Good morning Parents and Caregivers

Our wonderful support staff continue to work positively to assist in ensuring that our fabulous school delivers an exceptional program to each and every student. Yesterday was Educational Support Day (ES Day) where schools across Victoria are asked to recognise and celebrate how much ES staff do for schools in the state. Gray Street would have to be one of the luckiest, in terms of ES staff, as we celebrate the skills, empathy, compassion and tireless work that each and every ES staff member contributes to the school. From one-on-one academic work, to assisting small and large class groups to attending camps to lend a hand to sharing ideas and opinions with classroom teachers and liaising with parents, our wonderful support staff are appreciated far more than they realise. Your valuable contribution, happy attitude and flexibility make the school all the better and we respect, appreciate and applaud your efforts - thank you.

From left back: Ms Poynton, Mrs Maroney, Mrs Dorman, Mrs Falkenberg, Mr Devereux, Mrs Pitts, Mrs Blanchett, Mrs Stevenson. Left middle: Mrs Hilsdon, Mrs Goodman, Mrs Allen, Ms Anderson and Front: Mr Nice

Gray Street Article – Spectator: Wednesday, August 17th 2016

As part of an education section, we included an article in the Spectator this week that reflected what a fabulous school community we are part of, including dates and times for a morning tea open session for next year’s Prep students and any other grade level student who may be interested in attending Gray Street, starting 2017. Should you know of anyone interested in finding out more about the school, the open morning is being held on Wednesday, August 31st at 9.30am – 11.00am. All prospective students are welcome to visit. All RSVPs can be directed to Mrs Leesa Dorman, on 55719295.
An exciting place to begin life’s journey

HAMILTON Gray Street Primary School is an historical landmark in the city of Hamilton. A caring and exciting school for students from years Prep to Grade Six, students, parents and staff share ideas and work together to provide an engaging and positive learning experience. With over 160 years of memories and reflections, the school continues to offer an exemplary level of teaching and learning.

With the offer of quality academics and a consistent approach to student well-being, all families and staff and the wider school community, embrace ideals in recognition of the importance of cognitive, emotional, social and physical development and the development of whole child.

At Gray Street, students are empowered to contribute to their own learning and to that of the school as a team. Accountability, responsibility and respect are encouraged as key learning attributes, at every year level to ensure positive learning outcomes. By empowering students to respectfully add their own voice in design of their learning, we develop well informed and self-confident learners who are able to operate cooperatively within class groups, and as part of the wider school and broader community.

The school provides many wonderful teaching and learning areas including the Open Learning Area - built to enclose two main buildings - providing a well-lit, inviting space for all students to gather in small and large groups. Steeped in history, several classrooms open from around the edge of the undercover area, along with the Library entrance, Music Room, Art Room, Learning Pods and academic withdrawal areas which all providing excellent teaching and learning venues. The outdoor learning areas include a beautiful array of trees to provide welcome summer shade, with grounds providing flowers, herbs and vegetables that bloom and grow in the warmer months. These valuable learning areas allow staff and students to link effective teaching and learning strategies and cater for individual and small group learning needs.

Recent additions - currently under construction - to the front area of Gray Street include basketball and netball courts with an extensive outdoor area, scented gardens and shade trees. This area will open in time for our yearly celebration of The Country Fair, held in October on the school grounds. This exciting community event includes every student and staff member at the school.

Committed and dedicated staff continue to support and uphold the values of Hamilton Gray Street Primary School, continually reflecting positive and highly regarded school values and ideals. Learning at Gray Street provides support for development of the whole child and an exciting place to begin life’s journey, as a life-long learner.

NAPLAN Results 2016

Grade 3 and Grade 5 NAPLAN results have been released and the paper original document will be sent home in a sealed envelope, with respective children, today. The school holds a copy of the original in the filing system for future reference. Should you have any questions or clarification regarding results, please contact your class teacher, in the first instance. Should you wish to discuss the results, further, please contact the Principal, Ms Bourne.

Nigretta Bread Boards – Country Fair Fundraiser

Just inside the foyer of the school office, you will notice a display of beautiful bread / serving boards that have been stamped with Hamilton Gray Street Primary School. These boards are an exciting way to keep a memento of the school and are a terrific gift idea for family members. Please consider purchasing a board to contribute to the fund raising associated with The Country Fair. Cash payments can be made at the office.

Tree and Seedling Planting Day (Gray Street)

Saturday, September 3rd 2016 @ 8.30am – 2.30pm

The renovations to the front playground are really taking shape and well on the way to completion. It is now easy to see certain sections of playground, garden and sitting areas and with the addition of vegetation, the area will soon take on the added vibrancy of colour. So much work has already been done to ensure the provision of shade, colour and fragrance and the planting maps are complete. With the assistance of volunteers including parents and students, on Saturday, September 3rd seedlings and trees will be planted in the new gardens, before spring takes a hold. We ask for as many helpers as possible to assist in this important task. Teams of workers will be assigned certain areas and can work together to plant the seedlings designed for specific areas. If you would like to make up a team of friends, colleagues or family members, all the better. A BBQ sausage sizzle will be provided for lunch and a coffee van will be on site for the purchase of drinks. We would appreciate all volunteers arriving at 8.15am for an 8.30am start with completion around 2.30pm. More volunteers, less time taken. We look forward to working as a team, with you. Please RSVP by Wednesday, August 31st to allow for catering.
School Uniform Proposed Survey

Next week, a survey will be available for completion by the school community, regarding our Gray Street uniform. Major changes are not being made but we would like the opinion of all parents and caregivers, in regards some aspects. More information will be available, next week and we look forward to your response.

Until next week
Sandra

Parkland Golf Tournament

Last Thursday a small group of Gray Street students competed in a primary school golf tournament at Parklands Golf Course, Hamilton. Supervising parents commended students on their sportsmanship and behaviour during the competition and also on their willingness to share equipment and praise for good shots.

Here are a list of our wonderful golfers and their scores.


Thanks to Gabbi Bensch, Kristi Brook, Bec Carter, Rahia Hiroti, Dean Thomson and Nicole Talbot for transporting and supervising players.

In the artroom.....

Poppy Diedrichs came first in the Woolly West Fest art competition.

Well done Poppy!

Congratulations to all students in grades 2 - 4 who entered their artwork in the competition. We were commended as a school on a high standard of artwork.

Ms Brown.

Grade 6’s have been doing cool and warm colours athlete outlines this week.
Coming up …

Kindergarten Students’ School Open Morning

Hamilton (Gray St) Primary School is offering an opportunity for parents and children entering Prep in 2017 or 2018 to familiarise themselves with the school environment by holding a morning of learning at the school.

Children are able to participate in a number of planned activities including Music, Art, Physical Education, Science, Mathematics, Literacy and Critical Reasoning.

Parents are invited to accompany their child throughout the activities or participate in a school tour. Morning tea will be provided.

WHEN: Wednesday, August 31st, 2016
WHERE: Open Learning Area
(enter off Kennedy Street)
TIME: 9.30am - 11.00am

RSVP
Please RSVP to the School by Friday 26th August if your child will be attending the ‘School Open Morning’ by phoning 5571 9295 or email - dorman.leesa.m@edumail.vic.gov.au

Book Week Dress up Day!

On **Friday August 26th** we will hold 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.

Fundraising
Pie Drive

This term for a fundraiser we are doing a Kings Pie Drive. Order forms were sent home last week and are due back with payment no later than Friday 26th August.

Orders need to be collected on Thursday 1st September between 2.00pm and 4.30pm. Uncollected orders cannot be stored by the school.

This has the potential to be a fantastic fundraiser for the school and will feed your family at the same time.

As with all things fundraising we will be seeking a few volunteers on the Thursday of delivery to help get the orders ready to be picked up. We understand everyone is busy and it can be hard to find time to volunteer, but if you could spare an hour or more on this day it would be very greatly appreciated. If you are able to volunteer, please put your name on the list in the office.

Thank you
Things from the Office…

School Photos

Schools photos will take place on Wednesday 24th August. Order forms were handed out last week to all students. This year there is an option to order photos on-line and pay with a credit card. If you wish to order family photos please collect an envelope from the office. Orders are due back to school by Monday 22nd August.

Family Photo Order forms are available from the office. These are also due back to the office by Monday 22nd August.

Students will need to wear the correct school winter uniform, especially the rugby jumper.

![School Photos Information](image)
Notices from the Office
(notices can be found on the school website and skoolbag app)

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Please ensure all notices with payment (either cash, cheque or Credit Card details) are to be handed into the office.

Canteen News

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Newsletter

The Newsletter is one of the key ways in which information and news is delivered to families. It is essential that parents/carers read the newsletter and students are also encouraged to do so. This weekly publication includes important dates, along with reports about what has happened at school and what is coming up.

Every Friday the school Newsletter will be sent out to parents through the following electronic ways:

- Skoolbag App
- Schools Website
- Schools Facebook Page
- Email (please complete the form below to provide a current email address)
- Paper copy available for collection from the office

The benefits are:

- No more waiting for the Newsletter to come home - you can read it the moment it is uploaded.
- It's in colour!
- It’s exactly the same as the paper edition - it contains all forms and flyers.
- Reducing the school paper consumption is good for the environment.

Email Address for Newsletters and Other Correspondence

Parents Name: ........................................

Current Email address: ........................................
Headlice

We have had a few reported cases of headlice in the prep area. Please take time this weekend to check your child’s hair thoroughly and treat if necessary.

Thank you

Community Announcements

FOSTER CARE INFORMATION SESSION

Wed, 24TH August
7:00pm

What to know more about becoming a foster carer?
Come along to an information session
@ Frances Hewett Centre,
2 Roberts Street, Hamilton

For more information contact the Recruitment Team on
PH: 3521 8888
E: fostercare@brophy.org.au