Dear Parents and Caregivers

Another busy week at Gray Street with students looking their best, dressed in immaculate school uniforms for the annual photographs and on Friday, both staff and students dressed as Book Week characters. Many photos of students dressed in character have been taken by a range of staff and will undoubtedly make their way onto walls around the school. Keep an eye out over the next week or so. Thank you to the efforts of parents and caregivers for taking the time to celebrate Book Week by dressing your child or children appropriately and for making such an effort to ensure such an improvement in uniform standards.

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We look forward to seeing you for our planting extravaganza on Saturday, September 3rd 2016 and sharing in the history of Gray Street School.

Until next week

Sandra

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Dates to Remember

**Wednesday 31st August**
- Kindergarten Students’ School Open Morning 9.30am – 11.30am

**Thursday 1st September**
- Newcomb Secondary College Band Visit

**Friday 2nd September**
- Fathers’ Day Stall
- Chess Tournament

**Saturday 3rd September**
- Working Bee – Tree Planting

**Friday 16th September**
- Last Day Term 3 – 2.30pm Dismissal
- Footy Lunch Day
- Footy Dress Up Day

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Principal’s Report

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**School Open Morning**

Wednesday, August 31st
9.30am – 11.00am
for all children entering Prep in 2017 or 2018

Currently accepting all enrolments
For more information please contact
Ms Sandra Bourne on 5571 9295

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Pictured above: Staff also dressed up for Book Week, using inspiration from ‘Alice in Wonderland’
Be a part of Gray St Primary School’s History......

Planting Day @ Gray Street

Saturday 3rd September 2016 @ 8.30am – 2.30pm

We need your help!

A vision to create an outdoor classroom and new basketball/netball courts is finally coming to fruition. Here is your chance to contribute to the rich heritage of the school by helping us plant out the new garden spaces at the front of the school.

We are seeking parents, students, grand parents and other community members to join us in our planting frenzy! Please spare an hour or two to lend a hand.

Don’t worry if you don’t think you have a green thumb as we will be working in teams to assigned areas with new gardeners joining more experienced volunteers.

A FREE BBQ sausage sizzle will be provided and a visit from the Coffee Van at morning tea.

Please RSVP to the office or email hamilton.ps.gray@edumail.vic.gov.au by Wednesday 31 August to allow for catering and team allocation.

There has been a power of work put in to develop this project. Now the time has come for everyone to put their hand up and help us make this a planting day to remember.

I look forward to seeing you there

Cheers

Hugh Koch

President – School Council and Adelaide and Jemima’s Dad
The Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge finishes on September 9th, 2016. So now is the time to finish off those books and update your list. Gray Street Primary school would love to congratulate Immy Andrews-Otter, Liam Keable, Eddie Kelvy, Georgia Taylor and Charla Webb for finishing the challenge. Well done!!
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

Fundraising
Pie Drive – note change of date

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 Wednesday 31st August.

Orders need to be collected on Thursday 8th 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

Father’s Day Stall – Friday 3rd 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 3rd September, straight after assembly.

The gifts range from $3- $10 so start saving now!
Things from the Office…

School Photos

School photos took place on Wednesday. Photos will be returned to us within 4 weeks.

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.

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.

Canteen News

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Friday Lunch Special – Friday 2nd September

Toasted Turkish Bread with either;
Mild Salami, Tomato & Cheese - $5
Ham, Pineapple & Cheese - $5 each
(Avocado - $1 extra)

Place order on Friday in Lunch Order Crate.

Footy Lunch – Friday 16th September

This year we will be holding a footy lunch. Order forms have gone home today and are due back by Wednesday 7th September.

The canteen will require parent helpers for the special footy lunch day. If you can help please leave your name at the office.

Thank you
**Head Lice**

The following grades are **NOT** head lice free:  
Prep A - Prep B – Prep C

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.

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**HAMiLTOn JuNIOR NEtBALl ASSOCIATION**

The following information has been supplied to us from Hamilton Junior Netball Association.

*The Hamilton Junior Netball Association (Saturday Morning) is up and running again for 2016 season 2.*

**Term 4 Season 2: Saturday 8th October – Saturday 3rd December (9 weeks)**

*Final for top 2 teams*

**Age Groups:**  
Under 11  
Under 13  
Under 15  
Under 18

**Cost:**

- **Juniors:** born between 01/01/1999 and 31/12/2005 (8 – 17 years old)  
  Victoria Netball Association: $49 (unless already paid)  
  GAME FEES: $45  
  TOTAL: $94

**VNA only needs to be payed once for 2016 if payed with another club please let us know**

**First round is also a registration day so arrive 30 mins before game time and hand in forms and money.**

**CONTACT:**

Junior Netball Coordinator  
Bianca Crawford on 048 105 1775  
biancajoy_crawford@yahoo.com

Volunteers: If there are parents that would like to get involved there are jobs that you could do for your school teams like coaching, umpiring, team manager, scoring. There are other jobs on a Saturday such as first aid officer and time keeping that need to be filled.

Thank you for all of the efforts you have put in so our kids can have a great time playing Netball Junior Netball!

**VNA only needs to be payed once for 2016 if payed with another club please let us know and supply VNA number.**

**First round is also a registration day so arrive 20 – 30 mins before game time and hand in forms and money.**

Becoming an umpire, coach, team manager or team meeting representative is a very valuable way to support your children in their netball endeavours. Coaching and umpiring clinics run by Netball Victoria are on offer during the year.

This year teams need a team manager and a team meeting representative. The team manager is in charge of letting HNA – Junior of any team changes, filling out score cards with all players names and to be the contact person for late forfeits etc. A team meeting representative is required for all teams wanting to register a team. As there will be committee positions vacant at the end of the year we need a representative from each team to attend meetings towards the end of the season. If we don’t get replacement committee members we are in danger of losing this competition for our young athletes.
If you would like your child to participate in the 2016 season 2 netball season please complete the form below and return to the Gray Street office no later than Tuesday 30th August to enable us to finalize our teams before the end of this term.

It is a requirement that each team have a nominated umpire in order to enter teams. We are seeking volunteers to umpire in the U11 and U13 age groups. If you have any knowledge of netball and willing to assist with umpiring in any way, could you please indicate on the form below. If we do not have umpires there may be difficulties entering our teams. Each team also has to provide a team manager representative to score and be the person to contact for late forfeits, etc.

First round is also registration day and players are asked to arrive 30 minutes before game time to hand in money and medical forms.

Netball 2015
Sheree McGinley & Carolynn Murray

Notice of Confirmation – Netball Season 2
(to be returned to Gray St by Tuesday 30th August)

I .................................................(print parent/guardian name) confirm the following:

.......................................................... (name of player) in grade .............

will be playing netball in the HJNA competition with Gray Street during Season 2.

My child’s date of birth is ........../.........../.............

Age group 2016:  U11s or U13s

My child’s VNA number for 2016 is: ........................................

I am able to coach a team. Yes / No

I am able to be team manager: Yes/No

I am willing to umpire. Yes / No

Signature: ............................................

Print name: ..............................................

Date: ....................................................

Contact phone no.:.................................