Welcome back to term 4. It already looks like we have a full calendar of events for the term with the main focus being on our upcoming Gray St Country Fair only 16 days away.

We welcome Mr. Phil Lynch (pictured right with Riley Phillips and Mia McKinley) to Gray St Primary School this term to takeover in Grade 2B from Mrs Sheralyn Jewell. Sheralyn regretfully had to resign from her position due to health issues at the end of last term. From all of us at Gray St we wish Sheralyn all the very best.

Congratulations to Miss Robb (pictured right) now to be known as Mrs Hodkinson after her marriage to Mr. Peter Hodkinson on Grand Final day. From all of us at Gray St we wish them all the very best for their future together.

An early reminder regards the upcoming ‘Working Bee’ on Saturday 19th October from 8.30 a.m. to 12.30 followed by a BBQ lunch for those who can stay. We are really hoping for a big turn up as we have several jobs that need to be done in preparation for the Country fair on the following Saturday. So please if you could spare a couple of hours next Saturday 19th October it would be greatly appreciated.

Finally, yes it is Term 4 and that means ‘hats.’ All students need to be wearing a maroon school hat at recess and lunch and during all outside activities. Both the maroon broad brimmed and bucket hats are available from the Office for $10 each. Thank you for your anticipated support with this.

Enjoy your week ahead.
Helen

You Can Do It Winners: Ella Shelden, Milly Barras, Alera Sherry, Abbie Taylor, Owen Hendriks, Regan Krause, Deegan Kinna, Reggie Young, Millie Clark, Victoria Jewell and Milly Wright.
16 Days to go and NOW WE REALLY WANT YOU.............

Scarecrows are being made, the weather has been ordered and the Barbie is lit. Preparations are well underway for our big fundraiser for 2013. For those that have missed it we are aiming to replace the playground equipment near the French Street entrance as the goal for this year’s event.

There has been a power of work put in by a band of hardworking committee members and now the time has come for everyone to put their hand up and help us make this a country fair to remember.

By now you would have received your classroom requests of assistance but for those of you who can provide a little bit of extra support please put your name down for one of the following tasks:

- Set up on the Friday 25th October including some muscles to move trestle tables, clean up, put up signage and shelters etc. Some assistance from 2pm until early evening will be required.
- Saturday morning set up from 8am
- On the Saturday, School Council is running the “Gray Street Country BBQ” and we will need help to cook and serve from 11am. Don’t expect just a snag in bread from this barbie – look out for the Gray Street Mixed Grill!
- Not a glamorous job but one of the most important is assistance to keep rubbish off tables, swap bins over and keep the bathrooms/toilets tidy.
- Clean up and pack up on the Saturday evening and final clean of the school on the Sunday morning will also be required.
- A working bee is scheduled for the morning of Saturday 19th October to ready the school grounds for the fair the following week. If you are away on the fair weekend we would love your help at the working bee.
- We are also looking for a couple of people to dress up as Scarecrows on the day. These Scarecrows will be walking down the main street between 10am and 12 noon handing out flyers about the Fair. Then from 12 noon to 4pm they will be walking around the Fair offering assistance to children and parents.

Please return the enclosed form with your availability – we will be extremely grateful for your help.

We would also like to thank our participating sponsors for this year’s fair including Sharp Airlines, Bank of Melbourne, Southern Grampians Shire Council, ACE Radio, The Hamilton Spectator, David Rowe Sign Design and a very special thank you to Regent Florist and Hamilton Exhaust Centre.

Again we look forward to building on the magnificent efforts of the fundraising committee in bringing back the fair to Gray St Primary School. It will be a tremendous opportunity to showcase the school to prospective families and the community more widely. Your help will be vital to the success of the fair. We look forward to having you on board.

Cheers

Hugh Koch
Ted and Adelaide’s Dad
President -School Council
Other Fair News:

**Toy Stall**
We are seeking donations of CLEAN and WORKING toys and readable books to sell in our second hand toys and books stall. Please drop donations into the office. Thank you.

**Cake Stall**
A note was sent home yesterday asking for donations for our Cake Stall. If you are able to bake a cake or two, or make a slice please complete the form and return it to school by tomorrow.

**Fair Wristbands – Unlimited Rides**
We are offering a fantastic special on pre purchased wristbands. For the next two weeks leading up to the Country Fair wristbands can be pre ordered for $20 each. This will allow unlimited rides at the Fair.

Wristbands sold on the day will cost $25 each or individual rides are $5 each.

If you would like to purchase the Special $20 wristbands, please complete and return the Pre Purchased Fair Wristband form sent home yesterday.

**Craft Stall**
Do you have any ‘crafty’ or sewing items you would like to donate to the Craft Stall. Please send donations to the office, or contact Leesa. We will be holding a meeting on Thursday 17th October at 7.00pm in the staffroom to organise our craft items and to finalise pricing. All welcome.

GRAY STREET COUNTRY FAIR VOLUNTEER FORM

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So You Think You Can Line Dance!? 

Linda Park will be running two line dancing sessions for grade 4, 5 & 6 students at Gray Street Primary School, in preparation for the Country Fair! All keen dancers will need to meet in the Music room on Thursday 17th and Thursday 24th 1:10pm. The dancers will then perform the line dances at the Country Fair on the 26th October.

Can all dancers interested in dancing please see Mrs Hodkinson!

Canteen - Specials for Term 4

**Monday:**  
Chicken Burger (the lot) $3.50  
Bread Roll, chicken burger, lettuce, tomato, cheese, beetroot and special sauce.

Chicken Burger – Plain $3.00  
Bread Roll, chicken burger, lettuce & special sauce

**Wednesday:** Chicken Twister $3.00  
Crumbed chicken, salad and special sauce, served in a wrap

Available Monday, Wednesday & Friday

Salad Boxes $3.00 –  
Lettuce, tomato, cucumber, grated carrot, beetroot, pineapple, cheese & dressing

Egg Salad (as above) with hardboiled egg - $3.50  
Ham Salad (as above) with sliced ham - $3.50

Chicken Salad (as above) with diced chicken - $4.00

Fruit Salad (diced fresh fruit) $3.00

Grade 4 Bike Education program

It is almost time for this year’s Bike Ed program to commence for the Grade 4 children. This year the two-week course will commence on Monday, 28th October. The children will need a bike and helmet at school for the duration of the program (they will be stored in the stadium overnight for security).

Bikes need to be of a suitable size for the rider, have handgrips, tyres and seats in good order and must have working brakes (two sets to allow for braking and hand signals with either hand/foot). The law also states that a warning device (a bell) is to be fitted. Helmets need to be Australian standards approved and of a suitable size for the child. The program commences with a bike and helmet safety check and then moves on to road rules, riding skills, awareness on the road, and strategies for safer riding. The program incorporates both indoor and outdoor instruction with Miss Callaway and Miss Perridge.

The Bike Ed program concludes on Friday, 8th November with a road ride for those children who have satisfactorily completed the course. This ride will take place around the Church hill area and parent volunteers will be sought to supervise corners to check on the safety of the riders and to examine their riding skills. The police have been contacted to be involved in conducting the road ride. It should provide a strong basis on which parents can then build their child’s bike riding skills.

If you have any questions regarding the program, please contact me at school. If you know already you will be able to assist in the road ride, please fill in the slip below and return it to Miss Callaway.

Emma Callaway – Bike Ed coordinator.

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Grade 4 Bike Ed Road Ride

I, ........................................................................... am able to assist with the road ride supervision on Friday, 8th November (9.30 – 11.00am)

and I can be contacted on ........................................

Signed ..................................................    Date: ............../........../2013
Community News

Air Pollution and Asthma

School age students and young children with asthma can often have breathing difficulties when exposed to air pollution. Air pollution can occur:

**Outdoors** – smog (made up of nitrogen oxides and ozone), bushfires, cigarette smoke.

**Indoors** – formaldehydes/resins (some building materials), volatile organic compounds (found in paints, furniture, cleaning products), cigarette smoke, poorly maintained gas appliances.

The most important way to reduce the impact of air pollution on your child’s asthma to avoid the pollutant completely if possible.

- Stay indoors on high smog days, close windows and external doors
- Make sure you have a bush-fire plan if you live in a bushfire prone area
- Make sure your child’s asthma is well controlled and that you and your child know what to do if their asthma gets worse
- Make sure your gas appliances are serviced regularly by a registered or licensed gasfitter and that there is adequate ventilation in rooms containing gas appliances
- Choose building items, furniture, paints and wood items that are certified to emit low levels of formaldehyde and volatile organic compounds.

For more information about air pollution and asthma, contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 ASTHMA (278 462) or visit [www.asthma.org.au](http://www.asthma.org.au).

Historical Walk of Branxholme

Fundraiser for Tahara Red Cross
13th October 2013
Commencing 1pm for 1.30pm start at CFA fire shed
Best St Branxholme
$10 includes afternoon tea. Children under 15 free.
Contacts. Val 55794525
Leanne 55794527

Milo Cricket

St Andrews Cricket Club will once again be running the Milo In2Cricket Program for season 2013. This introductory cricket program is aimed at kids aged 5-9.

If you want to register for this year’s program the club will be holding registration night on Thursday the 17th of October at 5.30p.m at Pedrina Park. Cost is $65 which includes a cricket pack.

The program will then run for 8 weeks starting on Sunday 27th October at 11a.m.

Any questions please contact Matt on 0403 491505.

Anti-Bullying Seminar

At Palace Martial Arts we are serious about anti-bullying. We believe in the power of educating all minds on how each of us can help make a difference in our own lives. The goal of the TopKick Jamboree is to stimulate change in students’ awareness and perception of bullying and of their roles in bullying incidents. Further, we aim to empower those students who themselves have been or are victims of bullying, by teaching strategies to avoid and deal with bullying incidents.

The TopKick Jamboree is open to all school-aged children and adolescents. The event will include many new segments this year, with fun activities for students of all ages. Activities will focus on many different facets of the anti-bullying message and will incorporate assertiveness training that will challenge and encourage students to examine their own, and their peers’ behavior, and provide participants with strategies and skills to deal with bullying. The session will be led by Master Muhktar Kadiiri and his leadership team from Palace Martial Arts.

The TopKick Jamboree is free, but pre-registration is essential. Please call or email to pre-register.

**Date:** Saturday 26th October 2013.
**Time:** 10.00am - 12.00pm
**Location:** Hamilton Indoor Leisure and Aquatic Centre
Dear Students and Parents

SCHOOL BANKING

Bank of Melbourne has refreshed the School Banking program at Hamilton (Gray Street) Primary School beginning the first week of Term 4 and we invite you to participate in this exciting new venture.

Staff from Bank of Melbourne Hamilton will be present at your school once a fortnight on a Tuesday from 9.30am to 10.00am to enable you to deposit your pocket money, savings or birthday money into your Bank of Melbourne account. This initiative educates the children the importance of saving for their dream items, eg. new toy, electronic games, etc, rather than expecting mum or dad to purchase it NOW. The children will be able to do their banking one on one with a Bank of Melbourne staff member, learning the important life skills of banking.

To open a Bank of Melbourne account please call into the Hamilton branch at 134 Gray Street between 9.30am and 5.00pm Monday to Friday or alternately pop in to the school office and speak with Helen to open an account. We are happy to answer any questions you may have during these times.

A parent/guardian will need to be present to open the new account. In order to open the new account successfully and without delay, please have the following documentation with you;

- Parent’s Drivers Licence or Passport
- Parent’s Medicare card
- Child’s Birth Certificate or Passport

If you do not have your child’s Birth Certificate or Passport we can arrange for the school to provide a Letter of Introduction for you.

Look forward to seeing you soon.

Leesa Iredell
Branch Manager