**Principal 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
- Graeme Devereux – Integration Aide
- Tracy Clarke – Integration Aide
- Bron O’Keefe - Integration Aide
- Rosemary Anderson – Out of School Hours Care Coordinator.

A final word of encouragement to our three Tournament of the Minds teams heading to Geelong this Sunday. We wish them all the very best and do hope they enjoy the challenges that they have been working so hard to prepare for.

Yesterday, we continued with our Prep Discovery sessions with the special Music experience for the children with Liz Robb which all the children enthusiastically engaged in.

Please note the next Prep Discovery afternoon is on Wednesday 12th September at 2.30 p.m. The children will be working with Marco the Italian teacher which I am sure they will enjoy.

As you would have seen in the media there is ‘Stop Work’ action planned for Wednesday 5th September. At this stage I am unable to confirm which staff will be taking part but I will do so as soon as I can.

Tonight’s the night for our ‘Gala Ladies Shopping and Demonstration Night’ tickets are available at the door; I look forward to seeing as many parents, grandparents and friends as possible enjoying this great social opportunity. Drinks and nibbles’ are supplied.

Finally, I would like to wish Lisa Speed and Tony all the best for their upcoming long service leave. We welcome back Ms Sharon Herreen who will be replacing Lisa in 1B for the remainder of the term.

Enjoy your week ahead.
Helen
Grade 5 Report

Grade 5 have been very busy this term. We have prepared and presented talks on an Australian Olympian, created brochures on an Olympic sport, written explanation pieces, participated in swimming at HILAC and several of us are preparing for Tournament of the Minds in Geelong this weekend.

In Mathematics we have been exploring Mean, Mode and Median, learning about Order of Operations, Percentages and consolidating our skills through Mathletics.

We are looking forward to Camp in a few weeks time with the Grade 6’s.

We are farewelling Heath Cooper and his family this Friday and wish them all the best in Queensland.

PE Report Newsletter

Semester 3 has seen grades Prep to 6 participating in a modified Gymnastics unit with activities designed to progressively demonstrate muscular strength and endurance, balance and overall co-ordination. Activities were also designed to develop children’s self-confidence and an awareness of their posture as well as safety issues and team work.

With the Olympic Games at the forefront of everyone’s minds, children participated in various tabloid activities involving balance and co-ordination on low beams, mats and balance boards. Activities have now moved to various old fashioned sports games including teddy bear relays and javelin/straw throwing competitions. Children have been accumulating points for work components including skill, participation, application and behaviour with a view to being awarded the extremely coveted Hamilton Gray Street Primary School gold, silver and bronze medals!

Liisa Beaton, Carolyn Murray & Sheree McGinley
PE teachers 2012

Golf Competition at Parklands

Last Thursday 16th August was the annual golf competition which was held at Parklands. This year there were over 50 competitors coming from various schools in the local area. Several of our Gray Street students attended the day and performed extremely well. Rory Gill was a standout coming 1st scoring 40 shots. Heath Cooper picked up third. Josh Kealey and Louis Beaton came joint 4th scoring 47 shots a piece. Zane English also competed to a very high standard. The top seven competitors have progressed to the next level which takes place in Warrnambool on the Friday 31st August. We wish them well.
Staff Profile

**Mrs Janelle Harms  Gr Prep B**

What is your earliest childhood memory of school?
I remember walking towards the front doors on my first day of school with a cushion tucked under my arm for ‘nap time’. I wish they would bring back nap time for Prep.

What would your last meal be?
A green curry, a cold beer and a butterscotch pudding.

Name five people in history or current date that you would like to meet?
1. Joseph Banks
2. Jane Austen
3. Kevin McLeod
4. Billy Connolly
5. Usain Bolt

What do you do when you are not working?
I like spending time with my family, reading, watching movies, travelling, working on various projects, looking in antique shops and at art.

What is the most interesting trip you have ever taken and why?
I find all trips interesting. It is hard to choose. I did particularly enjoy a trip to Tasmania with my family a few years ago. The wilderness areas are fantastic and the convict history is fascinating. I particularly like travelling with my kids.

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**Displays Around School**

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**Book Week Dress Up Day**
Students in grades Prep to 4 will be participating in Book Week Dress Up Day on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August. Students can come to school dressed as their favorite book character.

**You Can Do It Winners Last Week**
Jarrod Stanbrough, Issy Murray, Regan Krause, Jasmine Urquhart, Lawson Prendergast and Amelie Nancarrow.
Father’s Day Stall Friday 31st August
This year all the hard work has been done for you. No more scratching your head for ideas. A selection of fabulous gifts have arrived to make this Father’s Day a day to remember. No need to bring in any gifts for the stall. You can relax as all the wrapping has been completed by a group of faithful helpers. The stall will take place on Friday 31st August, straight after assembly.

The gifts range from $3-$7 so start saving now!

Let’s get ready to raffle!!
All money raised, plus ticket stubs must be returned to school by TOMORROW - Friday 24th August. Please return all ticket stubbs and money raised in the envelope provided.

For every $2 ticket sold, $1.50 will come back to our school.

The winners will be announced on 14 September 2012.
On Saturday of the Coventry.

Pauls Collect a Cap
Keep collecting caps over the holidays. The grade with the most caps at the end of term 3 will win a fantastic morning tea.

All caps sent back to Pauls in September are worth double!!

School Photos Tuesday 4th September
All children have received an order form for school photos. If you would like to order a family photo please collect an envelope from the office.

All photo envelopes must be returned with the correct money enclosed by Friday 31st August.

Family photo discounts - Parents who order and pay for two children’s photo packages, will receive the third, fourth and so on FREE. Parents need only tick the “Family Discount” box on the back of the envelopes, to receive this discount.

All children will require their own envelopes, although payment may be submitted in one envelope.

School photos will be taken Tuesday 4th September, starting at 9.00am.

FINANCE SAVVY?
Last chance to book in for this event is this week; Call SGAE: 5571 9900 or Gray St School: 5571 9295, and start a plan for your future wealth. Fit in the missing pieces. Get some answers from the experts WHERE: In the Gray St School Learning Centre – Tuesday Aug 28, 7-8pm. A Gray St. Learning Community Event.

Canteen operates on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Mon 27th August
10.45 – 2pm - Sam Milne

Wed 29th August
10.45 – 2pm – Helper Required

Friday 31st August
10.45 – 1pm – Deb Hintum

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Selection will be based on an application, interview and primary school reports.

MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS
Selections will be based on an application and audition.

Applications close Monday, September 3rd.

Application forms for all scholarships are available from:
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