Principal’s Report

Term three has flown by and the holidays are now upon us!

In an action packed ten weeks, I have been most impressed by the number of opportunities, both academic and extra-curricular, that our students have been exposed to and the extent to which they have embraced these opportunities. Just some of the term’s highlights include:

- the participation of three groups of students in the Tournament of Minds competition held in Geelong, followed up by one team making it through to the State competition in Melbourne last Sunday;
- enthusiastic and successful participation in the Hoop Time competition;
- the representation of Gray St at the South West Primary Schools Hockey tournament in Warrnambool;
- Gray St hosted the Interschool Chess Tournament which attracted over eighty students from around the district;
- the participation of all students in activities to celebrate Book Week; and
- The successful engagement of our local kinder children in the Pre School program than ran each fortnight for eight weeks.

It doesn’t stop there! Yesterday all the students enjoyed the activities that were organised to celebrate Multicultural Day and tonight students are looking forward to enjoying a great social activity, the Disco to celebrate the end of term.

Next term we see a host of other activities planned including two major camping opportunities with the year 3 and 4 students heading to Sovereign Hill and our year two students travelling to Port Fairy, lots of exciting learning opportunities ahead.

For now though I would like to wish all students and their families a safe and happy holiday and look forward to seeing everyone back, well rested and refreshed, for a busy final term!

Helen
Grade 1 Halls Gap Trip

On the Thursday the 15th September, 43 excited Grade Ones (and 6 just as excited adults) jumped aboard the special purple bus for our trip to Halls Gap. Our bus driver Peter provided us with some interesting information about the landscape of the Grampians and its recent landslide as well as joining us on all of our activities.

Some of the highlights as provided by the Grade One students:

‘I enjoyed tasting the ice-creams, I had lemon gelato.’ Naomi 1A

‘The ice-creams were very yummy!’ Ella 1B

‘I patted a dingo. Dingos can be nocturnal.’ Keira 1A

‘I liked the nocturnal animals and a type of big animal called a Bison.’ Tom 1B

‘I saw one of the joeys try to get into the mum’s pouch!’ Ruby 1B

‘I enjoyed going into the old hut on the bush walk.’ Angus 1A

The day was made all that more enjoyable due to the fantastic manners of the Grade One students. Many thanks to Mr Cooper, Miss Dorman and the teaching staff.

6A - Transition Experience

“My day at Baimbridge College was as exhilarating and fun as a day at school could get.”
Jessica Hunt.

“In the first period my class had Italian……. I learnt some of the colours and numbers”
Carter Prendergast

“Our first class was Art….. we got a piece of card and cut a pattern, it was called embossing.” Lydia Ewing

“After music we had IT which was weird but cool! Trent Stevens

“It was inspiring to see the way the Drama Room (‘The Madhouse’) used every ounce of space to enhance the theatrical experience.”

The classes were so much fun I wished the day had never finished.” Tameka Dayalall

“My year 7 experience was awesome…..we looked at the HDSC (Hamilton District Skills Centre). It had cooking, woodwork and a mechanic’s area. After that we had music, I got to play the trombone.” Blake Riddle

“My day at Baimbridge was really enjoyable; I really can’t wait for high school.” Emily Goodman

6B News

In 6B students are learning all about the business world through our Money Matters program. The children run their own businesses, pay weekly bills, buy petrol, groceries and take dreaded weekly visits to the tax man. They are responsible for everything including advertising and keeping business records including sales and assets sheets. The students’ goal is to provide their pretend family of four with everything they need from clothes to a fully furnished home.
You Can Do It!

Next term, we will build on the foundations we have covered so far this year: Getting Along & Organisation; Resilience and Persistence with the foundation, Confidence.

Confidence means knowing that you are most likely to be successful and that people will like you. It means not being afraid to make mistakes or to try something new. It means looking and sounding confident.

The Positive Habits of the Mind that will help develop Confidence include:

I Can Do It, Accepting Myself, Taking Risks and Being Independent.

The cartoon characters that accompany this foundation are Connie & Charlie Confidence. Next term, our YCDI Confidence posters will feature a photograph of some of our younger students.

Cybersafety

Location tracking on social networks
A recent addition to social networking services are location based services which enable users to report their physical location to others via their mobile phone. This is an increasingly popular function in services like Foursquare and Facebook. Using this function, users can use mobiles to physically locate friends and others from social networking sites. Individuals can ‘check-in’ from a location to let others know their whereabouts.

On some social networking services the location based functions are turned on by default. To manage these services, encourage your child to review their social networking settings to block the function or to limit who sees their location based information. You may also like to contact your mobile phone company for assistance with blocking internet, Bluetooth and GPS functionality on your child’s mobile phone to limit their ability to notify others of their whereabouts.


Fresh Fruit Friday

Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who have chopped fruit for the junior grades this term. The students look forward to their fruit each Friday. Your efforts are really appreciated.

Hamilton Netball Association Junior Competition

Hamilton Junior Netball Association is running a Saturday Morning competition in Term 4. Games will commence on Saturday 15th October and conclude on Saturday 26th November.

A notice in regards to the teams for this season was handed out today.

Lisa Ferrier & Carolynn Murray

Staff Profile

What is your earliest childhood memory of school?

I remember getting to sleep over at school in tents in Grade One or Two. When it came to bedtime my bag was gone and we had to search the school for it. It turned out a dog had taken my bag from the tent, dragged it out onto the school oval and pulled all my clothes out of it to get to the chocolate biscuits I had put in to enjoy at midnight.

What would your last meal be?

Roast Pork with all the trimmings, lots of crackle and lemon tart for dessert.

Name five people in history or current day, you would most like to meet?

Usain Bolt, Anthony Kiedis from the Red Hot Chili Peppers, Layne Beachley, Don Bradman and Ronaldo.

What do you do when you are not working?

Before I injured myself earlier this year I enjoyed playing lots of the sports Hamilton has on offer including basketball, mixed netball, touch football and netball with Penshurst Football Netball Club.

What is the most interesting trip you have ever taken? Why?

Over summer my sister and I towed a caravan across to Perth, it was such a fantastic trip! I loved seeing the changing landscapes from the flat dry Nullabor to the soft white sand and beautiful blue waters of the Western Australian beaches.

Notices Handed Out This Week

069 – 2011 Swimming – Prep Students
070 – 2011 Grade 2 Port Fairy Sleepover
071 – 2011 Grade 3 & 4 Ballarat Camp
072 – 2011 Netball Summer Season (various students)
**Last Day Term 3**

**FRIDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER**
**FOOTY DRESS UP DAY**
Gold Coin Donation
Wear the colours of your favourite football team

2.30PM DISMISSAL

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**Hawkesdale & District**
**Kinder Movie Fundraiser**

Friday 23rd September 2011
Hamilton Cinema
Time: 4pm with a 4.30pm screening
Ticket price: $12.00 child, $15 adult (18+)

Price includes: popcorn, bag of lollies, drink, cupcake
Tickets on sale 12th September 2011

Please contact Bindi Whitehead to purchase tickets on 55766206

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**Coles – Sports For Schools**

Vouchers are available in all Coles stores until 19 October and we ask that you get involved to help collect vouchers for our school. Our target is to collect 15,000 vouchers to provide our school with sport equipment.

Please get your children to place them into the box in the office area.

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**Safeway – Earn to Learn**

Please keep collecting your points from Safeway. Points will automatically appear on your shopping docket. All you need to do is save those docket (cut them off the docket if you like), bring them to school and place them in the special collection box in the office.

Final day for collection is 18th October.

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**Disco**

Dance the night away at the Gray St Disco.

The Disco will take place in the school stadium TONIGHT Thursday 22nd September at the following times:

- Prep - Grade 3: 5.30pm-7.00pm
- Grade 4 – Grade 6: 7.30pm-9.00pm

Tickets will cost $3.00 per person and will be available on the night.

There will be no food or drink for sale and all students are encouraged to bring a named water bottle.

All students will receive a glow-stick.

D.J. Van Kalken will be there.

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**OSHC - Vacation Care**

Bookings are now open for Vacation Care for the term 3 holiday break being held at Hamilton Gray St Primary School.

If you would like your child to participate in the vacation care program, please complete the attached form and return the form along with any additional costs in a clearly marked envelope OSHC Vacation Care to the office, by Wednesday 21st September.

Cost of each day is $68.83 (plus listed additional costs). If you have not completed an enrolment form, you will need to complete one before care commences, these are available at the school office.

If you have any question please contact Coordinator Rosemary Anderson on 0408936652 or Leesa or Maree in the office on 55719295

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**St Andrews Under 12 Cricket Training & Registration**

Cricket training for St Andrew's under 12 boys and girls begins on Tuesday, 11 October from 3:30-4:30, at Gray St Primary School.

Games are played after school each Wednesday in term 4, beginning 19th October.

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**St Andrews Cricket Club Milo Cricket**

The St Andrews Cricket Club will once again be running the MILO in2CRICKET program this summer.

MILO in2CRICKET is a fun way for kids to learn how to play cricket. This program is designed to give boys and girls the chance to enjoy a variety of activities to develop cricket skills and improve physical fitness. Each activity helps kids to develop social skills, sportsmanship and an understanding of the game with an emphasis on fun and involvement.

The MILO in2CRICKET Program is Cricket Australia’s official entry-level program, designed to introduce 5-10 year old children to the game of cricket in a fun and safe environment. The Program contains two tiers, Have a Go and Have a Game, which provides a progression for children who are involved in the program for 2-3 years.

**WHEN**: Registration Day & First Session: 23rd October, 2011 – 11.00a.m – 12.20p.m.

**COST**: $60 (includes 8 week program, back pack, bat, ball, hat, drink bottle etc)

Just turn up on the day or contact St.Andrews C.C Milo Coordinator Matt Hill 0403 491505.

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**Little Athletics**

Hamilton Little Athletics 2011/2012 season starts
Wednesday 12th October 2011.
Mitchell Park, Mt Napier Rd, Hamilton

4.15pm for a 4.30pm start. HLAC will offer all children 2 free come & try nights then registration is required on the 3rd night.

Age groups U6 - U16.
A child must be 5 at the start of the season being 1/10/11.

Further enquires please email Jenny at jen.goog@bigpond.net.au