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Introducing the School Leaders for 2011, pictured left to right: Cameron Webb, Neve Claffey, Billy Zebra-Hutchins and Madeleine Bradbeer
What an exciting week with the highlight being the Gray Street Primary School Swimming Sports held on Tuesday. The weather was reasonably kind to us even though I did see many sets of chattering teeth as the children came to record their place and collect their ribbons. It was great to see so many parents, friends and grandparents encouraging the swimmers on. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff for their hard work on the day and I would like to make special mention of the outstanding effort by Lisa Speed, Sheree McGinley and Dean Kilpatrick who spent many extra hours organising the day which ensured its success.

This week we had a great response to our Meet & Greet Interviews for all year levels. From the feedback I have received the purpose of the interviews to enhance communication between you and your child’s teacher through a discussion focussed on your child’s academic, social, emotional and medical needs has been achieved. I am sure the information sheet that you received summarising particular routines, events, curriculum focus specifically related to your child’s grade level will be useful to you.

Every second year our school is included with all other schools in the district to be invited to participate in the Somers Camp. This camp specifically caters for students from grade 5 and 6. Today our grade 5 and 6 students will receive information regarding the ten day Somers Camp. The camp is so popular that we anticipate that we will have more students expressing an interest to attend than the positions that will be allotted. This will mean that we will need to run a ballot for the selection of students to attend.

Early reminder to place this date in your diary. On Tuesday 15th March at the Hamilton PAC starting at 7 p.m. there will be an important presentation ‘Staying Safe in Cyberspace’- Internet safety and Cyberspace bullying presentation for Parents. The session will cover: Facebook, MSN Messenger, Frostwire (free music) legal responsibilities, predator methodologies, social networking, protective and preventative safety measures, cyber bullying implications for everyone. In the afternoon on the Tuesday the students from grades 3-6 will be attending a similar presentation tailored to the age group at school.

A further message regarding students being picked up from school. Students in senior grades located at the French Street end of the school previously collected from the ‘drop and go’ zone could now be collected from French Street/Gardens area, a closer option which will relieve congestion at the ‘drop and go’ zone.

As you would be aware we have our first ‘hot lunch’ day next Friday 4th March. It has been decided to donate $1.00 from each lunch to the ‘Relay for Life’ appeal which is being held in Hamilton on 18th and 19th March.

Finally, I would like to wish our Zone Swimming Team all the very best for the Zone Swimming Sports on Tuesday at Portland.

Enjoy your week ahead.

Helen

‘Every child, every opportunity’
EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

Education Maintenance Allowance forms are due to the office by Monday 28th February. No late forms can be accepted.

PARENT PAYMENTS & EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

Information in relation to parent payments and Education Maintenance Allowance have been mailed to all parents last week. If you do not receive this information please contact Maree or Leesa in the office. Parent Payments are due by 11th March 2011. Thank you.

CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE

To be eligible, students must live in regional and rural Victoria and live more than 4.8km from their nearest appropriate government school, non-government school or free bus service. For further information please contact Maree or Leesa at the office.

NOTICES HANDED OUT THIS WEEK

006 – 2011 Swimming Grades 1 & 6
015 – 2011 Life Education – All students

Junior Netball News

Results – Round 2

UNDER 12
St Mary's Red 1 drew with Gray Street Kangaroos 1
Gray St Echidnas 15 defeated North Hamilton 2

UNDER 10
College Sapphires 11 defeated Gray St Wallabies 0
Gray St Emus 4 defeated North Hamilton 1

Draw – Round 3

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SWIMMING SPORTS

On Tuesday we held our annual swimming sports at the Hughan Park outdoor pool in good weather conditions. Our first round of events for all levels produced some great races, with winners progressing to the finals, where once again we saw some high quality wading in the lower levels through to swimming 50 metres in the higher levels.

The second round of events involved kickboards across the width of the pool for levels one, two and three before the higher levels once again swam the length of the pool using a variety of different strokes.

The children are to be congratulated for the way they participated in all events and did so with big smiles on their faces whether they placed first or last. The encouragement coming from the house tents was appreciated by all the competitors.

The relays were fiercely contested and I thank the house captains for their help in organising the teams and assisting in the pool with the grade 2 and 3 relays.

FINAL RESULTS WERE:

House placings:

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<td>Sophie Lean</td>
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The day finished with the boys’ and girls’ championship races over 100 metres, with our champions for 2011 being:

Thanks to all parents who came along and supported on the day, the staff for the work they put into the smooth running of the event along with all those who helped to set up and pack up the equipment.

We look forward to another fantastic day on Wednesday 16th of March at Pedrina Park for the annual Athletic Sports where we hope you will come along and support us again.

Thanks

Sports Committee
Congratulations

Ally and Victoria Wake have just returned from Barastoc with some impressive placings and a few winning ribbons.

Barastoc is Australia’s biggest horse show held in Werribee, where both girls competed over a five day period.

LUNCHTIME AEROBICS AND DANCE PROGRAM
STUDENTS IN GRADE 4 TO 6

This year students in grades 4, 5 and 6 have the opportunity to participate in aerobics and/or dance classes. Emma Bellman (World aerobics coach and athlete) will be running classes during lunchtime once a week. Classes will be held on Tuesday lunchtimes in the stadium and will cost $5.

There will be a ‘come and try’ day next Tuesday (Tuesday 1st March). Classes will then start the following Tuesday.

Students will need to bring (if not already in sports uniform) sneakers, comfy sports clothing and a water bottle. Each lesson will cost $5 and this is to go directly to Emma.

Performances: You will have the opportunity to perform at the EKB Fitness and Aerobics concerts in July and November and the south west games competition in October.

If your child would like to participate in the lunchtime aerobics and dance program please return the form below to school by tomorrow Friday 25th February.

Thanks
Dean Kilpatrick
PE Coordinator

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AEROBIC AND DANCE LUNCHTIME PROGRAM GRADES 4 - 6

My child/ren ………………………………………………………………………….would like to participate in the Aerobic and Dance program being ran on Tuesday Lunchtimes.

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Parent Signature
Fundraising - Term 1

Bulbs - The first major fundraiser for this year will be BULBS.

Bulb catalogues were handed out last week. If you wish to purchase bulbs, please complete the order form in the catalogue and return money and form in a clearly marked envelope – BULBS. All forms and money need to be returned to school by Friday 4th March.

Plant some bulbs in a pot and have them ready to give as presents for Mothers Day!! Or simply encourage your child to plant a bulb and watch it grow & flower!

FROZEN TUBES

Tubes will be sold every Friday lunchtime starting from Friday 25th February and finishing on Friday 8th April. Cost $1 each.

SPECIAL LUNCH DAY - FRIDAY 4TH MARCH

We will be holding the first special lunch day for this year on Friday 4th March. The special lunch will consist of a sausage (or 2), a frozen tube and fruit box. Order forms were handed out with the newsletter, please return the order form and payment in a clearly marked envelope – Special lunch to the office by Friday 25th February. Please ensure each child’s order is returned to school in separate envelopes.

Anyone able to help on this day please leave your name at the office.

NEXT FUNDRAISING MEETING

TUESDAY 22ND MARCH AT 7PM in the staffroom.
All Welcome.

After School Art Classes