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Special Notices

You Can Do It’ winners for displaying persistence:
- Rowdy Ellis
- Kaylah Bradley
- Annaleace Dohle
- Isaiah Woodbury
- Lachy Price

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Interschool Chess Tournament

Last Thursday Gray Street hosted its first ‘Chess Kids’ Interschool Chess Tournament. Fifty-three students competed at the tournament, representing seven schools from around the South West. Portland Secondary College won the senior section and Hamilton and Alexandra College won the junior section. Gray Street came a gallant second. All students behaved beautifully, showing great sportsmanship throughout the tournament. It was lovely to see students giving their opponents tips after matches were finished. A great day was had by all.

Music News

All grade 1s, 4s and 5s will perform in the Primary Arts Festival at the PAC on Tuesday 20th September at 10am. The concert will go from 10am to approximately 11am.

On Monday 12th September Gray Street P.S will be hosting a performance night for musicians from Monivae, Baimbridge and Gray Street. This is a great opportunity for parents and friends to come and watch their kids perform in a supportive and relaxed atmosphere. The concert begins at 5:30pm to approximately 6pm.

ICT News

Students from grade 1 through to grade 6 will be learning about the Cybersafety Help Button in ICT over the next two weeks. The button provides an instant link to help for students that are feeling uncomfortable or unsafe online. The link allows students to either talk about or report problems online and they can learn more about being cybersmart. I would highly encourage all parents to download this free Government initiative at www.dbcde.gov.au/helpbutton

You Can Do It!

Putting Persistence into Action: Tips for Doing Your Best
1. Decide on a time when you will work on the assignment each day.
2. Decide which part of the assignment is the hardest, and do that part first.
3. Ask your parent to set a timer for 15 minutes. Work on the assignment for 15 minutes, take a 5-minute break, then set the timer for another 15 minutes.
4. Do not play with toys, watch TV, or talk to people during the time you have set aside to work.
5. Reward yourself when you finish your work each day by doing something fun.
6. Ask a parent to help you stick with it by reminding you it is time to work each day.
7. Write down encouraging thoughts. Repeat them to yourself when the going gets tough.
8. Decide how hard the task really was after you have finished it.

Cybersafety Tip For The Week

Facebook’s default settings are not for everyone, especially not for minors. Basic Privacy settings should be set to ‘Friends Only’. Phone numbers should be left blank. Privacy settings need to be customized by clicking ‘customize settings’ at the bottom of the page. Some of the settings that should be considered carefully and set to ‘Only me’ or ‘Friend only’ are: ‘Posts’, ‘Family’, ‘Relationships’, ‘Interested and looking for’ and ‘Places I check into’. ‘Friends can check me into Places’ should be disabled.

http://www.connectsafely.org/Safety-Advice-Articles/facebook-privacy-chart-for-teens.html
Last Day Term 3
FRIDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER
FOOTY DRESS UP DAY
Gold Coin Donation
2.30PM DISMISSAL
Wear the colours of your favourite
football team
Gold Coin Donation

Farmers' Market –
Produce, Cakes, Plants
and Lollies
At the Farmers Market we would like
to sell a variety of items. At our last
Farmers Market this year we sold
everything from vegetables, plants,
flowers, cakes, slices, muffins,
scones, craft items right down to
individual things for the students to
buy – frogs in ponds (the jelly
variety), playdough, individual cup
cakes, bags of lollies, decorated
biscuits, individual craft items and
the list goes on.
The second of these markets will be
held on Monday 12th September
3.30pm onwards in the stadium.
The Farmers’ Market is open to
students, parents and the wider
community.
Everyone in the school is welcome
to bake/contribute to the stall –labels
are available from the office. All
donated items need to be left at the
canteen on the morning of Monday
12th September. (Please no items
with cream or meat).

Safeway – Earn to Learn
Please keep collecting your points
from Safeway. Points will
automatically appear on your
shopping docket. All you need to
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off the docket if you like), bring them
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their own spending money and
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arranged by Southern Cross Cultural
Exchange. Visit us at
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sccceaustr@sccce.com.au or call us
toll free on 1800 500 501, request
our little booklets of international
student profiles, and capture the
spirit of family and friendship!

Coles – Sports For
Schools
Vouchers are available in all Coles
stores until 19 October and we
ask that you get involved to help
collect vouchers for our school.
Our target is to collect 15,000
vouchers to provide our school
with sport equipment.
Please get your children to place
them into the box in the office area.

Disco
Dance the night away at the Gray
St Disco.
The Disco will take place in the
school stadium on Thursday 22nd
September at the following times:
Prep - Grade 3: 5.30pm-7.00pm
Grade 4 – Grade 6: 7.30pm-9.00pm
Tickets will cost $3.00 per person
and will be available on the night.
There will be no food or drink for
sale and all students are encouraged
to bring a named water bottle.
All students will receive a glow-stick.
D.J. Van Kalken will be there
supplying the music.

Sun Smart Policy
The school has a Sun Smart policy –
“No Hat No Play’ which operates in
terms 1 and 4. All students are
required to wear the regulation
school hat everyday during the
summer months. Hats are available
from the Uniform Shop.

Notices Handed Out This
Week
063 – 2011 TOM Team One
(Selected Students)
064 – 2011 School Disco
(All Students)
065 – 2011 Grade 3 & 4 Camp

Bus Travellers
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if children are not travelling by bus
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arranged by Southern Cross Cultural
Exchange. Visit us at
www.sccce.com.au, email
sccceaustr@sccce.com.au or call us
toll free on 1800 500 501, request
our little booklets of international
student profiles, and capture the
spirit of family and friendship!

BRANXHOLME KINDERGARTEN
MOVIE DAY - ‘ZOOKEEPER’
SATURDAY 10th SEPTEMBER, 2011
11.00am
Hamilton Cinema, Brown Street
$12.00 per ticket
includes lollies & drink
For more information contact
Aggie on 0427786243

Hamilton Urban Fire Brigade Juniors
Movie – The Smurfs
Saturday 17th September 11am
Tickets $15 including treats and a
drink.
Tickets available from Nathan
0448186904 or Kelly 0439103239