Principal’s Report

After a very successful Junior Swimming program, this week the senior students began their swimming program.

Today, I went to the Leisure Centre for a short time and saw the program in action. The feedback so far, from both students and staff, has been very positive especially in regards to the outstanding behavior demonstrated by our students - well done to all our swimmers.

It has continued to be a week of sporting activity for our senior students. Today, we had a group of keen golfers compete in the 2015 District Golf Tournament at Parklands Golf Club. I am sure they would have had a great day out in the fresh air mixing with fellow golfers of the same age.

Tomorrow we have the Gray St Hockey team heading off to Dimboola Olivia Allen, Eliza Millard, Tegan Menzel, Sharney Millard, Ruby Cook, Jacob Cook, Tom Barras, Noah Hermann , Georgia and Emily Pitts. It should be a great day and we wish them all the very best. Sincere thanks to Narelle Pitts for her coaching expertise and to the many other parents who will be heading to Dimboola supporting our team.

Thank you to all the parents who took the time to complete the DET annual parent survey. We had a great return of surveys. Results will be available later in Term 4.

It is hard to believe but planning has commenced for the 2016 school year. The number of classes and staffing needs are currently being determined for 2016. If you know that your child/children will not be at Gray St in 2016 could you please let Leesa in the Office know as soon as possible or if you have a child who is yet to be enrolled or know of a family with a child not enrolled, can you please contact the office to complete the enrolment process, so that we can plan with accuracy for next year. Your support in our planning is always greatly appreciated.

Last Friday a team from Gray St attended a professional learning opportunity facilitated by Michael Francis on ‘Assessment for Teaching’ in Warrnambool. Michael is a member of the Assessment Research Centre team at Melbourne University. It was affirming to hear that the areas Michael spoke about in relation to effective student assessment, we are as a school already engaged in. He spoke about the importance of ongoing targeted professional learning evidenced by our work with the ‘Big Write’ and VCOP strategies to further enhance our Writing program and our ongoing work with the teaching of mathematics. The second important point was the use of a developmental model in which assessment is used to identify where the individual student is most ready to learn and where teaching will have the greatest impact this is seen in our use of pre and post testing, the ZPD – zone of proximal development, cross checks and assessment diamonds. The third important point was the importance of teachers working collaboratively where we see our teachers planning and rigorously discussing assessment and appropriate teaching strategies at the scheduled team meetings during the week and on a daily basis with their year level associates. The importance of the use of rubrics was also discussed and this is an area that we have begun to develop at Gray St.

A group of our 3 /4 students are busily rehearsing their parts as ‘munchkins’ to take centre stage in Baimbridge College’s production of the ‘Wizard of Oz’ next week. We wish them all the very best and thank Scott Mc Fadden for organising this opportunity.

Enjoy the week ahead.

Helen

Discover Mworld (free)
CATEGORY: Education

Made by Monash University, this app puts creativity and learning into a fun package aimed at 8 to 12 year olds. It features 50 subject titles to explore with educational games and quizzes to captivate children and reinforce learning.
Wow! I was terribly super surprised about the cottage. I loved the lamb's ears. They felt incredibly soft. Some of the plants kind of looked like palm trees but smaller. They also made a small cave. Sometimes I thought that it was fairies living there. It was the most awesome magical thing ever. Maybe I could be a gardener here at the gardens too. I think this is the first cottage, the oldest I have ever seen! This is a Sensory Garden. I touched a plant shaped like a lily pad. It was as soft as a kitten. I smelt the plants, some of them didn’t have a smell. I did not like the smells. I saw lavenders, lambs ears, a pond, a basketball hoop and trees.

News from Bruce the Bandicoot...

This week's blitz is: We are all different.

Bruce says - - -

“Everyone is a genius. But if you judge a fish on its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid.”

Albert Einstein

Hoop-time write-up.

We went to Hoop-time and had great fun. The All Star boys got into the grand final but lost by 8 points. All players gave it their best! The All Star girls gave it their all against some very tough opponents! Some people were nervous at the start of the day but everyone left with a smile and had fun! Thanks a lot to all parents who helped out on the day.

Henry Bensch and Chad Dymke

WINNER – JAKE HARDY

At Sheepvention, Jake entered a competition called ‘Lambs Behaving Baaaaadly’. His name was put into a draw and Jake won a book for our school library titled, ‘Dung Down Under’. The book explains the importance of dung beetles in Australian agriculture.

"I entered a competition and you had to spot what the naughty sheep were doing. One was fishing, one was climbing a tree, one was driving a tractor, one was hand-gliding and one was playing on an iPad." Jake 3/4A
2016 Prep Discovery Day

Last Friday we had our second 2016 Prep Discovery Day. Mr Hayes and I had a great time making shakers with the children and singing lots of fun songs. The Discovery Days are a great way for the children to meet new friends and familiarise themselves with our school and teachers. There are still two discovery days to go and we can't wait to spend more time with our future preps!

Friday 28th August - Super Science 2.30-3.30pm
Friday 4th September - Awesome Art 2.30-3.30pm

We also have a 3 year old Discovery Day on Thursday 3rd September. If you would like to attend any of the sessions, please contact Leesa in the office.

Mrs Riddle

Grade Prep – 2 Swimming

The junior students really enjoyed their time swimming and made the most of their lessons. Thank you to the parents who helped with changing and to all the patient swimming teachers at HILAC. We had a great time!!
School Photos

Schools photos will take place on Wednesday 26th August. Order forms were handed out last week 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!...
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

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Lost Glasses

Michael in 1A has misplaced his green prescription glasses, if found please hand them into Mr Hayes or the office.

Thank you
Inflatables in the Pool

Sunday 16 August
1.00pm - 2.30pm

Photographic Competition and Exhibition

A Guilfoyle Garden: Guests and Greenery
A project to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of Warrnambool Botanic Gardens

Warrnambool’s Botanic Gardens are testament to the foresight of our early civic leaders. With the aid of one of Australia’s outstanding landscape architects, Edward Guilfoyle, they created a garden on what was then the outskirts of a young city. Today it forms a wonderful green space in the heart. It serves both nature as habitat – and people – as an educational and recreational resource. Whether we come to see the grass, feed the ducks, get married or just run around, there can be no questioning the central place the Gardens has in our collective memories.

We invite you to capture an aspect of the Warrnambool Botanic Gardens which you see as special. It could be something of the natural environment or an example of people at work or play in it. Let your creative juices flow!

Awards
Junior (under 12 years): first prize $50; Runner-up prize $25
Teenage (13-18 years): first prize $100; Runner-up prize $50
Open age: photographers: first prize $50; Runner-up prize $25.

1 August 2015 - 31 May 2016

A public exhibition of entries will be held following competition judging in June 2016.

For further information visit our website at www.wbgardens.com.au
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