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 the Australian Ballet, Hockey, Bike Education, Camps, Hooptime and of course our Country Fair in October just to mention a few.

You would have received your child’s report today and this will be followed up through Parent Teacher interviews on Monday 20th 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 interview times will be distributed on Monday 13th July.

A date for your diary, on Sunday 26th July we are holding a ‘Jam & Chutney Master class’ in readiness for the Great Victorian Jam & Chutney Challenge. Come along and learn the finer points of making jam, marmalade, pickles and chutney. The afternoon will be hosted by GVJCC judge Janette O’Keefe, from the Victorian CWA. Afternoon Tea will be provided there is no cost for this experience but we would like RSVP’s for catering purposes to 5571 9295. The event will be held at Hamilton (Gray St) Primary School from 2pm to 4pm. Please let your friends and relatives know about this great opportunity.

Thank you to all the families that returned the notice regarding the thoughts on the addition of a navy blue polo shirt to the uniform list. Overall we received 49 replies with 46 supporting the idea of adding a navy blue polo shirt to our uniform. In response to the survey results, from next term a navy polo shirt (both short and long sleeve) will be added to the uniform order list, although at this stage they will be available for ORDER only.

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 and maintenance just to name a few.

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 13th July.

Enjoy the week ahead,
Helen

FRIDAY 26TH JUNE - 2.30PM DISMISSAL
Yellow Day

The Student Voice children have been very busy making over 200 honey joys for our Cancer Council fundraiser tomorrow (Friday)

Thank you so much to
Janelle Biggin for helping out with the production line in the kitchen. We couldn’t have done it without you! We look forward to seeing everyone in their best yellow outfits!! Oh, and don’t forget your gold coin donation😊
News from Bruce the Bandicoot...

Blitz this weeks – Listening Position

Effective listening only starts with the ears, listening, like any skill takes practice.

Gray Street Hockey Team

Last Friday, 19th June, 11 students from grades 5 and 6 travelled to Warrnambool to compete in the Warrnambool Division Hockey Competition. The conditions were cold and windy, the usual Warrnambool winter weather. The team won three of their four games, including the semi-final, which put them into the grand final against 'Jamo Boys'. Unfortunately the team went down by a few goals but they worked well together. A fantastic day was had by all.

Thank you very much to Katelyn Millard who was our coach for the day. She did a great job. Thank you also to Lynne Millard and Sally Allen for being our taxis for the day.

The team has been invited to compete at the next level in Dimboola on 14th August.

The team included Ruby Cook, Sharney Millard, Emily Pitts, Eliza Millard, Tegan Menzel, Olivia Allen, Jacob Cook, Tom Barras, Emily Ash, Noah Herrmann and Georgia Pitts.
Information from the Office

Skoolbag App - "NEW"

To ensure effective communicate with parents and wider community at Hamilton (Gray St) Primary School we are currently trialling the Skoolbag App.

During the trial period, parents using 'apple' based iphones, ipads, ipods may download the app. (If the trial is successful android users will be able to access the app also.) We are hoping to have as many parents as possible join during the trial period to take advantage of the many facilities that this FREE app provides, such as information and alerts that are unique to our school. This App provides the opportunity to, see at a glance, if events have been updated or cancelled via a push notification. Parents can notify the school of a student absence straight away via the App. It also includes information links such as our schools newsletters, news, an events calendar, cancellations, school notices, school information, absence forms and school documents.

To install Skoolbag on your smartphone follow the instructions below searching for Hamilton Primary School (look for the school logo). A hint - when searching the app store type in ‘skoolbag pty ltd hamilton’ and it goes direct to your school to open. 

You can download this App for free from the Apple store.

Notifying 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.gray@edumail.vic.gov.au, or if you would like to notify a particular staff member, 'cc' the school in the email. Sometimes the staff members you are sending an email to are unavailable on that day due to illness or meetings.
Grade 2 Science

As part of our Science study on Water, Grade Two had a guest speaker from Wannon Water on Monday. Mrs Grist helped us to understand where our tap water comes from. We discovered our water comes from the Grampians and we learnt lots of great water saving tips.

We are going to turn the tap off when we clean our teeth and sing a three minute song when we are in the shower!

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.

Canteen Roster

Volunteers are need urgently in the canteen. If you can help please contact the office 5571 9295. Thank you

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES 8 – 18 YRS

Thursday July 2nd – 1:30pm – 3:30pm
CRUNCHY POSTCARDS!
Make your own postcards that you can take home and eat. YUMMY!!!

Tuesday July 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

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

Inflatables in the Pool
AT HILAC
Sunday 28 June 1.00pm – 3.00pm
Cost: Pool Entry

TERM 3, 2015
SWIM AND SURVIVE ENROLMENTS
OPEN 28TH JUNE 2015
TIMETABLE AVAILABLE MID JUNE
ASSESSMENTS FOR STUDENTS NOT CURRENTLY IN LESSONS:
- SATURDAY 20 June 10am – 12 noon
- MONDAY 22 June 4pm – 6pm
Cost Pool Entry

Hamilton Library School Holiday Program July 2015

Be Responsible
Be Safe
Be Respectful