Principal’s Report

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Spring is certainly here with wonderfully warm days, blue skies and sunlight covering the trees and flowers in sunlight, warning them of the warmer months to come. It is such a lovely time of the year and Hamilton certainly knows how to turn it on with flowers, blossoms, trees budding with soft green leaves and it seems that every ewe has at least one lamb running along beside, wagging a little tail in recognition. How lucky we are to live in such a wonderful part of the world.

Tree and Seedling Planting – Postponed until September 10th 2016

Our proposed planting of trees, shrubs and seedlings has been postponed until Saturday, September 10th. We appreciate your contribution of help and ask that you still consider lending a hand next Saturday. The coffee van will be available to purchase coffee, tea and hot chocolate and a BBQ lunch will be available, free of charge for the green thumbed gardeners, on site.

Chess at Gray Street

This morning, chess players from Cavendish Primary School, Hamilton North Primary School, The Hamilton and Alexandra College, Dunkeld Consolidated Primary School, Casterton Primary School, Tarrington Lutheran College and Good Shepherd Primary School are visiting Gray Street to take part in a chess tournament. About 60 students have taken part and we thank Mrs Janelle Harms for her organisation of the event. Chess is an important game that uses reasoning and analytical skills determined by specific moves to capture pieces on the board. Mathematics and chess are closely linked and interestingly, the novel of Alice in Wonderland is based on a game of chess. We have several competent chess players at Gray Street who would be happy to show you the skills of the game.

Until next week

Sandra Bourne

There will be no newsletter next week.

The next newsletter will be available on Monday 12th September.

The newsletter is available on the schools Website, Facebook page and through Skoolbag App.
Be a part of Gray St Primary School’s History……

Planting Day @ Gray Street

Saturday 3rd September 2016 @ 8.30am – 2.30pm

POSTPONED UNTIL Saturday 10th September

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
Gr4 Art Extension Workshops

Grade 4 Art Extension Workshops have commenced with students experimenting with watercolour painting techniques. Students have used artist quality paper and paints to create beautiful elephants. These pictures are on display in the Open Learning Area.

Emma Brown

Aussie Footy Lightning Premiership

Next Wednesday 7th September a group of keen grade 5 & 6 aussie footballers will participate in the Aussie Footy Lightning Premierships being held at Pedrina Park, organised by Rhett Beattie, Director of Sport, Good Shepherd College.

Departure details/Date of Excursion
Students will travel by bus to Pedrina Park on Wednesday 7th September, leaving Gray St at 2.50pm
Students are to be collected by their parents at the conclusion of the football.

Fundraising
Pie Drive – note change of date

Orders need to be collected on Thursday 8th September between 2.00pm and 4.30pm. Uncollected orders cannot be stored by the school.

Thank you

Legacy Badges

The Grade 6 Students will be selling Legacy Badges all next week. Items are priced between $2 and $5. The Grade 6 students will go to each class throughout the day to sell the items.
Things from the Office…

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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Footy Lunch – Friday 16th September

This year we will be holding a footy lunch. Order forms were sent home last week 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 and 3A

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.