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 we had a fabulous presentation made to our school from Fisher’s IGA in Hamilton. Throughout the months of February and March this year Cerebos, makers of Foster Clark’s Snak Packs joined forces with Fishers IGA Hamilton in an initiative to support a nominated local school with a $1000 grant for the purchase of new sporting goods. The $1000 will go to the purchase of new sports singlets. A huge thank you to the Fishers IGA Hamilton, Cerebos and of course to the families who nominated us as part of the competition. Pictured below; School Captains Angus and Kellie receive the cheque for $1,000 from IGA Representative Anthony.

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.

An exciting local opportunity, Emma Brown our talented Art teacher has a small art exhibition of coloured mixed media pieces in the Hamilton Library at the moment.

Next Tuesday our Year Five and Six students, teachers and parents are heading to Melbourne for their camp. They will be staying at the Melbourne Discovery Centre in the heart of the city centre enabling walking access to an array of educational experiences which will include: Eureka Sky Deck, Parliament House, State Library, Old Melbourne Gaol just to name a few. We wish them all the very best and look forward to hearing all about their adventures on their return.

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

Helen Freeman

Save The Date ….2014 Country Fair
Saturday 25th October
11am - 4pm
141 days to go
TOMORROW IS CASUAL CLOTHES DAY – FRIDAY 6TH JUNE

Our Junior School Council have organised a casual clothes day for Tomorrow - 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 tomorrow.

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 & Carolyn Murray

Hoop Time Basketball 2014 - Volunteers

Name:...........................................................................................................
Contact phone no:......................................................................................
Day available: Thursday 24th July / Monday 28th July
Role: Coach Scoring Team Management
Grade 3 & 4 Swimming

On the 26th of May, 3A and 3B started their swimming program. We have all had fun playing games, swimming laps and practicing saving people.
By Indy

On the 26th of May Grades 3 and 4 went swimming at HILAC for two weeks. I went with my friends. Tuesday I think was the best day because we got to choose what we wanted to use while we were swimming. I was in the deep pool with Indy, Eddie and Riley. Swimming is the best. I can not wait till next year to do it all over again.
By Makenzie

Grade 5 & 6 Melbourne Camp - Final Reminders

The buses will be departing at 9.00 am, so please arrive no later than 8.45 am. The buses will be parked in the area alongside the stadium/Grade 5/6 classrooms (the area will be marked with traffic cones), which means this zone will not be available for drop-and-go on Tuesday morning.

Owing to family illness, Mrs Whyte is no longer able to attend the camp and her place will be taken by Mrs Price. I am extremely grateful to her for stepping in at such short notice.

Please remember the packing list and check off all items mentioned. Looking at the weather forecast for next week it appears we will have a wet and cold time away. Remember the old saying, "there is no such thing as bad weather, just inappropriate clothing". We will push on regardless and keep a smile on our faces but this is a lot easier when you are not wet or cold. The key points to remember are: have warmth in layers and a waterproof layer on top. We will be walking long distances so shoes must be comfortable and sturdy. The children MUST wear their school jumper (Grade 6 top or general school jumper) on Tuesday and Wednesday to assist with identification on the city streets (and our staff will all wear their fluoro vests for the same reason). The Melbourne Discovery Groups venue request that children pack all items in one bag to assist with transporting luggage up lifts (this does not include the day pack we have asked each child to bring). Children need to bring a towel and suitable toiletries for their stay and remember sufficient garbage bags to hold the wet and dirty clothing. The camp has just told us they request no aerosols are packed, so bear this in mind when organising deodorants, etc. Also remember that the children require a packed lunch on the first day and include a refillable water bottle for the remainder of the week.

Medicines need to be handed to Ms Ferrier or Mr Taylor on the morning of departure and require the appropriate form to accompany it.

Children may bring a camera and/or an iPod (for bus use only) but these items need to be clearly named and are at the owner's risk. Please remember the "not to bring" items - bedding, money, lollies, phones and ipads/tablet devices.

The original time for arrival home on Friday was 4.30 pm but owing to a slight change in the itinerary, this will now be 5.00 pm. We are all looking forward to our big adventure next week.

Anthony Hill
Aussie Footy

Last night, Gray St’s Aussie Footy team made its debut for the 2014 season in slushy conditions at North Hamilton. Both sides played a very attacking and team-orientated game and all players deserve plaudits for their efforts. It was particularly pleasing to see the improvement in our first gamers, who listened carefully to their coach (Mr Jewell) and managed to pick up kicks and handballs during the second half. Sam Jewell was busy in the packs all game, while Ollie Annett and Callum Anderson showed their skills and brought their team-mates into the game. Josh Elvery was always first to the ball, Emily Pitts was a live-wire all game and Angus Thomson snared a couple of classy goals. Well done to all players and we look forward to our first home game against Grampians in two weeks time.

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

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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.