Principal’s Report

Yesterday I was privileged enough to accompany our wonderful Prep to Two students to the amazing performance of Hansel and Gretel by the Australian Opera Company. I will admit I was a little sceptical about whether the performance would maintain the interest of the younger members of our school but I needn’t have been. All students were totally memorised for the entire performance. It was a wonderful experience, a polished performance that would have exposed the students to another facet of the important area of the performing arts. The children were able to ask questions of the cast at the conclusion of the performance, the quality of the questions were amazing. Well done to Xarifa Christie-Hill who without prior knowledge competently thanked the performers on behalf of the audience.

Thank you to the small band of parents and staff who attended the working bee last Saturday your work cleaning up the leaves and the general tidy up you accomplished is greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

Final chance, to let us know your thoughts regarding the addition of a navy blue polo shirt to the uniform list. You will find the slip late in the newsletter. Thank you to the many families who have returned the slip we really value your feedback in making a decision.

It’s always good to be able to acknowledge not only the achievements of our students but parents as well. Congratulations to Nicole Talbot (Dylan and Amy) and Leesa Iredell (Riley) for their recent success as part of the winning team of the Women’s Division One Basketball Premiership

During next week students will experience some slight changes to their normal program. There will be no specialist programs running instead the specialist teachers will be taking classes with the assistance of some of our regular casual relief teachers to allow for our class teachers to have some valuable time together in teams to plan their curriculum programs for Term Three.

Enjoy the week ahead,

Helen
Grade 5 & 6 Camp - Kangaroobie

What a camp Kangaroobie was, it’s muddy, rough and fun. You have got to check out the obstacle course! There are all of these wet, muddy, fun, difficult obstacles!

If you are doing the farm activities you are going to want to kiss the pigs butt! I did, its great fun, after you kiss it and the pig liked the kiss… you get to ride it!

If you want to do the life or death game make sure you’re not a herbivore they just run around, getting chased by the hunters, carnivores and the diseases. The carnivores get chased by the diseases, and the hunters and the diseases get chased by the hunters with their water pistols.

If you like climbing then the ropes are for you. You go through a whole lot of obstacles; my favourite lot of obstacles were the wrecking balls! They’re great!

If you like to eat perfect food then the camp is for you! You get the best food ever at Kangaroobie and if you don’t eat it you have to be crazy! I’m guessing you already have a favourite game? Then if you go to Kangaroobie you will have one ten times better! It’s called Gaga! You have to check it out!

If you don’t like the beach you’re CRAZY, because at Kangaroobie you jump off sand dunes, play the roughest ‘keepings off’ ever, have a play in the river, etc.

If you go to Kangaroobie you’re going to hate leaving! Just like all of year 5/6!

Emily Pitts
Opera Australia

On Wednesday our school was honoured to have Opera Australia visit our school. All students from Prep to grade 6 were treated to the opportunity to attend their performance of “Hansel and Gretel”, a children’s opera written by Engelbert Humperdinck in the 1890s. The story was slightly simplified from the original and was portrayed with the assistance of clever set design. With quick costume changes, four actors in fine operatic voice played the six characters with great skill, suspense and humour, accompanied by a keyboardist. It was a great eye-opener and learning experience for all who attended.

Choir Performance

Earlier in the year the Gray Street Choir was invited to perform at the Uniting Church Adult Fellowship, and this took place on Wednesday afternoon. We sang the five songs we performed at the Hamilton Eisteddfod, interspersed by a violin solo from Alicia Lim, grade 2, and a flute duet by Sharney Millard and Lily O’Brien, grade 6. The students sang and played beautifully, and it was an honour to perform for these members of our community.

Prep – Back in Time Day

Last Friday Prep students went back in time as part of our local history unit. They looked fabulous in their old fashioned clothes and enjoyed a whole day of olden day activities. Below are a few photos of the day.

Students enjoyed playing elastics, marbles, skipping and hoops. Students wrote on chalkboards for writing time. They wrote ‘The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog’ and found all the letters of the alphabet in that sentence. They were also told stories about how left handers had to write with their right hand and how girl’s plaits were dipped in ink wells. Prep students solved Mathematical problems on an abacus. One of the tasks was to make ‘Friends of 10’ eg 5+5, 2+8, 7+3 and to record the sum on their chalkboards.

Mrs Smith was a guest speaker during our ‘Back in Time’ day. She spoke about what school was like when she was a child and how children used to get to school. Mrs Smith also brought in some old teddies and toys that were her favourites when she was young.
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 50c each and will be handed out at recess on the last day of term 2. An order form was handed out last week to the eldest in the family.

News from Bruce the Bandicoot...

Blitz this weeks – Try listening to understand, not listening to respond.

Information from the Office

When sending emails through to the school in regards to your child’s absence or new travel/bus arrangements for the day please email the school on hamilton.ps.grayst@edumail.vic.gov.au, or if you would like to notify a particular staff member, ‘cc’ the school in the email. Sometimes the staff member you are sending an email to are unavailable on that day due to illness or meetings.

Newsflash!! – Leesa broke her ankle on Monday therefore she will be moving at a slower pace for the next 6 weeks or so.

URGENT - 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. No late forms can be accepted. For more information please see Maree or Leesa at the School Office.

MUSIC LESSONS

If you are interested in your child participating in Instrumental Music Lessons in Terms 3 & 4 in 2015 particularly woodwind, brass, strings, guitar or vocals please collect an enrolment form from the office, from Mrs Garland or off the school website and return the form to Mrs Garland by next Thursday 25th June.

Canteen Roster

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Be Responsible  Be Safe  Be Respectful
Notices Sent Home (Notices can be found on the school website)

No Notices this week

Maths Problem Solving

Last Weeks Question and Answer
Bob is exactly 488 months old. How old is he?

Answer - 40 years old

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
Be Responsible  

Be Safe  

Be Respectful

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**SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES 6 – 18 YRS**

**THURSDAY JUNE 2ND – 1:30PM – 3:30PM**

**CRUNCHY POSTCARDS!**

Make your own postcards that you can take home and eat. YUMMY!!!

**TUESDAY JUNE 7TH – 1:30PM – 3:30PM**

**WORLDWIDE CHOCOLATE DAY!**

Make your own chocolate muffins.

Come and be Willy Wonka for a day.

$5.00 Per Child

You MUST BOOK AHEAD!!

Please Phone:
Debra 5571 9780

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**Inflatables in the Pool**

**AT HILAC**

**SUNDAY 28 JUNE**

**1.00PM – 3.00PM**

**COST: POOL ENTRY**

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**TERM 3, 2015**

**SWIM AND SURVIVE ENROLMENTS**

**OPEN 28TH JUNE 2015**

**TICKET Available MID JUNE**

**ASSESSMENTS FOR STUDENTS NOT CURRENTLY IN LESSONS:**

- **SATURDAY** 20 JUNE 10AM – 12 NOON
- **MONDAY** 22 JUNE 4PM – 6PM

**COST POOL ENTRY**

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**Hamilton Library School Holiday Program July 2015**

**MERRY always something to do in the library**

**YOUNG YARNERS**

Come along and help to make and put together our wonderful严重! (7) for our display with our theme of Western Visionary

**FRIDAY 3 JULY @ 2.00PM**

**MOSAIC ART**

Be inspired by the ‘Mosaic Glass’ exhibition at the Gallery and create a bee glass themed art project with Pacific Mosaics.

**WHERE:** Art Gallery

**WHEN:** Thursday 27th July

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**3D Printing**

**And Minecraft**

**FIRST IN FREE SESSIONS for this weekends 3D Printing workshop and Mincraft on iPad.**

**On 28th June 2015**

**FRIDAY 3 JULY @ 2.00PM**

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**red Tree Music School**

Want to learn an instrument?

Red Tree Music is holding an information evening, try an instrument, hear our teachers perform and learn about online music lessons.

**Where:** Hamilton Performing Arts Centre

**When:** July 20, 7pm

**How much:** Free

Places are limited. For more info and to register your interest go to:

www.redtreemusicschool.com