Principal’s Report

Good afternoon Parents and Caregivers

What a terrific start to the term we have had with the happy, smiling faces of the children contributing positively to the week. Many examples of kindness and care shown toward each other have been observed and collectively, we have finished the week on a high note. We spoke, as a school, about the need for a sunhat as the weather warms, so please remind your children to ensure they have the appropriate Gray Street hat tucked in their school bags on a Sunday night, before the week begins.

Well done to the school choir for presenting a lovely rendition of John Farnham’s song, “We’re the Voice’, this morning. We look forward to hearing them sing again, in public, at the Country Fair which is to be held in a couple of weeks – Saturday, October 22nd.

Please be reminded that it is a legal requirement, in all schools, that all medication required to be taken by our children, during the course of their school day, is brought to the office at the beginning of the day where relevant accompanying paperwork is completed by parents or carers. Children cannot leave medication in their school bags or lunchboxes. Office staff will assist any child by administering the medication when required. Thank you for your support in this matter.

The display boards that stand throughout the open learning area proudly display the construction of a range of writing tasks, created by individual classes in the course of any given week. From week 2 until the end of the year, the boards will house a range of child centred examples across all curriculum areas. Please take the time to have a quick look when you are next passing through. Our children are amazing and so many wonderful ideas are being planned for display.

On Saturday, October 15th, we hope to have as many helpers as possible to work together in a school Working Bee. The aims of the get together are to smarten up the school in preparation for the Country Fair and finish planting the remainder of seedlings in the new gardens in preparation for the opening of the newly renovated front playground area of our school, toward the end of the year. Next week, we will attach information on how you can offer your help on the 15th. We look forward to another positive community venture where as many of us as possible work together to continue to make our fabulous school even better.

Kind regards

Sandra

Dates to Remember

Monday 10th October
No canteen

Tuesday 18th October
Hoop Time Finals – Gr 4
All Star Girls & All Star Boys

Saturday 22nd October
2016 Country Fair

Tuesday 25th October
Gr 5 & 6 Melbourne Camp departs

Wednesday 26th October
Gr 3 & 4 Dunkeld Camp Departs

Thursday 27th October
Gr 2 Port Fairy Camp Departs
Grade 1 Halls Gap Excursion
Prep Excursion Day

Friday 28th October
Gr 5 & 6 Camp Returns
Gr 3 & 4 Camp Returns
Gr 2 Camp Returns

School Councillors
Hugh Koch
Sandra Bourne
David Hintum
Brigid Kelly
Peta Alexander
Leanne Jacobson
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NO CANTEEN – MONDAY 10TH OCTOBER
Junior Netball

Hamilton Junior Netball commences this Saturday 8th October at Pedrina Park, Hamilton, ending Saturday 3rd December 2016 (9 weeks – finals for top 2 teams).

Thank you to our volunteer parent coaches – 11&U’s Rahia Manaia (Dolphins GS1) and Kylie Hardy (Turtles GS2); 13&U’s Kym Hunter/Sam Milne (Sharks GS1) and Sonia Shaw (Stingrays GS2).

All information regarding teams, coaches, Medical Forms, Codes of Conduct, etc were handed out this week.

Game times are: 13&U’s – 8.30am sharp and 11&U’s – 9.30am sharp.

Players MUST arrive at the courts no later than 15 minutes prior to the game starting time. If your child turns up late it can be difficult for coaches to prepare the team with warm-ups and positions as planned.

If your child is going to be away please let your child’s coach know by contacting them on the mobile number they will provide. Most teams have few (if any) spare players and it is important that players attend wherever possible to avoid positions not being filled on their teams.

Children wear our Gray Street sports uniform - blue polo top, navy blue shorts and sports socks (bring drink bottle and apply sunscreen).

Fees are paid to the Hamilton Junior Netball Association. First round is a registration day so arrive 30 minutes before game time. The Medical Form and Parent Consent Form must be completed and submitted with payment. If you have a VNA number for your child please bring that along.

Fees are: JUNIORS: born between 01/01/1999 & 31/12/2005 (8–17 years old)
Victoria Netball Association: $49 (unless already paid) + GAME FEES: $45 = TOTAL: $94
** VNA only needs to be payed once for 2016 if played with another club please advise HJNA.

If you have any queries regarding Gray Street netball, please contact us through the Gray Street office.

Otherwise fees and general netball queries should be directed to the Junior Netball Co-coordinator Bianca Crawford m: 0408 105 778 and email: bianca_crawford@yahoo.com.

Netball 2016 – Sheree McGinley & Carolynn Murray

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Barb Menzel / Leo McGarigth
Change of Date - 2017 Prep – Parent Information Evening

The prep 2017 Information Night will now be held on Thursday 3rd November at 7pm. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

Will You Be With Us Next Year?

It’s that time of year when we are trying to formulate classes for next year so it is extremely important that we know whether students will be with us again in 2017 or not. If you are planning to move to another school next year, please make sure you let the office know as soon as possible.

Country Fair Major Raffle

Tickets for the 2016 major raffle to be drawn at the Country Fair were sent home earlier this week.

Please help us by selling tickets to family, work colleagues and friends.

Tickets are $2 each and need to be returned to the office by Tuesday 18th October.

Notifying the Office

When sending emails through to the school in regards to your child’s absence or new travel/bus arrangements for the day please email the school on hamilton.ps.gray@edumail.vic.gov.au, or if you would like to notify a particular staff member, ‘cc’ the school in the email.

Sometimes the staff members you are sending an email to are unavailable on that day due to illness or meetings.

Hats

All students are required to wear a school hat in Term 4.

Canteen News

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