Principal’s Report

This is my last newsletter at Gray St Primary School. I would like to thank each and every member of the School Community for being part of such an outstanding organisation, and supporting me in my first principal position. The care and encouragement I have received from everyone has been moving, and I would like to thank you all. There are a few people who need to be singled out for particular thanks.

Hugh Koch, our wonderful and experienced School Council President. Hugh has been a huge support, particularly in organising the Front Development that will make such a lasting impact on the school, and for maintaining such high standards in the principal selection process. Hugh has worked hard to ensure that the school has the principal it deserves.

Kerrie McFadden has supported the school and I throughout the year, has been a driving force in the ongoing school improvement, and has provided an important link from the previous leadership team. Kerrie has been instrumental in bringing about important improvements in teaching and learning such as the Independent Reading program, teacher-to-teacher observations, collecting and analysing school data and the establishment of the School Improvement Team. Her patience, honesty and dedication are a credit to the school.

Leesa Dorman has helped me to navigate the Hamilton community, understand the history and operation of the school and supported me with student and administrative issues. Most importantly, she has been a great friend over the last six months. Thank you.

I would also like to thank every member of the staff. I can honestly say that every single teacher and aide at Gray St is an outstanding educator, and we can all be assured that the youth of Hamilton is in safe hands.

I would like the thank the Gray St community, and I know the school is in a position to thrive over the coming years!

Lachlan Yeates
Principal

Hockey Team Wins!!

Dates to Remember

Friday 24th June
Last Day Term 2
2.30pm Dismissal
Casual Dress Day – Gold Coin Donation

Term 3

Friday 15th July
Gr 3 & 4 Swimming
2017 Prep Discovery Day
Monday 18th July to Wednesday 20th July
Gr 3 & 4 Swimming

Monday 18th July
Parent Teacher Interviews

Thursday 21st July
Gr 4 HoopTime Basketball

Monday 25th July
Gr 6 HoopTime Basketball

School Councillors

Hugh Koch
Lachlan Yeates
David Hintum
Brigid Kelly
Peta Alexander
Leanne Jacobson
Jules Cook
Peta Diedrichs
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Last Day Term 2 - Casual Dress Day - Gold Coin Donation

On the last day of term 2 (Friday 24th June) we will be holding a Casual Dress day with all money being donated to State Schools Relief. Each year State Schools’ Relief (SSR) helps 1 in 60 Victorian students with uniforms and footwear for school.

Last Day Term 2 Dismissal – 2.30pm
In The Art Room..

Grade 5 Art Extension workshop drawing their wolves and using different pencils for shading and texture. All students did a fabulous job, with amazing results. Well done.

Ms Brown😊

2016 Camps

This year the school is holding a ‘Camp Week’, Week 4 of Term 4. If you would like to be considered as a parent helper for a school camp, please complete and return the form attached to last week’s newsletter by Friday 24th June. **(Please note the change of date for the Grade 1 Halls Gap Trip)

Grade 5 & 6 Melbourne Camp – Tuesday 25th October to Friday 28th October
Grade 3 & 4 Dunkeld Camp – Wednesday 26th October to Friday 28th October
Grade 2 Port Fairy – Thursday 27th October to Friday 28th October
**Grade 1 Halls Gap – Thursday 27th October
Prep - TBA

Parents are encouraged to start a payment plan, please see Leesa or Maree for further information.

Wet Weather

Unfortunately with all the rain, the grassed playground areas around the school have now morphed into mud pits. Until the grassed areas dry out students will not be able to play on these areas.

Children have been getting extremely muddy and the office has run out of clothes to change them into. If children are very muddy and dirty, they will have to have their parents/carers contacted for spare clothes.

Please encourage children to make the right choices about their options for play! Thank you for your assistance and understanding with this matter.

School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS)

Bruce's Blitz - ‘I follow teacher instructions’.

Remember, our 3Bs are:
• Be Respectful
• Be Safe
• Be Responsible
Fundraising News

As part of our fundraising effort this year, we will be manning the barbecue at Woolworths on Saturday 25th June. All money raised from this barbecue will go towards the planting that will need to be completed at the front of the school.

If you are able to help out on this day, please complete and return the form below.

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Fundraising Barbeque

I, ................................................ would love to help out at the Woolworths Barbeque on Saturday 25th June at the following times:

☐ 9.30 – 10.30
☐ 10.30 – 11.30
☐ 11.30 – 12.30
☐ 12.30 – 1.30

Lost Property

All lost property is currently on a table in the Open Learning Area. At the end of the term all items will find a new home.

You are invited to:

Pre-election Training with the Victorian Local Governance Association

Monday, 4 July 2016
Hamilton from 5.45pm to 9.00pm

The Victorian Local Governance Association (VLGA) is proud to deliver pre-election training with the support of the Victorian Government and Southern Grampians Shire Council.

Join the VLGA, a leader in good governance, advocacy and training in the local government sector, in preparation for local government elections in October 2016.

Learn about local government, the role of councillors and the importance of advocacy and leadership at a local level.

For more information, contact Lisa Mahood on (03) 9349 7999