Principal’s Report

Another great week at Gray St with many exciting and engaging activities for all students.

The week began with Louis Beaton, Sebastian Christie, Harry Harms, Luka O’Neill and Luke Sarena travelling to Melbourne to compete in the State Interschool Chess Competition. All the boys enjoyed the opportunity to play in such a large chess competition. Thank you to the parents who accompanied the students.

Swimming started for all our Prep students this week and from all accounts they are all enjoying the challenge of learning to swim but also to get themselves dried and dressed independently. Well done, Preps!

I hope students went home after the amazing performance ‘Aussie Kids Rock’ yesterday and shared their exuberant, engaging experience with you. It was a polished performance by the group who had previously sent dances and songs for the students to learn before the actual performance. This enabled all children to confidently take part in the interactive performance.

On a more sombre note recently the Department of Education and Training sent out some information to be forwarded on to parents regarding ‘Sexting’:

‘Sexting’ means sending sexually explicit photos or videos electronically (e.g. by mobile phone, app, chat, social networking or email). With modern technology this can be done instantly, but it can have serious and lasting consequences.

For people under 18, sexting is illegal. It is a criminal offence to take, possess, or transmit a naked image of a person under the age of 18 years. It doesn’t matter if your child took their own photo and willingly sent or published it. You cannot ‘give someone permission’ to break the law. Penalties for these offences are very serious and can result in your child being placed on the sex offender’s register.

It is important that you regularly talk to your child about their experiences with communications technology. Make sure that you continually reinforce that your child should come to you if they have any problems, if they see something that they know is wrong or anything that upsets them.’ (DEECD).

The area of social media that we have growing issues with are applications that students can use at home to leave messages for others to see which in many cases are quite negative towards an individual or group of peers. We ask parents to be vigilant in supervising their child’s use of social media.

Finally, we have our Grade One students heading off for their ‘extended day’ at the Grampians tomorrow, we wish them all a safe and exciting adventure.

Enjoy the week ahead.
Helen

‘Aussie Kids Rock’ Photos

You Can Do It Winners:

Jai Taylor
Elena Huggins
Tessa Kelly
Harrison Polack
Bridie Causer
Sophie Taylor

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National Interschool Chess Championships

On Monday 21st October five students travelled to Melbourne to compete in the State Chess Championships at Monash University. The competition was challenging and over 278 students from other schools were also competing. Our students included Harry Harms, Sebastian Christie-Crane, Luke Sarena, Luka O’Neill and Louis Beaton. Nine games were played by each player through the day and concentration was held. Congratulations to all the team who made the state final - a huge achievement!!

Results were as follows:

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You Can Do It!!

This term the You Can Do It key is Resilience.

As all children and young people are faced with considerable demands, challenges, frustrations, difficulties and set backs, it is vital that they have developmentally-appropriate levels of resilience skills. Children need to be able to manage their emotions well.

Our lessons this term will focus on:

- Being able to stay calm in the face of difficult or challenging situations, people and events
- Controlling one’s behaviour when one does get extremely upset by not fighting or withdrawing for too long.
- Calming down within a developmentally appropriate time
- Bouncing back to work and play.

Prep Garden

Last week the Prep students planted some plants in a special area of the school vegie patch. They planted veggies such as peas, lettuces and radishes. They also planted flowers such as marigolds and alyssum. The preps also decided to start a sensory garden including thyme, oregano and parsley (for smelling and tasting) and lambs ears (for touching). The garden will be watered, tended and updated by the Preps throughout the term.
Staff Profile

Mrs Kerrie McFadden Gr 3B

What is your earliest childhood memory of school?

One of my earliest memories would be, as a Prep, the long 3km walk to school in the winter (on my own!). We lived at the bottom of Mt Dandenong and the fog was often so thick I would be frightened of getting lost. I was usually late on those days as I also got distracted cracking the ice on the puddles on the way.

What would you last meal be?

Freshly caught crays, oysters and prawns followed by a strawberry flan and could I please have a macaroon to finish up?

Name five people in history or current date that you would like to meet?

Amelia Earhart, Nancy Wake, Billy Connolly, Charles Darwin and Louis Armstrong

What do you do when you are not working?

I am usually thinking about what I need to do for work when I'm not working!

I enjoy pottering in my garden. I play with my ipad as often as I can get away with! I also like cooking for my family and their friends so they have a few healthy meals when they come home to visit!

What is the most interesting trip you have ever taken and why?

When we were young and foolish we headed up to far North QLD in our little Gemini just before the start of the 'Wet'. We bounced along the unmade roads to the Daintree and Port Douglas (the only development then was a pie shop!). We pitched our tent up high above the Daintree River so the crocodiles wouldn't visit in the night. Unfortunately we were camped under a mango tree, so the flying foxes and mango bouncing on the tent kept us awake!

We spent the trip home keeping just in front of the torrential rain front hoping we wouldn't be stranded until the end of the Wet!

Junior Netball

Netball U12s change Saturday 27th October

Please note College Owls have had to forfeit this Saturday in the U12's so in order for teams to avoid a bye or the forfeit the proposed changes are:

St Mary's Swifts vs Gray St Shakers
Gray Street Rockers vs Gray Street Movers

This means Gray Street Rockers (coached by Shelley Muldoon) DO NOT have the bye this week.

The other games stay the same and times remain 10.30am.

Carolynn Murray & Sheree McGinley
Netball 2012
Fundraising – Quiz Night

The Quiz Night planned for this Saturday has been cancelled due to insufficient numbers.

Bank of Melbourne School Banking

Bank of Melbourne is offering school banking to Hamilton (Gray St) Primary School. Bank of Melbourne will come to the school every Tuesday and collect your child's Bank of Melbourne banking.

Canteen

Term 4 Special Menu Items

Monday Specials

Chicken Burger - $3.50
Wholemeal Roll - Chicken fillet, lettuce, tomato, cucumber, grated carrot, beetroot & mayonnaise.

Wednesday Specials

Chicken Wrap - $3.00
Crumbed Chicken, Salad & sweet chilli mayonnaise served in a wrap
Salad Boxes (available every day)
Lettuce, tomato, cucumber, grated carrot, beetroot, pineapple, cheese & dressing - $3.00
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

(Beef burger & Fried rice are not available until term 2 & 3 2013)

Canteen Roster

Mon 29th October
10.45 – 2pm – Tracey Barnes

Wed 31st October
10.45 – 2pm – Pam Menzel

Friday 2nd November
10.45 – 1pm – Shelley Muldoon
12.00 – 2pm – Kym Hunter

Hamilton Lawn Tennis Club Open Day

Sunday, October 28th from 11am
Cnr. Ballarat & Rippon Rd.

Come and try the new court surfaces or join in pee wee tennis for juniors!

Everyone welcome

Sausage sizzle at 12.00 noon.
Come and watch the final of the Men’s Monday night tennis competition starting at 1.00 pm.

Free give a ways from Tennis Vic!

For more information on the club go to www.hamiltonlawntc.com.au or email: contact@hamiltonlawntc.com.au
Phone: 0418 501 585

106th Byaduk and Community Spring Show

Byaduk Hall
Saturday 3rd November 2012
Doors Open 1.30pm

Admission:
Adults $5 (afternoon Tea inclusive)
Student $1 (afternoon Tea inclusive

Stalls, competitions, childrens activities, Raffle, Sausage sizzle and much more.

Official Opening and Trophy Presentation 2.00pm

Proceeds to Peter’s Project, South West Victoria & CIKA (Cancer in Kids at RCH)

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