Principal’s Report

News Flash
Congratulations and best wishes!

It is with great excitement, tinged with a degree of sadness that I announce that our grade 6 teacher Anthony Hill has accepted the appointment of Principal at Cavendish Primary School. Anthony’s new appointment is tremendous recognition of his twenty three years of experience and passionate commitment to the students of Hamilton (Gray St) Primary School. His appointment again demonstrates the importance our school places on developing staff that allows them to pursue other leadership opportunities. Anthony’s appointment follows other former staff that have taken up leadership roles around the region.

Anthony has been a positive influence on several generations of students and is fondly regarded by our school community. We will miss his presence in the classroom, at the annual Christmas concert and Ath Sports, the array of other activities that he has led during his time with us. On behalf of the entire school community I wish Anthony all the very best in his new principal position which begins the 5th October 2015. We will have a special farewell for him at the final assembly for this term on Friday 18th September and I warmly invite all from the community to join us to bid him a fond farewell.

Other news…….

Next Tuesday we have our Athletics Team heading off to Warrnambool to compete in the Warrnambool Portland Hamilton District Athletics meeting. We wish the team all the very best for the day.

In last week’s newsletter, I neglected to thank Sonia Shaw for her generous gesture to visit every classroom and take a grade photo of children dressed up for ‘Book Week’. Each child was lucky enough to receive a copy to take home. This will be a special memento that the children can look back on with fun memories. Thank you Sonia.

Due to the fact that our very excited year three and four children are off to Kangaroobie Camp next Wednesday, returning Friday afternoon we have moved our traditional, footy dress-up day to tomorrow. All children are encouraged to wear their footy colours. There will be a gold coin fine for this day with the money being collected by the Student Voice to purchase books for the classrooms. Students who have placed an order will also enjoy their ‘Special Footy Lunch’ from the canteen. Special thanks to Lyn for organising this treat for us.

During next week students will experience some slight changes to their normal program. There will be no specialist programs running instead the specialist teachers will be taking classes with the assistance of some of our regular casual relief teachers to allow for our class teachers to have some valuable time together in teams to plan their curriculum programs for Term Four.

From Monday 5th October to Friday 30th October I will be taking Long Service Leave in my absence Debra Martinich will be acting in my position.

Next Friday is the final day for this term and children will be dismissed at 2.30pm.

Enjoy the week ahead, Helen
Southern Grampians Interschool Chess Tournament 2015

On Tuesday Gray Street hosted the ‘Chess Kids’ Southern Grampians Interschool Chess Tournament. There were 90 students competing from 9 different schools from around the district, including Hamilton and Alexandra College, Brauer College, Cavendish Primary School, Casterton Primary School, Merrivale Primary, Hamilton North Primary School, Good Shepherd College (Primary), Tarrington Primary School and Gray Street Primary School. The students showed fabulous sportsmanship and thoroughly enjoyed the day playing 7 games each and picking up various tips from Tim Broome, the ‘Chess Kids’ arbiter.

Well done to our 2 Gray Street teams:

**Team A** – Michael Brown, Stephanie Bunworth, Jake Alexander, Penelope Tutt, Declan Eales, Jarrod Stanbrough, William Hogg and Arthur Biggin.

**Team B** – Chad Dymke, Ranuka Panagoda, Felicity Shaw, Isaac Shaw, Bowen McDonald, Millie Clark, Oliver Pern, Tessa Kelly and Grace Dohle.

Gray Street finished 2nd in Division B and 8th in Division A.

**Results:**

**Division A**
- School: 1st - Brauer College, 2nd - Merrivale Primary, 3rd - Hamilton and Alexandra College
- Individual: 1st - Brenton Watson (Brauer College), 2nd - Zane Sheen-Franklin (Brauer College), 3rd - Fraser Diprose (Hamilton and Alexandra College)

**Division B**
- School: 1st - Good Shepherd (Primary), 2nd - Hamilton (Gray Street) Primary, 3rd - Hamilton and Alexandra College
- Individual: 1st - Henry Haskell (Good Shepherd), 2nd - Nathaniel Schutz (Good Shepherd), 3rd - Jack Rouse (Good Shepherd)
News from Bruce the Bandicoot...

This week's blitz is: "Keep it tidy"

Bruce says:

Why do we keep on trying to get kids to keep their things tidy? Is it really worth the arguing? Sometimes it doesn't feel like it, but yes; when we teach our kids how to keep their things in order we are giving them valuable skills for the future.

Setting and keeping regular routines gives kids some predictability and stability in their lives. When they know how to make and keep order they will be better prepared to face difficulties during adult challenges later in life. Making the bed may seem trivial now, but knowing how to go through the motions of establishing and keeping a space that is safe and peaceful are skills that will get them through the hard times.

When we require kids to keep things in order we are also teaching them to be responsible for their things. We are encouraging them to organise what they value; taking the abstract concept of 'responsibility' and making it more understandable.

Those who are most professionally successful tend to be people who know how to manage people, money and stuff. Teaching our kids to tidy regularly, calmly and eventually without prompting (or the dreaded arguing!) creates a mastery of at least one of these areas. So if we teach kids to organise and tidy we could be helping their successful careers of the future.

Special Footy Lunch – Tomorrow – Friday 11th September

Tomorrow the Canteen will be holding a special Footy Lunch. The canteen will be open for over the counter sales at recess and lunchtime.

Footy Colours Casual Dress Day – Tomorrow – Friday 11th September

FOOTY DRESS UP DAY
Gold Coin Donation - Wear the colours of your favourite football team

Premiers’ Reading Challenge

Premiers’ Reading Challenge checklists are to be returned to the office tomorrow for verification and for logging on to the website.

Woolworths Earn & Learn

Woolworths Earn & Learn program has now finished. Please send any stickers or sticker sheets you may have to the office by next Monday 14th September.

Notices Sent Home (Notices can be found on the school website)

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Skoolbag App – New to Android

To ensure effective communication with parents and wider community at Hamilton (Gray St) Primary School we are currently trialling the Skoolbag App.

After a successful trial period the Skoolbag App is now available to android users. This App provides the opportunity to see at a glance, if events have been updated or cancelled via a push notification. Parents can notify the school of a student absence straight away via the App. It also includes information links such as our schools newsletters, news, an events calendar, cancellations, school notices, school information, absence forms and school documents.

To install Skoolbag on your smartphone follow the instructions below.

![Skoolbag App](image)

**How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone**

**For iPhone and iPad users:**
1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. You will see your school appear, click "Get" then "Install".
4. The app is FREE to download.
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

**For Android users:**
You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.
1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android device.
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: Some brands of Android phones need the setting in "Notification Manager" changed to "Allow" instead of "Notify" in order for the push notifications to work. The phone must also be running at least version 4 system software to run the app.

**For Windows 8.1 Phone and Windows 8.1 or 10 device users:**
1. Go to the Windows Store on your 8.1 Windows Phone or Windows 8.1/10 Device.
2. Search for "Skoolbag" in the keyword app search.
3. Install the Skoolbag app.
4. Find your school either by using the keyword search or location service.
5. Click the "Pin" icon to pin the school link to your Windows Phone home screen.
6. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
7. Toggle the Push Categories that are applicable to you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: The Skoolbag Windows App is for 8.1 version Windows Phones, or Windows 8.1 and 10 devices.

Find out more at [www.skoolbag.com.au](http://www.skoolbag.com.au)  Don't forget to like us on Facebook!
**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  
**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)

Notes have been sent home late last week with 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. These notes need to be back to the office by TOMORROW: FRIDAY 11th September.

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

**Netball 2015**  
Sheree McGinley & Carolynn Murray

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**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.

**School Photos**

School photos and family photos were handed out on Wednesday this week.

There is an option to purchase extra photos if you wish, the instruction on how do do this was enclosed in the package.

Also on the day there were some special order photos taken. If you would like to order any of these please go on at www.leadingimage.com.au and use the Shootkey: Y8LC6QK9  These photo are $10 each.

The special photos are on display in the office area.
Hamilton Cricket Club is once again running a MILO in2CRICKET program. MILO in2CRICKET is an introductory Cricket program for 5 -10 year old girls and boys. Kids learn the basics of the game through fun, skill based game activities. The program is a great way for children to get active, make friends and learn about Australia’s National Sport.

The program will run for 8 weeks, beginning Sunday October 25th at 11am – 12.15pm. This will be for the first five weeks then it will be held on Friday nights 5-6pm, starting from Nov 27th & finishing Friday 11th Dec.

Participants will have lots of fun playing cricket with their friends and also receive a MILO in2CRICKET participant pack, all this for $70.

Registration Day October 25th at the Hamilton Cricket Clubrooms, Palmer Street, Hamilton.
Contact: Colin Millard 0408 521 596