Principal’s Report

Winter is definitely making its presence felt this year. The oval has been unfortunately out of bounds for many weeks much to the disappointment of our keen footballers. But the children have been able to find many other engaging activities to do during recess and lunchtime which is a real credit to them.

Tomorrow we look forward to welcoming the kinder children to the second Prep Discovery Afternoon. Mr Hayes will be taking the pre-schooler group for some engaging music activities which I am sure they will all enjoy.

Swimming for our wonderful P-2 children concludes tomorrow. On the occasions I have gone to see our little swimmers over the past two weeks I have been impressed by the children’s total engagement in their lessons and the improvement they have made over the course of the lessons.

Monday sees the Years 3-6 students begin their time at the pool. I look forward to seeing their response to this great opportunity.

On Monday we welcome back Miss Potter to school after her overseas trip and farewell Mrs Murray as she heads off to Greece. We look forward to hearing about her adventures on her return.

Unfortunately a battle that all schools constantly have to deal with is ‘head lice’. It is extremely important that you regularly check your child’s hair for lice and their eggs and the treat with the appropriate treatment if necessary. If you have any questions please see Leesa in the office.

An early reminder, that we will be celebrating ‘Book Week’ with our annual book character dress up day on Friday 28th August. The theme for this years ‘Book Week’ is ‘Books Light Up Our World’. This year is the 70th birthday of the establishment of Children’s Book Council of Australia. The first Children’s Book Week was held in November 1945. World war Two had just ended and there were many shortages and restrictions that made life difficult. The International Children’s Book Week slogan, Uniting through books, inspired a group of volunteers to form the Children’s Book Council in New South Wales. They aimed to provide incentives to writers and illustrators and publishers to produce children’s literature of the highest standards. By 1959 it had become a national organisation with branches in all states and territories.

Enjoy your week ahead.
Helen

The Magnificent Gardens

Cailyn Forrest 1B

Once in the gardens I saw lots of stuff. There was magic everywhere. I looked and sometimes there were fairies. People might think that fairies don’t exist. There are mushrooms growing. Maybe Smurfs are living there. I know trees can be bare from losing their leaves. But in Spring the leaves start to grow. Lots of plants start to grow and die. There is rosemary, lemon leaves, soft leaves, hard leaves and flowers. One tree even has a basketball ring attached to it. Maybe there is a statue too.
News from Bruce the Bandicoot...

This week’s blitz is: Sharing and taking turns
Bruce says, “Sharing is Caring”

Swimming - Grades 3 – 6

Swimming for students in grades 3, 4, 5 and 6 will start on Monday 10th August and will continue everyday until Friday 21st August.

This year swimming lessons have been organized slightly different to other years. Students in grades 3, 4, 5 & 6 have been placed into 3 groups and will travel to and from the pool and swim in these groups.

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.

In The Artroom........

Students have started painting the wooden chairs ready to be auctioned at the Gray Street Primary School Country Fair. Each student will help in the decorating of their class chair, which will be auctioned off at the Country Fair day. We still need four wooden chairs to be donated to the school asap, as not all classes have a chair to decorate yet. Thank you to those who have donated chairs to the school.

Emma Brown

Grade 3 & 4 In the Artroom...

Grades 3 & 4 have been creating 3D sculptures this week in the artroom. Their objective was to use straws and masking tape to make their own 3D sculpture in a small group. Some excellent sculptures were created and all students were very focused on their collaborative creations.

Emma Brown.
School Photos

Schools photos will take place on Wednesday 26th August. Order forms were handed out yesterday to all students. This year there is an option to order photos on-line and pay with a credit card. If you wish to order family photos please collect an envelope from the office. Orders are due back to school by Monday 24th August.

Students will need to wear the correct school winter uniform, especially the rugby jumper. School uniforms are available for purchase through the school uniform shop.
School Uniform

At Gray St we have an agreed school uniform. We have worked hard to ensure the uniform is weather appropriate and practical.

At the moment there seem to be a number of students wearing various incorrect articles of clothing. The following items are NOT part of the school uniform and are therefore not to be worn during school hours.

- Hoodies
- Coloured Windcheaters
- Coloured long sleeve tops worn under short sleeve polo shirts
- Brand named track pants (ie Addidas with stripes, Nike, etc)
- Black track pants
- Coloured socks
- Leggings worn with summer dresses and or shorts.

Please ensure your child is wearing the 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 or navy blue polo- shirt (with school logo)
- Navy blue track suit pants straight leg - no stripes/logos 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

Book Week Dress up Day!

On Friday August 28th we will hold our annual book week dress up day!

This is a chance for students to dress up as their favourite story BOOK character for the day. So time to get creative! - Costumes can be as simple or as complex as you like, just remember that your child will be wearing it for the day.

Below is some book week inspiration!...
Grade 3 / 4 Writing

As a writing activity this week, students in 3/4B were asked to find inspiration from a picture and then write a short paragraph. Below is a piece by Jack Jennings:

The massive crowd of villagers gathered in the town square. Out of nowhere the evil lord rose from the ground and violently blasted his fist with lightning. Everyone screamed and ran in great fear as they clawed past each other. The evil man yelled, “You run and you will only make it worse!” But no one listened, they would stop at nothing to avoid getting hit by terrible electricity zaps. As well as death, he destroyed the town and village. Everything was lost.

Woolworths Earn & Learn

Woolworths Earn & Learn program is back! From Wednesday July 15th to Tuesday September 8th, 2015, when anyone from our school community – staff, parents and friends – shop at Woolworths they can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers from the checkout operator and place them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet.

There’ll be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco, and gift cards). Once completed, simply place the Sticker Sheet in the Collection Box…there is one in the school office and also at Woolworths Hamilton. At the end of term, the sticker sheets will be collated and, thanks to Woolworth’s partnership with Modern Teaching Aids, we will be able to ‘purchase’ resources for our school.

Thank you in anticipation of your support. Sticker sheets are available from the school office and can also be downloaded from the website: www.Woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

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.

Notices Sent Home (Notices can be found on the school website)

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Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student will be: - $125 for primary school students and $225 for secondary school students

If you think you may be eligible for the CSEF please see Leesa or Maree in the school office for an application form. Applications are open until the end of term three (18 September 2015).

Canteen News

Please note: On Friday 7th August there will be no long sausage rolls available. Only Short for $1.70 each. Sorry for the inconvenience.

**Monday** - Pasta (spiral) & Bolognaise sauce, Small- $3.00 & Large - $5.00  (20c extra grated tasty cheese on top)
**Wednesday** - Fried Rice, Small - $3.00 or Large - $5.00  
(Not available till week 2, Term 2)

Also available for lunch orders Term 2 (Mon, Wed, & Fri.)
Steamed Dim Sims - 90c (with or without soy sauce, no extra charge)

Recess, from canteen window – party pies, egg & bacon tarts, mini pizza, ham & cheese croissants.
* Please remember no hot food for sale at lunch time from canteen window, only through lunch order bags

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Inflatables in the Pool

**Sunday 16 August**
1.00pm - 2.30pm