Principal’s Report

The cold but luckily dry conditions by the afternoon enabled many families and visitors to Hamilton to enjoy this year’s Sheepvention.

While many of our families took the opportunity on Monday to attend Sheepvention, teachers spent this opportunity at school to complete further work familiarising themselves with the new AusVELS curriculum.

We had some great results from the Hooptime Basketball Tournament held for the Year 4 and Year 6 students a few weeks ago now. Thank you again to staff for organising teams and parents who supported this event. We now have the winning Year Four and Year Six teams receiving invitations to play at the next level of competition in Hamilton later in the year.

Yesterday, we had another great turn up to our Prep Discovery Day. Miss Robb took a large group of pre-schoolers for some engaging music activities which all the children enjoyed. Our next special day is on Wednesday 21st August when the children will be heading to the Art room for some marvellous art activities with Ms Brown. Again, I would like to thank our Grade five helpers who did such a great job assisting with this activity.

We also had yesterday a group of Year One students participate in the launch of the Wipe-off 5 promotion for the Transport Accident Commission. It was a very wet photo shoot but our wonderful students still managed fabulous smiles and enthusiastic five finger hand gestures.

This year we have 21 Gray St students (3 teams of 7 students) representing Gray St at the regional level, of a statewide competition of the Tournament of Minds.

This competition is open to both primary and secondary students where they compete in teams of 7 to solve problems. They nominate to compete in different categories such as language, literature, maths, engineering and social sciences and applied technology. Students are given a long term challenge in one of the above categories which they have to prepare over many weeks before they present on competition day. They are also required to respond to an unseen, spontaneous challenge on the day of competition. Pictured below TOM teams practising.

This year’s competition will be held on the 25th August at Deakin University, Geelong. Teams will be participating in the social science category with Sandra Jacobson, as facilitator.

Next week is shaping up to be another busy week with the Year Five and Six students starting their swimming lessons on Monday and our Gray St hockey team competing on Friday in Warrnambool.

Helen
Southern Grampians Interschool Chess Tournament 2013

On Tuesday Gray Street hosted the ‘Chess Kids’ Southern Grampians Interschool Chess Tournament. There were 68 students competing from 9 different schools from around the district, including Terang College, Warrnambool College, Hamilton and Alexandra College, Baimbridge College, Cavendish Primary School, Casterton Primary School, Hamilton North Primary School, St. Mary’s Primary School and Gray Street Primary School. The students thoroughly enjoyed the day playing 7 games each and picking up various tips from Mary, the Chess Kids Arbiter.

Congratulations to our Gray Street team as they won the Primary Division. Hamilton and Alexandra College (A) came second and Hamilton and Alexandra College (B) third. Gray Street now qualifies for the State Championships in October. Warrnambool College came first in the Secondary Division. Baimbridge College came second and Terang College third.

Well done to our team Sebastian Christie-Crane, Chandler Joseph, Ethan Smart, Luka O’Neil, Angus Harms, Zane English, Louis Beaton, Kaemon Smith, Oscar O’Brien, Rowdy Ellis, Josh Kealy, Liam Gellert and Harry Harms. Congratulations also to Harry who won the individual championship in the Primary Division.

Grade 4 Hooptime!

On Thursday the 25th of July the Grade 4’s went to Hooptime at HILAC. We all had lots of fun! There were 5 teams in total. They were All Stars girls, All Star boys, Future Stars, Hurricanes and Hunters. The All Star boys won their Grand final but the All Star girls lost their Grand final by 2 points. All the grade 4’s had a great time at Hooptime. Thank you to Mrs Murray and Mrs McGinley for organising Hooptime. Also, thanks to Miss Callaway and Mr Mac for taking us to Hooptime.

By Coco Christie-Crane and Chella Biggin.

Grade 6 Hoop Time Report

On the 29th of July the grade sixes went to HILAC to compete in a basketball tournament called Hoop Time. In Hoop Time there are three different levels. The Rookies, the Future Stars and the All Stars. We all did well and showed good sportsmanship, the true colours of Gray St.

Louis Beaton
New Town comes to Life!

During Integrated Studies this term all the Grade Ones have been busy planning and making a street. The children have experienced being town planners and studying the different shops and buildings that we have in our town and seeing what makes a community. The children then set about creating and designing a variety of buildings which they made and painted. The children helped set the street up. Our next mini project is to make small vehicles. We are needing small match boxes and the like to make our vehicles.

Casual Dress Day & Cup Cake Day

On Thursday 22nd August will be holding a Casual Dress Day and a cup cake morning tea to help raise money for Cancer Research.

Cupcake order forms have been sent home. Please returned these by Friday 16th August.

Canteen

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Canteen Specials - Term 3

Monday Recess – Egg & Bacon Muffins
Monday Lunch – Hamburgers (Beef)
    Plain $3.00
    Deluxe $3.50
Wednesday Lunch – Fried Rice $3.00