Welcome back to Term 4 and what an exciting return for all of us, the new playground equipment!

A quote from last year’s newsletter ‘we are counting down now after many months of planning and preparation for this special community fundraising event. All monies raised from the Fair will be used to replace the old, tired playground equipment at the French St end of the school. ‘and it is now a reality. Thank you to all the parents who worked tirelessly to remove the old playground equipment and a very special mention to Dean Dark and Vicki and Leigh Whyte for the huge amount of time and effort they gave preparing for the installation of the new equipment. Not forgetting the fabulous fundraising effort by the Gray St community.

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. You would have received yesterday the special edition of the Country Fair Bulletin advertising the upcoming Country Fair Country Clothes Casual Dress Day this Monday with an item donation.

An early reminder regards the upcoming ‘Working Bee’ on Saturday 18th October from 8.30am to 12.30pm. 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.

- Spreading bark chips for dirt areas near chook shed
- Straw for chook shed.
- Wash down grade three and four classrooms.
- Hose asphalt
- Weed boundary
- Paint sand pit and cubby house on Kennedy St
- Hedge pittosporums near the stadium
- Install hooks on outside of Year 5/6 room for banner
- Add second row of sleepers to sand pits
- Gutters cleaned on portable classrooms
- Replace three cherry trees in Kennedy St

So please if you could spare a couple of hours next Saturday 18th October it would be greatly appreciated and please bring a couple of tools that may be useful for the tasks. Thank you

Last night I attended the exhibition opening at the "Bankart Gallery" for our grade 3 & 4 students and it was fantastic! The students were very excited to see their artwork exhibited along with professional artist's work. A big thank you to the parents, students, caregivers and teachers who attended the opening. A special thanks to Emma Brown our passionate Art teacher and to Salvatore Trigila for this fabulous opportunity. If you are passing please drop in, our student's artwork will be exhibited in the gallery until 22nd October.

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 the week ahead,
Helen
Grade 3 & 4 "Bankart Gallery" Art Exhibition Opening

Last night was the opening night of our grade 3 & 4 art exhibition. Many students and parents turned up for this great event, celebrating the student's artwork. I'd like to thank all of the students who exhibited their work and the parent's support for the exhibition. I was really proud and pleased to see our student's artwork exhibited alongside local professional artist's work. Well done!

The "Bankart Gallery", Thompson Street, will exhibit our artwork until 22nd October so pop in and have a look at our excellent artwork. A big thank you to Salvatore Trigila for giving Gray St PS this fantastic opportunity.

Ms Brown

Maths Problem Solving Challenge

Answer to last Newsletter's maths problem solving question-

Question

If Jane is older than Kim, Kim is older than Shawn. Shawn is younger than Jane and Rachel is older than Jane List the people from oldest to youngest.  

Answer .................................

This weeks question

There are 12 people in a room. 6 people are wearing socks and 4 people are wearing shoes, 3 people are wearing both. How many people are in bare feet?

Line Dancing

Grade 3 - 6 students have been invited to take part in two Line Dancing Classes with Linda Rook, in preparation for a performance at the Country Fair. Please come along on Thursday 1:10pm in the open learning area next week!

Wanted Items

The grade 5 and 6's are looking for old broken, damaged, unwanted Christmas lights.  The grade 5 and 6's will be cutting these up as part of their electricity studies.  Thank you, Anthony Hill

New Books For The Library

The school has purchased many new books for the school library which are now ready for borrowing.

Thank you to Becky Blanchett and Fiona Chuah for helping me cover these new books over the holidays.

Ms Brown
Country Fair Major Raffle

Tickets for the 2014 major raffle to be drawn at the Country Fair were sent home last term.

If you would like some more books to sell over the weekend, please see Leesa in the Office tomorrow.

Please help us by selling tickets to family, work colleagues and friends. **The family selling the most tickets wins a $200 box photography session with Little Fish Photography.** Families returning their book completely sold will go into the draw to win a minor prize. There will be a draw each week!! All children that bring their book back completely sold will receive a chocolate frog!!!

Tickets are $2 each and need to be returned to the office by Friday 17th October.

Netball

The Hamilton Junior Netball Association starts this Saturday. Students were advised of their teams yesterday.

Tee Ball

The local Primary School Tee Ball competition will commence this term. Matches will be on Thursdays from 4 pm-5 pm. Home games will be played on the Gray St Oval and away matches at other local primary schools. The competition is open to boys and girls from Grades 4 to 6. The draw hasn’t been finalised yet nor has the date of commencement (it may be as early as next week!). Parents will be responsible for transporting their children to away matches (or organising rides for their children with other families). The season will run for about six weeks and the cost is $5 for the whole season. Tee Ball is a modified form of softball/baseball where the children strike the ball from a batting tee (no pitcher involved) otherwise the rules are those of softball/baseball. Baseball gloves and batting helmets are worn to aid player safety. Tee Ball is a fun sport with easy to learn rules and is a great opportunity for children who may not play any other form of organised sport. Gray St will be fielding one Tee Ball team this season under the supervision of super-coach Ms Ferrier.

Please complete the form below if your child would like to participate in the Tee Ball competition. Please note, there will be a limited number of children in the Gray St team so some children may miss out if we have too many expressions of interest.

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**Tee Ball**

**STUDENTS NAME:** …………………………………… **GRADE:** ………………………………

I give permission for my child ____________________________________________ (full name) to participate in the Tee Ball Competition.

☐ I have enclosed $5.00 (cash only) for the entry fee

Parent/guardian: ______________________________________ (full name)

__________________________________ (signature) __________ (date)

Office Use Only

Amount Received: $ Date: / / 

Payment Method: Cash
Footy Jumpers

There are still six school football jumpers which have not been returned. The individual students have been reminded about these items twice but still haven't brought them back to school. Please send them back tomorrow as it is now over a month since the end of the season.

A. Hill

Artist of the Week Bags

If you have an Artist of the Week bag, could you please return it to the school as we are missing three bags. These bags have not been returned by past artists. If they are not returned, it means that future Artists of the Week will miss out.

Many thanks, Ms Brown

News from Canteen

Trying to fill the roster for this term is becoming increasingly hard. I know term 4 is always busy, but without parent helpers, especially on a Friday the canteen cannot operate. Two parent helpers are required for a Friday because this is our busiest day for lunch orders. The parent helpers are required for 2 hours each, with three of us onboard to pack the lunches.

Please consider helping out, just pop into the canteen and pick a day & time that suits.

On another note: we still get parents sending money, but not filling out a lunch order for their children. We offer hot food to buy from the window at recess, but not at lunchtime, this has to be done through lunch order bags (or envelopes & include extra 10c for bag). Please wrap the money in either foil or plastic wrap (this is for health regulations and also stops money falling out of bags). Also only order the main item on bag (for lunch) the change is returned to children, so they can come to the window after they have eaten to buy drinks etc. (If we placed all the drinks in the basket it would be too heavy for the monitors to carry back to the classroom).

Thank you for your help in these matters, hope you all have a great term 4

Regards Lyn Battista

Canteen for Term 4

Monday Special

*Chicken Burger (the lot) - $3.50 - Bread roll, chicken burger, lettuce, tomato, cheese, beetroot & special sauce.
*Plain - $3.00 - Bread roll, chicken burger, lettuce & special sauce

Wednesday Special

*Chicken Twister - $3.50-Crumbed Chicken Strips, Salad & special sauce, served in a wrap
Salad Boxes (available every day) - Lettuce, tomato, cucumber, grated carrot, beetroot, pineapple, cheese & dressing - $3.50
Egg Salad (as above) with hardboiled egg - $4.00
Ham Salad (as above) with sliced Ham - $4.00
Chicken Salad (as above) with diced Chicken - $4.50
Fruit Salad (diced fresh fruit) (Friday Only) - $3.00

Beef burger, Fried Rice & Dim Sims are not available in term 4

Canteen Roster

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