Principal’s Report

As term two draws to a close we can reflect on a very busy period and look forward to an exciting time in Term Three.

Our students have much to look forward to including swimming for many students, a visit by a performance group, the continuation of after school football, Bike Education, Camps, Hooptime and of course our Country Fair in October just to mention a few.

Student reports were distributed today and these will be followed up through Parent Teacher interviews on Monday 22nd July. These interviews form a very important component of your children’s education. Close links between home and school are vital in helping your child to succeed and grow. Information regarding the interviews times will be distributed on Monday 15th July.

Again, I would like to acknowledge that we have had a frustrating start with our new uniform supplier but after working with the CEO of the company and securing a change in personal, with a new sales representative we are now fully operational. With us heading into winter and already experiencing some very cold starts, I thought it was opportune to revisit the winter uniform expectations from the dress code policy. It is important to remember that the uniform is still divided into appropriate Summer and Winter items and is not to be mixed. For example, the summer dress with tights is not an option, either is shorts with tights or leggings. Plain navy blue shorts can be worn in winter but only with navy or white socks. If a student particularly feels the cold a long sleeve school polo shirt is recommended with a singlet or spencer.

The winter uniform options are:
- School Rugby Jumper
- School Polar Fleece Vest
- Long or Short Sleeve Polo Shirt (with school logo)
- Navy Blue Track-suit pants
- Navy blue shorts
- Girls Tartan Tunic worn with pale blue skivvy or polo shirt (with school logo)
- Black shoes or runners.
- Navy or white socks
- Navy tights
- Maroon or Navy Coat
- Hair accessories- maroon, navy, white, pale blue.

As mentioned before the new uniform is being introduced over 2013/14. Items that are not on the new or old list are not to be worn to school. All uniform must be of reasonable and clean condition, torn or ripped clothing must be mended, patched or replaced as appropriate.

The purpose of the dress code policy is to acknowledge the importance that Gray St Primary School has in further developing student’s pride and respect in their own appearance, by showing that the students identify with the school and its values and promote a positive image of the school in the community.

On behalf of the staff I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many volunteers who do so much around the school for us; classroom helpers, helping out in the canteen, fundraising, going on an excursion, maintenance just to name a few. I would particularly like to thank Bob and Lesley Maroney, Sandra Jacobson, Sandra Newns and Ash Nice who all give invaluable support to our students.

Finally I would like to thank all the staff for their hard work over the term especially the teachers, over the recent report writing time. I do hope that all the Gray St community enjoy a relaxing, safe holiday and come back refreshed for another busy and exciting term ahead when school resumes on Monday 15th July.

Helen
ICT News

We have just purchased 28 new laptops to upgrade the laptop trolleys. The older laptops will be rolled out into the classrooms.

We are also about to purchase 12 iPad minis to be used in the P-2 area.

Grade 3 and 4 have been trialling 4 iPads in their classrooms. Some of the Apps that have been popular with the students you may like to look at are: PuppetPals, Strip Design, Toontastic, Battleship, Monkey blocks, Magnetic ABC, Skyscammer, Mathboard, Chictionary, Hangman and AgingBooth!

Our Facebook page is well and truly up and running. You can find the link to it on our Website contacts page. If you want to get notifications from our Facebook page - don't forget to 'Like' us and then go to the Timeline or Page, click 'Liked' and then click 'Get Notifications'.

Mathletics Awards

Mathletics is an online Mathematics program that we utilise at school and that can be accessed at home. It is a fantastic resource and the students enjoy using it. At this time of the year the Mathletics team send out certificates to students who are the top users in our school.

The students are:

- Elena Huggins from 4A who has mastered 85 activities
- Tegan Menzel from 4A who has mastered 41 activities
- Harry Harms from 6B who has mastered 32 activities

To master an activity, students must achieve a score equal to or above 85%.

Congratulations to these students!

Emma Callaway
Mathematics Co-ordinator

URGENT – Helpers required for Hoop Time Basketball Grades 4 & Grades 6

As previously advised Hoop Time Basketball dates are as follows:

Juniors (grade 4) - Thursday 25th July (9.30am to 2.45pm).  
Seniors (grade 6) - Monday 29th July (9.30am to 2.45pm).

We are still seeking more parent volunteers to help on both days with coaching and scoring. For coaching, you do not need to have a high level of knowledge about basketball, just be able to make substitutions during the game and to help with supervision of children.

Scoring is modified and you do not need to be experienced. Even if you are not available for the entire day, any amount of time to assist with scoring would be gratefully appreciated.

At this stage we have no volunteers to score and only have three volunteers for coaching across both days. As part of our participation in Hoop Time, we are required to provide scorers for each match. If we do not have sufficient assistance on both days we may not be able to send any of our teams.

If you are able to assist in any way on either of these days, please contact the office by telephone urgently.

Notices with further details will be sent home first week of term 3.

Carolynn Murray & Sheree McGinley
Hoop Time 2013

The Audiologist

On Wednesday last week Peta and Kate came to Gray St to talk about hearing and hearing loss. We had a great time learning about this topic. We found out that you could get very tiny hearing aids the size of your finger nail. We learnt more about the bionic ear. We got to pop balloons to see how loud the sound was, there was a big balloon that was 104 decibels and the small one was 96 decibels. We also learnt about the outer ear, middle ear and the inner ear. We all had a great time learning about ears.

By Reggie Young and Lara Herrmann
Working Bee

A huge thank you to everyone that helped with the working bee on Saturday. Many jobs were completed including the planting of the new roses and weeping trees at the front of the school, a new edge around the hedge near the basketball courts, lots of sweeping and collecting of leaves and new seating around the grade 5 & 6 building. All the hard workers were rewarded with a sausage sizzle for lunch. Pictured Right – Students that helped at the working bee are rewarded for all their hard work with a sausage sizzle.

Buddies - Teddy Bear Picnic

Last Friday the Grade 6 and Prep students had a teddy bear’s picnic. They enjoyed playing fun games like ‘Duck, Duck, Teddy’ and ‘Going on a bear hunt’. The buddies also enjoyed eating teddy bear biscuits. A fun afternoon was had by all.

Zane and Jordan
Tegan and Adelaide
Louis and Jonte

Schoolkids Bonus - Important news!

The second instalment of the Schoolkids Bonus for 2013 will be paid by Centrelink from 4 to 17 July. Eligible families who have not updated their child’s education details with Centrelink have until 29 June to do so to ensure they receive the correct payment in July. Eligible families who have updated their child’s education details with Centrelink do not have to do anything. If you haven’t received your payment by 18 July, but think you’re eligible, please contact Centrelink to discuss your personal circumstances.

If you receive Family Tax Benefit as a lump sum the Schoolkids Bonus will be paid after your Family Tax Benefit claim is assessed.

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A new canteen price list has been sent home today with the newsletter

New Uniform

The Uniform Shop will be open:

Tuesdays from 8.30 4.00p.m.

Please hand Uniform Orders with payment (cash, cheque or credit card) into the office.

Safeway Earn & Learn

The Safeway Earn & Learn program has now finished. Please send all your stickers to the office tomorrow or the first week of next term. As the local Safeway store had no stickers the last week of the program (1st June to 9th June), dockets from this week can be sent to school and will be counted as stickers.