Dear Parents and Caregivers

With yesterday as my first day as the new Principal, what a wonderful welcome I have had from so many students and staff at Gray Street and I thank you for your friendliness and generosity of spirit. The experience has been more than one could hope for and I look forward to working alongside everyone and embracing the school and greater community.

In order to become familiar with the children, I have been visiting classes yesterday and the remainder, today morning and spending some time talking to them, in groups. The children have proven themselves to be positive, open and interested with many of the older students being asked to write letters of introduction with opinions, ideas and recommendations regarding Gray Street, Hamilton city and the surrounding areas. The letters are piling up on my desk and I look forward to replying to each and every one of them over the next couple of days.

Please take the time to call in and introduce yourself, over the next week.

Kind regards
Sandra

Dates to Remember

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| Wednesday 13th July | NO POWER – NO CANTEEN  
Notice due back in regards to Parent Teacher Interview Times |
| Thursday 14th July  | Grade 3 & Grade 6 - Muhktar                                          |
| Friday 15th July    | Morning Tea with Sandra Bourne at 9.30am (straight after assembly)  
Gr 3 & 4 Swimming  
2017 Prep Discovery Day |
| Monday 18th July    | Gr 3 & 4 Swimming                                                    |
| Tuesday 19th July   | Gr 3 & 4 Swimming                                                    |
| Wednesday 20th July | Gr 3 & 4 Swimming                                                    |
| Thursday 21st July  | Grade 4 Hooptime Basketball                                          |
| Friday 22nd July    | Gr 3 & 4 Swimming                                                    |
| Monday 25th July    | Grade 6 Hooptime Basketball                                          
Grade 3 & 4 Swimming  
No Canteen           |

A warm invitation is extended to all parents to meet with our new Acting Principal, Sandra Bourne

Morning Tea on
Friday 15th July
9.30am (straight after assembly)

In the Open Learning Area
Grade 3 & 4 Swimming

On Friday 15th July grade 3 & 4 students will start their swimming program.

Students will need to wear their sports uniform for these two weeks. It would also be a good idea for students to have extra sandwiches in their lunch box as swimming can make children very hungry.

Lunch orders are available for students swimming, although please don’t order a “Special” menu item (ie fried rice) on swimming days.

Canteen

The canteen will be closed on:
- Wednesday 13th July
- Monday 25th July.

Hooptime Basketball

Permission notices have been handed out yesterday to all grade 4 & grade 6 students. Forms and money are to be returned to the office by Friday 15th July, 2016

Grade 3 and 6 Students

As part of the School Wellbeing Program this term students in grades 3 and 6 will participate in activities with Muhktar at The Palace Martial Arts Studio during the first four weeks of this term. Grade 3 & 6 students are to wear sports uniforms on Thursdays.

Students will participate in activities with a focus on positive behaviour, self-control, respect and leadership.

2016 Camps

This year the school is holding a ‘Camp Week’, Week 4 of Term 4.

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.

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.

Students Early Departure and Late Arrivals

Please ensure students that arrive late or leave early are signed in and out through the office. Thank you
Parent Teacher Interviews - Monday 18th July

Mid-Year interviews will be held on Monday 18th July on the following times:

- **Interviews**: 3.50 pm – 6.00 pm
- **Meal Break**: 6.00 pm – 6.30 pm
- **Interviews**: 6.30 pm – 8.00 pm

To organise interview times so that parents with more than one child at the school have minimal waiting time between interviews, please complete the form below indicating all possible interview times that suit you.

Forms **must** be returned to the office by **Thursday 14th July**, alternatively you may email Leesa on dorman.leesa.m@edumail.vic.gov.au advising students name, grade and time required. It is very difficult to accommodate late requests once the timetable has been drawn up. The time table will be sent home on Friday 15th July and will also be available on the school website.

Parent Teacher interviews are for 10 minutes and take place in your child’s classroom. If you have more than one child at school, appointment times are 10 minutes apart to enable you time to move from one classroom to the next. If at the completion of the 10 minutes you require extra time, please discuss this with the teacher and another time can be arranged.

We understand that it is sometimes best for separated parents to have individual appointment times. If this applies, please mark the form accordingly.

Thank you

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**Parent Teacher Interviews**

Fill in the details necessary to identify your child/ren (please print) and circle all the suitable times for interview.

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Please indicate (circle or tick) the times suitable for interview on Monday 20th July

3.50 to 5.00
5.00 to 6.00
6.30 to 7.30
7.30 to 8.00 pm

**PARENT/GUARDIANS ATTENDING:**

(please print name) ____________________ (please print name) ____________________

□ Separate parent interviews required