Principal’s Report

Thank you to all our Education Support staff.

This month we celebrate National Recognition Month for our Education Support Staff. Here at Gray Street we would like to extend sincere thanks to our wonderful Education Support Staff who do an outstanding job in their roles supporting the children and staff at our school.

They are:
- Maree Falkenberg – Business Manager
- Leesa Dorman – Administration Officer
- Vicki Allen – Integration Aide
- Wendy Goodman – Integration Aide
- Graeme Devereux – Integration Aide
- Ash Nice – Language Support
- Rosemary Anderson – Out of School Hours Care Coordinator

A final word of encouragement to our three Tournament of the Minds teams heading to Geelong this Sunday. We wish them all the very best and do hope they enjoy the challenges that they have been working so hard to prepare for.

Yesterday, we continued with our Prep Discovery sessions with the special Art experience for the children with Emma Brown which all the children enthusiastically engaged in. Please note the next Prep Discovery afternoon is on Wednesday 4th September at 2.30 p.m. The children will be working with Marco the Italian teacher which I am sure they will enjoy.

Further planting out was completed last Saturday morning at the front of the school and at the entrance to the office area. It really looks great. Thank you to the parents involved for their time and hard work.

Today, the students looked great all dressed in ‘yellow’ to support the Daffodil Day fundraiser. They also enjoyed eating their scrumptious ‘Cup Cake’ morning tea. This very successful fundraising proposal was initially from Holly McLeod in Grade Six and her friends quickly agreed and worked with her to make it happen. A huge thank you to Kim Sparrow for all the baking and to Holly, Makenzee, Jaz and their grade 6 friends for their icing and decorating.

Finally, make sure you take a stroll through the Open Learning Area and read some of the wonderful explanation texts that are now on display. Extra care will need to be taken when reading the Grade Two explanations on ‘How animals catch their prey’!

Kerrie
ICAS Science Competition

Congratulations to all the students who sat the ICAS Science competition. You should be very proud of yourselves. It is great to see students challenging themselves to see what they can achieve.

Distinction - Oscar O'Brien, Harry Harms
Credit – Will Povey, Elena Huggins, Lily O’Brien, Angus Harms
Participation – Fletcher Rossouw, Amiee Lowe, Emily Ash, Carter Rossouw, Eliza Millard, Georgie Pither, Chelsea Riddle, Kellie Mitchell, William Ash, Rachael Millard, Darcey Jackson

Gray St Hockey Report

Last Friday, we headed down to Warrnambool to play in the Greater Western Region Hockey Competition. Our first game was against our rivals Camperdown College. We started off well and Emily Pitts scored the first goal bringing our confidence up. We ended up losing 4-2. Straight after that, we played Warrnambool Primary school and yet again we played a great team game but sadly drew 2-2.

We all then had a quick lunch break then straight back into our next game, where we came up against Kowree Primary School, we had a slow start but ended up winning the game 5-1. Our last game was played against Ararat West winning 2-0.

By Oliver Pitts

Well done to all the students who represented Gray St in the hockey competitions this year. Their behaviour and attitude displayed at all times was terrific and the students should be very proud of their achievements.

This year’s hockey team consisted of Oliver Pitts, Kaemon Smith, Jacob Millard, Jake Donohue, Bella Povey, Claire Cumming, Jackson Whyte, Millie MacKirdy, Tegan Menzel, Emily Pitts and Sharney Millard.

Also, a very huge “thank you” to Narelle Pitts for coaching on both days of competition. Special thanks to all the parents who drove and helped on the day. Without your support, special events for students cannot happen.

Lisa Ferrier

Grade 3 & 4 Tree Planting

As part of Schools National Tree Day, Grades Three and Four will be planting trees along the Grangeburn on Friday 30th August, (provided the weather is OK and the Grange Burn is not flooded!)

As this is also Book Week Dress up day students will need to either dress up in suitable clothing or bring something to change into. Grade Three will be planting in the morning with 3B leaving shortly after assembly. Grade Fours will be planting in the afternoon.

All students will need to wear gumboots.

Waterweek Competition Posters

All students from grade Prep- 2 have been creating a National Waterweek poster for the Wannon Water annual calendar competition. There have been some amazing entries completed with colourful artwork and very relevant water saving suggestions. Thank you to everyone who entered.

Emma Brown.
Bookweek 2013

This week is Bookweek! The school library has a display of the nominated books for 2013. Students have been reading these books and doing activities related to them. Next Friday, 30th August is ‘Bookweek Dress Up Day’. All students and staff are encouraged to dress up in their favourite book character's costume. Look forward to seeing you all dressed up and ready for the infamous parade! Just a reminder that assembly on the 30th August will be held in the stadium.

Emma Brown.

Golf Report

Last Thursday Zane, Oliver and Josh from Grade 6 went to Parklands Golf Course to compete in the Interschool Golf Tournament. They started on the 14th hole and ended on the 13th. All three students played a great round of golf. Josh placed 5th and will be going to Warrnambool on November 18th to compete in the next level. Thank you to Mr English for accompanying the students.

Josh Kealy and Zane English

Gray Street Football

Last week Gray Street played our last game for the season. All throughout this year we have played fantastic football with the help of our coach. The players would like to thank Steve Jewell for coaching us and Paul Barnes for umpiring all our home games.

A reminder that all football jumpers must be returned to Miss Quinn ASAP. We are planning on having a small get together during school hours to celebrate the end of season. More information about this will follow once swimming has finished.

Zane English and Miss Quinn

Yellow Casual Dress Day & Cup Cake Day

Today students wore yellow and ate cup cakes to support Daffodil Day and the Peter McCallum Foundation. We raised $1,200. Fantastic Effort!!

Father’s Day Stall - Thursday 30th August

This year all the hard work has been done for you. No more scratching your head for ideas. A selection of fabulous gifts have arrived to make this Father’s Day a day to remember. No need to bring in any gifts for the stall. All gifts will come presented in a fantastic Fathers Day bag. The stall will take place on Thursday 29th August, straight after recess.

The gifts range from $3- $10 so start saving now!
**School Photos - Thursday 5th September**

All children have received an order form for school photos. If you would like to order a family photo please collect an envelope from the office.

**All photo envelopes must be returned with the correct money enclosed by Monday 2nd September.**

**Family photo discounts** - Parents who order and pay for two children’s photo packages, will receive the third, fourth and so on FREE. Parents need only tick the “Family Discount” box on the back of the envelopes, to receive this discount.

All children will require their own envelopes, although payment may be submitted in one envelope.

**School photos will be taken Thursday 5th September, starting at 9.00am.**

**Missing Rugby Jumpers**

The following rugby jumpers are missing/lost:

Claire Cummings and Jonte Dark.
Both are named. Please check rugby jumpers at home. Thank you for your assistance in this matter

**Canteen**

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**FOSTER CARE WEEK SEPTEMBER 7-14 2013**

September 7th to 14th is Foster Care Week, it is Victoria’s largest celebration of Foster Care. This year Brophy Family & Youth Services are asking local people to become involved in Celebrating Foster Care Week. Brophy will be celebrating by running a BBQ at Buninyong in Warrnambool on Sunday September 15th 2013. A barbecue will also be held at Salisbury on Saturday 14th October 2013 and we will also be running a “fun day” event in the Gateway Plaza Warrnambool for Children & Young People on Saturday 12th October 2013. All donations will go towards Children & Young People in Care so please come and support the Foster Care Program. For more information on any of these events please contact Adele Larwlor or Madi Crimmin at Brophy Family & Youth Services.

Thousands of children around Victoria need foster care every night. Out-of-home care provides a safe, temporary home to children and young people in need. You can choose to provide respite, short-term and/or long-term care. You can also choose the age group of the children you would prefer to care for between 3 to 18 years.

Brophy hopes to increase public awareness of the need for out-of-home care and encourage people to find out more about becoming a foster carer.

**To find out how you can get involved, or to enquire about becoming a foster carer with Brophy:**

*Phone (03) 55618888 Adele Larwlor, Marion Nores or Madi Crimmin from Brophy Family & Youth Services*

Brophy Family & Youth Services originated in 1974 and is the primary provider for youth services in the South West Victoria. We provide regional services to Portland, Hamilton, Colac and Warrnambool.