Principal’s Report

Thank you to all our Education Support staff.

This month we celebrate National Recognition Month for our Education Support Staff. Here at Gray Street we would like to extend sincere thanks to our wonderful Education Support Staff who do an outstanding job in their roles supporting the children and staff at our school.

They are:
- Maree Falkenberg – Business Manager
- Leesa Dorman – Administration Officer
- Vicki Allen – Integration Aide
- Wendy Goodman – Integration Aide
- Claire Hillsdon - Integration Aide
- Jenny Poynton - Integration Aide
- Graham Devereux – Integration Aide/First Aid
- Ash Nice – Integration Aide
- Rosemary Anderson – Out of School Hours Care Coordinator

This year we have 21 Gray St students (3 teams of 7 students) representing Gray St at the regional level, of a state wide 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.

This year’s competition will be held on the 24th August at Deakin University, Geelong. Teams will be participating in the social science category with Sandra Jacobson, as facilitator.

Our Year 4, 5 and 6 students have been given a wonderful opportunity to participate in cooking experience at the Hamilton and District Skills Centre (HDSC) over the next few weeks. Each grade will participate in a two and a half hour lesson where students will prepare a dish for them to take home and share with their family. The lesson will cover using kitchen equipment correctly, hygiene, safety with knives and ovens, cleaning, healthy eating and the use of fresh ingredients. The HDSC and Baimbridge College are subsidising this exciting adventure which covers the use of the facility, staffing, basic cooking ingredients and transport. A small fee from students covers the major ingredient for the culinary delight. It will be run by Tony Mc Gillivray, who has a wealth of culinary and educational skills and is keen to promote food knowledge in children.

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Finally, I came across an article recently by Michael Grose which included ‘five great parenting ideas to help kids leapfrog their difficulties’

1. **Frame the problem as a challenge:**
   Frame the difficulty as a challenge rather than a problem. Kids take their cues from their parents so the frame of ‘challenge’ gives kids something to rise to rather than be overwhelmed by.

2. **Coach kids to do well:**
   Talk kids through their challenges, give them ideas to cope and manage. Consider rehearsing some skills or language that they may need.

3. **Show confidence that they will succeed:**
   Children generally meet their parents’ expectations so make sure your expectations are realistic, positive and supportive of their feelings.

4. **Give kids a chance:**
   Allow kids to approach challenges in their own way without constantly checking on them. Your nervousness is definitely catching.
Celebrate their success:

Even if they were partially successful, such as they went to school camp for two out of the three days, then praise their efforts. They've got a great building block for next time.

The attitude and approach of parents and teachers will determine how successfully children and young people meet and overcome many of the hurdles they encounter. That attitude needs to be courageous, sensitive and hopeful that your child will meet, and overcome with assistance, all the challenges they encounter.

Enjoy the week ahead.

Helen

ICAS Science Exam

Congratulations to the following students who participated in the ICAS Science exam.

Grade 3 – Ella Shelden (Credit), Leon Carter (Credit), Arthur Biggin (Merit), Felicity Shaw, Bowen McDonald  
Grade 4 – Grace Diedrichs (Credit), Ruby Cook  
Grade 5 – Lily O’Brien (Distinction), Georgie Pither, Eliza Miliard, Carter Rossouw  
Grade 6 – Angus Harms (Credit), Victoria Jewell (Merit), Harry Clark, Ellie Jeal  

ICAS certificates were presented at last Friday’s assembly. Well done to all participants.

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! Gold coin donation for dressing up!!

School Photos

Schools photos will take place on Thursday 4th September. Order forms will be handed out early next week. This year there is an option to order photos on line.

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
- Colour 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
- Leggins 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 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
# Canteen Roster

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**Hamilton Blue Light Disco**

22nd August

Hamilton Senior Citizens Hall, Lonsdale St, Hamilton

6 - 7.30PM (5-8 years) 8 - 10PM (9-14 years)

Cost: $5

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