be in pale blue. Please take a moment to complete the slip below and return it to the office. Thank you

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Navy Blue Polo Shirts

Parent Name: .............................................

☐ Support the idea of adding a navy blue polo shirt to our uniform

☐ Don’t support the idea of adding a navy blue polo shirt to our uniform
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE | Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

The Victorian Government recently announced the Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund to assist eligible students to participate in school activities. Families holding a valid means-tested concession card will be eligible to apply. A payment of $125/primary school student will be paid directly to the school to be used towards camps, sports and excursion costs for the benefit of the student.

Application forms are available from the school office and must be returned by 26 June, 2015. For more information please see Maree or Leesa at the School Office.

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

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Spare notices are also available from the office.

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**
- Spaghetti Bolognaise - Large $5 (Cheese .20¢ extra)
- Spaghetti 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.
Plant Stall

This year the Gustus Family has kindly offered to organise and run the plant stall. They have many ideas to make the plant stall a huge success, but they cannot do it on their own. To get things started Fallon is after donations along the following lines.

Plants:
- Mono Grass, either green or black
- Yellow Poker
- Lavender
- Daphne
- Boston, Maiden, Fish Tail, Hairs Foot Ferns
- Succulents - as many as possible
- Established cuttings
- Vegetable seedlings and herbs would also be great too!
- Pretty much anything that has a root structure that can easily be divided to create a mass amount. Fallon is happy to come and dig, divide and pot plants.

Other Items:
- Potting Mix
- Pots, 3-4 inch
- Moccona coffee jars (lids not needed)
- Old broken terracotta pots
- Tongue Depressors
- Cable ties (for the mulch bags)
- Corks
- Old hard back books
- Old Wooden Chairs
- Old wire hanging baskets
- Mini terracotta pots that can be painted with blackboard paint.
- Old wire bird cage (like as pictured above)

If getting the plants/items to school is difficult, please leave your name and number at the office and we can arrange a suitable time to collect your donations.

Thank you, Country Fair Committee