Principal’s Report

With only two weeks left in the term the school continues to be a hive of activity with the rehearsing of acts for the Gray St’s Got Talent Final which will be held next Friday (12th September) at 2.00 pm, parents and friends are most welcome.

Thank you again to our great group of fundraising parents for working so hard to ensure that all students had the opportunity to purchase a gift for their dad for Father’s Day at the stall last Thursday.

It is that time of year where we are looking at the workforce plan for 2014. It is extremely important that we have an accurate number of enrolments for 2014, as the majority of school funding is based on enrolments. If you know of anyone who is yet to enrol their child for next year or if you know that your child/ren will not be continuing on at Gray St in 2014 please let us know as soon as possible.

Unfortunately a battle that all schools constantly have to deal with is ‘head lice’. Again we find ourselves with an increase in the number of cases. It is extremely important that you regularly check your child’s hair for lice and their eggs and then treat with the appropriate treatment if necessary. I recommend as a preventative measure to tie all long hair into a ponytail, plaits or pig tails. The Education Sub Committee are presently reviewing the current policy for the control of Head Lice at the school, this will be circulated as soon as it has been approved by School Council.

Yesterday, 22 kinder children came for our final discovery day for 2013. The children participated in an Italian lesson with Marco our Italian Teacher. The children learnt to say the names of colours, body parts and numbers. The next part of the 2014 Prep Transition will be in November. Notices will be sent early next term to inform parents of the dates and times.

Yesterday, all students were fortunate enough to attend an engaging live performance of the ‘Barber of Seville’ by Opera Australia. From first hand experience it was truly amazing and captivated all the audience. The way in which the performance was pitched so appropriately to the audience and the quality of the four performers I think was the key to it’s success. Thanks Liz for organising this for our students. Also yesterday Year 3 and 4 students participated in hockey clinics run by Hockey Victoria as part of their road show promoting hockey to primary school aged students.

Next Wednesday we are hosting the Toyota Good for Footy Tour from 1.30 p.m. for Hamilton schools. Students from Years 3 to 6 will be involved. We are expecting Brian Taylor, Mathew Richardson, Cameron Ling, Mickey O’Loughlin, Rob Murphy, Patrick Dangerfield and Lenny Hayes to be in attendance.

Finally, a reminder regarding students being at school too early in the morning. Teachers are legally required to be on duty for a minimum of 10 minutes before and after school. Students arriving before 8.30 a.m. are therefore not supervised out in the playground.

Helen
Maths in Everyday Life

As teachers, we aim to make Mathematics engaging and relevant for the students. One of the strategies we employ to do this is using real-life situations and data. This could be, for example, using a TV guide to help us with telling the time. It could be using Guinness World Records to explore length. It could even be using a block of chocolate to demonstrate fractions.

You can use this same strategy in your house. Take advantage of the teaching opportunities that arise in your daily life. You could:
- have a daily or weekly timetable for your child to refer to.
- buy them an analogue watch.
- let your child buy the milk or bread or get them to help with the shopping.
- do cooking with your child that requires them to measure out ‘cups of’ and so on.

Even the informal sharing of food and items at a younger age allows them to start exploring the concept of fair share, which will later support the topics of division and fractions.

Make Maths Relevant!

Emma Callaway
Maths Coordinator

Mathletics

If you are using Mathletics at home you will need to install a free upgrade of the Flash player before September the 15th.

Visit [www.3plearning.com/flash](http://www.3plearning.com/flash) for information and to download the latest Flash player.

Special Footy Lunch – Last day of Term

Friday 20th September the Canteen will be holding a special Footy Lunch. Order forms were sent home with all students today. Order forms and money must be returned to school by Friday 13th September.

Footy Colours Casual Dress Day – Last day of Term

FRIDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER - FOOTY DRESS UP DAY
Gold Coin Donation - Wear the colours of your favourite football team
2.30PM DISMISSAL

AFL Football Roadshow

Lunch on Wednesday 11th September will be starting at 12.30 due to the AFL Football Roadshow.

Canteen

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Craft Meeting

The craft meeting planned for Sunday 8th September has been postponed. Thank you.

George Street Primary School Fundraising

George Street Fundraising committee has a bus going to Highpoint Melbourne on Saturday 14th September. Cost is $35. Leave’s Coles car park 7:00am, returns approx. 10:00pm. For further information please contact George St Primary School.
Scarecrow Dress Up Day
“Frog in Pond”
Friday 13\textsuperscript{th} September

On FRIDAY 13\textsuperscript{th} SEPTEMBER the Country Fair Committee will be launching a scarecrow competition. To help celebrate all students are welcome to come to school dressed as scarecrows on this day.

The Fair Committee will also be selling pre-ordered “Frogs in Ponds” (jelly with chocolate frog) at recess on this day. These will be $2 each.

These orders are due back to school by Friday 6\textsuperscript{th} September. NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED and payment must be CASH.

If you wish your child/ren to have a “Frog in Pond” or two on this day, please complete the form below and return to the office in an envelope clearly marked - FROGS IN PONDS by Friday 6\textsuperscript{th} September.

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