Dates to Remember
November 2nd – November 4th
Grade 3 & 4 Ballarat Camp
November 7th – November 11th
Swimming – Preps
November 8th
2012 Prep 9am – 12noon
November 10th – November 11th
Grade 2 Port Fairy Overnight Stay
Items due back to the office
November 9th
Lake Pertobe Buddies Trip (gr 6 & preps)
Special Notices
‘You Can Do It’ winners for displaying confidence:
- Cuba Cook
- Amelia Barras
- Tameka Dayalall
- Ruby Pickett
- Nicholas Grey
- Abbie Taylor
- Ruby Pickett
- Jaria Ellis
Raffle
We are currently running a raffle for a Cheese & Wine Hamper valued at $80, kindly donated to us by Safeway Hamilton Deli.
Tickets are 50 cents each or 3 for $1 and available from the office. The raffle will be drawn on Friday 11th November at assembly.
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Principal’s Report
Again, a very busy week especially with it being a short week.

On Wednesday we waved off our Year 3 and 4 students who are currently on camp at Sovereign Hill. From all reports everything is going extremely well and we look forward to hearing more about it on their return tomorrow afternoon.

Over the last two Thursdays we have been running a Year 4-6 Photography/Writing workshop with the final writing part of the workshop happening today. The first two workshops where devoted to photography led by Talitha Prendergast a parent and head photographer at The Spectator and Leesa Dorman a person with multiple talents, one being in the area Photography. Talitha gave the students a very thorough understanding of what makes a good photo and then set photographic tasks for the children to complete. The results were amazing. Following their choice of a favourite photo, the grade 5 / 6 students have produced a piece of quality writing.

To celebrate their achievements there will be a display of photographs and writing from the sessions in the Open Learning Centre from Monday 7th November for a week. Please if you are up at school come and have a look. On behalf of the students and myself I would like to thank Talitha and Leesa for sharing their expertise with the students, Cindy Dorman who again volunteered her time to support the activity and to Sandra Jacobson who suggested and organised the series of workshops for the students to enjoy. I would also like to thank Natalie Quinn and Steve Livingstone for their support and assistance at the workshops.

On Monday, the students enjoyed watching the ‘Race that stops Gray St.’ Our Preps with their Year Six buddies keenly contested the annual lead up race to the Melbourne Cup. Congratulations to all our competitors, luckily a photo finish was not required.

A reminder regarding the newly marked ‘Drop and Go’ zone in Kennedy Street. Please make sure you take note of the times on the sign No Parking 8.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. on School Days.

Yesterday, we had the first transition morning for our new 2012 Preps. It was wonderful to watch the different expressions on the children’s faces as they arrived. They all enjoyed the activities that had been thoughtfully planned for them. We look forward to the children’s return next Tuesday for their second session.

Currently, all students are working extremely hard in their Art lessons to complete their self portraits. Over the next few weeks the portraits will be framed ready for display in our Open Learning Area on Monday 5th December. We will be having a special opening to the display and portraits will be available for purchase, more information regarding this will follow. What we need now is to borrow some temporary fencing to display our portraits on, if anyone has a contact that would be able to supply us with some temporary fencing for a week it would be greatly appreciated. Please call me at the Office if you know of anyone, thank you.

Have a great week.
Helen

PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP PHOTOS
Dodgeball

The dodging has well and truly begun with Round One of the Dodgeball Competition completed last week. The Grade Fours were the standout players this week in Round Two, they out played much older and stronger opponents. This week’s special mention must go to Lachy Macpherson, who displayed hard work and great persistence in his efforts to keep his team alive. Great work Lachy!

Round One Ladder
Boys Competition

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Round Two Ladder
Girls Competition

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T-Ball

The Gray Street T-Ballers came up against a skilled Good Sheppard team this week. Ben Palling was a great all rounder, producing some impressive hits and accurate throws. Oscar O’Brien was an eager and quick runner around the bases. Darcy Jacobson did some great fielding, taking a fantastic catch. Good Sheppard looked unstoppable in the last innings until Jacqui Bunting saved the day by taking a timely catch. The final score was 22 to 21 our way. We play Baimbridge away this week.

Cybersafety Tip

The average time it takes to attack an unprotected computer connected to the Internet is measured in minutes.

To help secure your computer you need to install reputable software. The easiest software to install is an all-in-one package that includes virus and malware protection, spyware protection, a firewall and parental controls. Have your security software set to update automatically. Renew the security software when the subscription is due.

Also beware of ‘scareware’—these are pop-up messages telling you your computer is compromised to trick you into purchasing software to repair it. Making sure your pop-up blocker is on may help avoid this.

Source - Australian Government, Protecting Yourself Online

Staff Profile

This is Miss Robb’s third year teaching at Gray Street. She currently teaches Music, ICT and Choir.

What is your earliest childhood memory of school?
Having a class pet called Houdini, he was a galah who could get out of his cage.

What would your last meal be?
Spaghetti Marina.

Name five people in history or current date that you would most like to meet?
- Jamie Oliver (Chef)
- Ella Fitzgerald (Jazz Singer)
- Hamish Blake (Comedian)
- Billy Connolly (Comedian)
- Ani Di Franco (Singer/songwriter)

What do you do when you are not working?
I love going to the gym, playing basketball and working on my Zumba moves. I perform at the Cally from time to time, so come and watch me and the ‘Tick Tock’.

What is the most interesting trip you have ever taken and why?
My best trip I’ve ever been on was to Chang Mai, Thailand. I went with about 20 year 12 students and we built a water system in the village we stayed at. It was a very rewarding experience and I still remember all the wonderful people I worked along side with.
**Fundraising News**

Frozen tubes will be for sale for $1 from the canteen. Please bring your dollar every Friday.

There is also a proposed hot lunch to take place on the Friday 2nd December. If you are able to help in these events please let Lisa Beaton know.

**105th Byaduk & Community Spring Show**

Saturday 5th November 2011
Doors open at 1.30pm

Admission $5 Adults
Students $1

Stall, Competitions, Children’s activities, Raffle, Sausage Sizzle and much more.

Official Opening and Trophy Presentation 2.00pm.

Programs available at the school Office.

**Farmers' Market – Produce, Cakes, Plants and Lollies**

At the Farmers Market we would like to sell a variety of items. At our last Farmers Market this year we sold everything from vegetables, plants, flowers, cakes, slices, muffins, scones, craft items right down to individual things for the students to buy – frogs in ponds (the jelly variety), playdough, individual cup cakes, bags of lollies, decorated biscuits, individual craft items and the list goes on.

The second of these markets will be held on Monday 14th November 3.30pm onwards in the stadium. The Farmers’ Market is open to students, parents and the wider community.

Everyone in the school is welcome to bake/contribute to the stall – labels are available from the office. All donated items need to be left at the canteen on the morning of Monday 14th November. (Please no items with cream or meat).

**GSLearning Community**

Does being a mum or dad stop you from being a great parent? Why is it that we all know how to raise our neighbour’s kids, but raising our own is quite different? So does being a mum or dad stop us from making smart parenting decisions? Sometimes it does. But it also gives us the energy and patience that we need to parent over the long haul.

Do you Challenge Your Kids?
Here are three questions to ponder:

When was the last time you challenged your child physically, academically or socially?

When was the last time you gave your child the chance to surprise you?

What does your child do at home that someone else relies on?

If you have difficulty answering any of these questions then it may be time to raise the bar on your child(ren) in any of the big 3 areas – academically, socially or physically.

As parents we are protectors, supporters and teachers to our kids…. But we also need to be challengers from time to time so they can see for themselves their real capabilities.

Michael Grose, Australia’s leading parenting expert, will address these sorts of questions, and many others, in his entertaining presentation on November 15th at the Hamilton PAC. Gray St Parents, don’t forget to return your survey for your ticket to hear Michael. If you have friends who wish to attend, tickets can be purchased from $10 by contacting SGAE on 5571 9900.

**Pauls Collect A Cap**

Please keep collecting your Pauls Collect A Caps. So far we have raised $388.63.

This promotion will run into 2012. So collect, collect, collect.

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**YCDI Confidence Characters**

YCDI Confidence Characters are “Charlie Confidence” & “Worried William” (from Grade 1. Prep have “Connie Confidence”). You may have heard your child talk about being like “Charlie Confidence”

We aim for our students to try and identify with Charlie Confidence through positive self talk, and less with Worried William, who thinks negatively.

**Charlie Confidence** (These traits apply to Connie too)

Charlie always has a Red Hot Go at everything he tries- an “I can do it” attitude. He speaks up in the classroom, putting his hand up to answer questions even when they are really tricky.

When he doesn’t understand something, he doesn’t get really upset with himself because he seems to know that it doesn’t mean that he is slower than everyone else.

He stands up straight and looks people in the face, and everyone can hear and understand him when he speaks to the whole class.

**Worried William**

William is a nice boy, but he worries about things so much that he worries himself sick.

He worries about having to go to school, sometimes he doesn’t sleep very well at night.

He worries about having to answer a question in case he makes a mistake and everybody laughs.

He worries about having to talk to the class when he presents his project. His knees feel shaky and he has butterflies in his tummy. Sometimes he tells his mum that he has a stomach ache or a headache so that he doesn’t have to go to school. William is SUCH a worrier.

Encourage your child to sound, look and think like Charlie Confidence.

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