Well ‘Jack Frost’ has certainly made his presence felt this week.

Thank you to all our teachers for their preparation and all the parents who attended Parent Teacher interviews on Monday night. These interviews provide a great opportunity for parents to discuss their child’s progress with their teacher as well as ask questions and seek advice. A reminder that our teachers are always keen to help wherever they can. If at any time you do have a query, question or need assistance please make an appointment at a mutually convenient time with your child’s teacher, either through the Office or with them directly during a non-teaching time.

Early next week, a random sample of school families will receive the annual Parent Opinion Survey that is conducted by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. These surveys are helpful to both DEECD and schools at the local level as the results provide important feedback to us for future planning.

In order to provide complete confidentiality for parents, the survey will be collected by the school but not opened. The sealed envelopes will be sent back to the company responsible for collating the information. Please if you do receive a survey please complete it and return it to the office as soon as possible. Thank you.

You may have noticed that our Australian flags are flying at half-mast. This is in response to the Malaysia Airlines tragedy in the Ukraine; the premier of Victoria has requested all government and affiliated buildings fly their flags at half-mast as a mark of mourning and respect and in accordance with protocol until Friday 25th July. Our thoughts and deepest sympathy are with those affected by this tragedy.

Yesterday we had a wonderful number of bright, happy pre-schoolers take advantage of our first Prep Discovery afternoon for the year. Mrs Carolynn Murray and Miss Cindy Dorman had great enjoyment hosting our first session which focused on Physical Education. We look forward to seeing them all return in a fortnight to join in the ‘Marvellous Music’ session with Mrs Liz Hodkinson.

As this newsletter went to print our Year Four students were enjoying the great opportunity of competing in the Hoop Time competition at HILAC. The Year Fours, are wearing for the first time our new Basketball singlets which were purchased with the donation we received from Fisher’s IGA in Hamilton. I look forward to hearing about how they all went. Our thanks again to Mrs Sheree McKinley and Mrs. Carolyn Murray for organising the teams and to the parents, who coach, score and support this event. All the best to our Year Six students too, who have their Hoop Time opportunity on Monday.

Finally, I would like to share with you a poem written by Jack Stevens (5/6A). There was a criteria that Jack had to use for the poem; write a noun, write a fact about the noun, write three adjectives to describe the noun, write another simile, write how you feel about it, write a simile about how you feel, repeat the noun, express an important idea that the noun makes you think of.

Made from steel
Piercing, fleet, penetrating
As sharp as a thorn
When around it I feel
Protected
As safe as a shield
The sword
Is an art that can be mastered.

Enjoy the week ahead.

Helen
Aussie Footy

Last night's match was against Good Shepherd-Tarrington at the lovely Tarrington School Oval. It was by far our best game of the season with all players making the ball their target. Mr Jewell, our coach, was asking us to play in front and to look for opportunities to play on. We all managed to follow his instructions and he was very pleased with our performance. A special "well done" to Desire Gould who played her first game and competed strongly alongside her sister. Some of the great achievements of the game included Ted Koch's magical goals, Jacob Cook's strong ruck-work, Claire Cumming's dash from the backline, Angus Thomson's clever positioning, Emily Pitt's thirty-plus possession game, Liam Gellert's marking, Deegan Kinna's willingness to be in first for the ball and Reggie Young's strong defensive efforts. A great team game by all players - well done.

Next week's match is at the Gray St Oval against St Mary's.

In The Artroom.....

Every Wednesday lunch at half bell, the artroom is open for artclub. Students from all grade levels can come into the artroom and create. Activities include drawing, painting, colouring in, collage, construction, origami and using the light box. It's great to see students from all grades join in together and create great artwork while having fun!

Emma Brown

Library News

New books have arrived at the school library! A favourite amongst the middle and older grades, Paul Jennings with his "Don't Look Now..." series have been catalogued ready for borrowing. Along with some great picture story books and chapter books by Morris Gleitzman. Pictured here are Liam and Saxon, ready to enjoy the new books.

Just a reminder to return any overdue books, notices have been sent to the classes today.

Emma Brown.

Grade 5/6 Hooptime Basketball

A reminder Grade 5/6 Hoop Time is on Mon 28th July. All details regarding the day are set out in the note sent home but children are reminded to wear their Gray Street sports uniform to school – basketball singlet tops will be provided on the day but children must be wearing their blue sports shorts (track suits can be worn to keep warm during the day but can't be worn whilst playing). Children must bring plenty of water and food for the entire day.

Children will be bussed to and from HILAC and therefore all children must come to school as per a normal school day and return to school on the bus and dismissed at the end of the normal school day. Children cannot be dropped off or picked up from HILAC. Buses will be leaving school at 9.05am and we ask that children be at school in plenty of time Monday morning to enable last minute organisational matters to be done.

A big thank you to those parents who have offered to coach and score on the day.

Carolynn Murray & Sheree McGinley
Book Week Dress Up Day/State School Relief Fundraiser.

This term we will celebrate Book Week in week six (18th – 22nd August). On Friday 22nd August students are encouraged to dress up as their favourite story book character for the day and at the same time raise money for State Schools Relief. Costumes can be as simple or as complex as you like, just remember that your child will be wearing it for the day. The Pinterest app is great for ideas!

School Photos

Schools photos will take place on Thursday 4th September. Students will need to wear the school winter uniform, especially the rugby jumper.

School Uniform

As the weather is getting colder, it is important to make sure that the students are wearing their correct winter uniform. As a reminder, the School Uniform Policy options available for winter (term 2 and term 3) is as follows:

- Rugby Jumper (with school logo)
- Navy blue polo vest (with school logo)
- Long/short sleeve Light blue polo- shirt (with school logo)
- Navy blue track suit pants – straight leg or navy blue gabardine long pants
- Navy blue shorts – no stripes/logos
- Girls tartan tunic/skirt – navy tights/socks
- Black school shoes or appropriate runners

At Gray St we have an agreed school uniform. We have worked hard to ensure this is weather appropriate and practical. At the moment there seem to be a number of students wearing various hoodies and coloured windcheaters, also various coloured long sleeve tops worn under short sleeve light blue polo shirts. These are not a part of our school uniform and are therefore not to be worn during school hours. Rugby Jumpers and long sleeve light blue polo shirts are available for purchase through the uniform shop.

Net Set Go 2014

Net Set Go presented by Hamilton Netball Association will commence on Saturday 26th July 2014 from 9.00am to 10.00am at Pedrina Park for 8 weeks, total cost $55.00 per participant.

All children aged 6-9 years are invited to register. Registration forms are available from the front office and must be completed and returned to the Hamilton Netball Association at either of the registration evenings. Forms will also be available at the registration evening.

A Registration evening will be held on Friday 25th July 4.30 – 6.00pm at Pedrina Park (North Boundary Road Hamilton). Parents/guardians must bring along correct money or a cheque made payable to Hamilton Netball Association.

Nat O’Dea, the Net Set Go Co-ordinator is asking for parent volunteers to assist with running a group with the set activities for the 8 weeks and corresponding with her. If you are interested in helping out could you please contact Nat on 0408 052 199 or email Nat at nat.odea@hotmail.com.

Net Set Go can only run successfully with help from parents and therefore anyone with some knowledge of netball or is happy to help out in anyway, is encouraged to contact Nat. A current Working with Children Check would be required and these can be obtained by filling out an online application through the Department of Justice Victoria (see their website for further details).

School Scarecrows

We are currently in the process of making a couple of scarecrows to display around the school in readiness for the Country Fair. To help us dress these fantastic scarecrows we require the following: a couple of pairs of old gum boots, a couple of straw hats, old adult farm clothes/overalls. All donations will be greatly received. Thanks in advance, Miss Brown and Leesa

Canteen Roster

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