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
- Becky Blanchett - Integration Aide
- Claire Hilsdon - Integration Aide
- Jenny Poynton - Integration Aide
- Graham Devereux – Integration Aide/First Aid
- Ash Nice – Integration Aide
- Rosemary Anderson – Out of School Hours Care Coordinator
- Lyn Battista - Canteen

Students and teachers are busily preparing for tomorrow’s Book Week Dress Up Day. This is an opportunity for all the children and teachers to dress up in their favourite story book character. After assembly the children will be involved in a variety of engaging activities based on the theme of this year’s Book Week – ‘Books light up our World.’ The winning books were announced last Friday by the Children’s Book Council of Australia:

**Older Readers**
The Protected, Claire Zorn.

**Younger Readers**

**Early Childhood**
Go to Sleep, Jessie! Libby Gleeson. Illustrator: Freya Blackwood.

**Picture Book of the Year**
My Two Blankets Illustrator: Freya Blackwood. Author Irena Kobald

**Information Book**

Next Thursday we are looking forward to welcoming interested 3 year old kinder children to experience a morning at school in preparation for them coming to school in 2017. The children will be involved in a variety of activities, one in particular focusing on a gift Father’s Day. The session begins at 11.30 a.m. in the Open Learning Area which can be accessed through the main entrance off Kennedy Street.

Yesterday as you would be all aware was Photo Day and again the great team from Leading Image ran the morning efficiently culminating in the whole school photo taken on the oval. The photos should be here to distribute before the school holidays.

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

**Minecraft Botanical Garden**
**Imogen Andrews-Otter IA**

Once upon a time there was a Minecraft person. His name was Dan TDM. Dan TDM had a helper named Dr Triaurus. One day they made a portal. The portal teleported them to the Botanical Garden. When they got there they walked in the house. In the house they saw Immy. Immy said, “Hi Dan TDM and Triaurus.”

“How are you going?” they said.  
“We’re going well thanks.”

Then Immy said, “Would you like to come to my house?”

“Yes!” said Dan TDM and Triaurus. And then they came to my house. They saw the tulips, they smelt lovely. They heard the birds. They sang sweetly. “Show me what you’re made of”..........they felt the lambs ear plant it felt lovely and soft.

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**Book Week Dress up Day!**
**Tomorrow – Friday 28th August**

Tomorrow we are holding 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.

**Cookie Day**

Don’t forget tomorrow is “Cookie Day at Recess”. Order forms were sent home last week with the eldest in the family.

**Father’s Day Stall – Friday 4th September**

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. The stall will take place on Friday 4th September, straight after recess.

The gifts range from $3 - $10 so start saving now!
News from Bruce the Bandicoot...

This week’s blitz is – we move safely

Parent’s can support this week’s blitz by parking carefully around our school.

PARENT/CARER ROAD SAFETY INFORMATION SHEET

Parking at your school

• Park the car in a legal parking area (in all weather conditions) and walk your child or meet them at the school gate.

• Avoid parking on or calling to children from the opposite side of the road. (Excited children often dash out onto the road and forget to look for traffic).

• You are not to park within 20 metres of the approach side and 10 metres of the departure side of a children crossing.

• Never park or drop-off children on the school crossing, no matter how brief it seems.

• Never double park.

• Avoid letting children walk through carparks. Teach them the dangers of reversing vehicles, cars on the move, etc.

• Insist your children get in and out of the car using the safety doors (the kerbside doors). This will keep them out of the flow of traffic.
Hoop Time Basketball Regional Finals 2015

Following the Hamilton Hoop Time carnival in July, our Grade 6 All Star Girls and All Star Boys have qualified for the Regional Final Days in Hamilton on Tuesday 10th November 2015. We see this as a great opportunity for our All Star players to compete against schools from other regional towns and possibly qualify for the State Grand Finals in November in Dandenong.

We will be seeking assistance from parents for coaching scoring and supervising on the day. Notes will be sent out closer to the date but if you are interested please contact us at school.

Carolynn Murray & Sheree McGinley
Hoop Time 2015

Hoop Time Basketball 2015

Our grade 4 and grade 6 Hoop Time participants have been handed a Hoop Time flyer with an option to enter a competition for a chance to win one of three McDonald’s $1,000 Sports Grants for our school.

The competition is optional and students wishing to enter are asked to write in 50 words or less, what equipment our School requires and how winning the Grant will improve Gray Street’s McDonald’s Hoop Time experience.

Entries are due back to Mrs Murray or Mrs McGinley by Friday 4th September. All entries must be signed off by Mrs Freeman before we can send them in. We will send all entries into McDonald’s once they are signed off. Any queries please contact us at school.

Carolynn Murray & Sheree McGinley
Hoop Time 2015

JUNIOR NETBALL 2015 Grade 3-6

Hamilton Junior Netball Season 2 commences in Term 4. The HJNA has provided the following details:

Season 2: Saturday 10th October – Saturday 5th December 2015
Finals: 28th November and 5th December 2015
Age Groups: Under 10 Under 12 Under 14 OPEN

Cost for Juniors:
VNA: $47 (VNA only needs to be paid once for the 2015 calendar year)
HNA: $10 GAME FEES: $35
TOTAL: $92 (if played and registered for season 1 cost is $45)

We will be sending notes home to students who are interested in playing netball in term 4 and we will be seeking volunteers to coach and be team managers. Each team entered is required to provide an umpire and we are hoping that any parents or even older siblings, with some knowledge of netball, might help us out this season with umpiring.

All fee enquiries are to be directed to Nicole Smyth nicoleandmick1@bigpond.com.

Netball 2015
Sheree McGinley & Carolynn Murray

3 Year Old Kinder Kids School Discovery Morning

Hamilton (Gray St) Primary School is offering an opportunity for parents and children entering Prep in 2017 to familiarise themselves with the school environment by holding a ‘School Discovery Morning’.

Children will participate in a number of activities planned by Prep Teachers Janelle Harms and Cindy Riddle.

Parents are invited to accompany their child throughout the activities.

WHEN: Thursday 3rd September, 2015
WHERE: Open Learning Area (enter off Kennedy Street)
TIME: 11.30am — 12.30pm
RSVP: Please RSVP the School by Friday 28th August if your child will be attending the ‘School Discovery Morning’ on 5571 9295 or email - dorman.leesa.m@edumail.vic.gov.au
Footy Lunch Day

On Friday 11th September the canteen is holding a special Footy Lunch Day. Order forms were sent home last week with everyone. Please note no other lunch orders will be accepted at the canteen on this day. These orders are due back tomorrow.

Head Lice

The following grades are NOT head lice free: Prep B - Prep A - 2A - 2B

Could parents please be vigilant and make sure they continue to check their children’s hair and treat if necessary. If you need any advice or assistance, please contact the school office.

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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The Inaugural Hamilton
FESTIVAL OF BRASS
* FREE CONCERT

Featuring the finest brass musicians from across the region
Directed by Mr Mark Witham

Sunday 23rd August, 2015
at 3:30pm

CS Alexander Hall
Baimbridge College East Campus
Mt Baimbridge Rd, Hamilton

A FREE information night for parents and students who are making the transition from Grade 6 to Year 7

Tuesday 25th August 2015
from 7.00-8.30 pm
Chevalier Centre, Monivae College
Ballarat Road, Hamilton
(light supper provided)

Open to ALL Grade 6 students and their parents/carers

Topics include: What to expect, relationships between school & families, student to student, student to parent and students self-confidence

Guest Speaker
Leigh Keast from RAYDoom
Master Mushnie Kaddui from Palace Martial Arts

RSVP your local Primary School by 21st August to reserve your spot!

Further details available from Belinda Carroll, Glenelg & Southern Grampians LLEN, Phone: 8971 9502

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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 a testament to the foresight of our early civic leaders. With the aid of one of Australia’s outstanding landscape architects, William 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 lie on the grass, feed the ducks, get married or just run around there can be no questioning the central place the Garden 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 some aspect of its natural environment or an example of people or animals or play in it. Let your creative juices flow!

Awards
Junior (under 12 years): First prize $50, Runner up prize $25
Teenage (under 18 years): First prize $100, Runner up prize $50
Open age photographers: First prize $500, Runner up prize $250

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
or email: friends@wbgardens.com.au
or phone: 03 5563 4059
0409 624 059

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