Firstly, I would like to extend a very warm welcome back to all staff, students, parents and families as we start a new school year together.

In particular I would like to welcome all our new families to Gray St and I am sure you will enjoy the friendly, supportive environment and the exciting educational opportunities the school offers.

Yesterday we welcomed our new Preps on their first day of school at Gray St. I am pleased to report that all students settled in extremely well, which can be attributed to the Prep teachers (Cindy Dorman and Janelle Harms) and other staff and volunteers who were on hand to assist when needed.

We have had a very smooth start to school and this is due to a terrific response from staff (teachers, office and support staff) who came back early to set up classes, displays and unpack for a new school year. This has ensured an efficient start for all our children – thank you all.

We welcome three new teachers to the school: Cindy Dorman (Prep), Alison Behrendt (Grade 1), Sheralyn Jewell (Grade 2) Leanne Perridge (Grade 4), Hamish Brown (Grade 6). We look forward to working with our new teaching staff and wish them all the best for the year.

It was great to see so many students wearing the new school uniform yesterday and I do apologise for the delay with the availability of the rugby tops and other items ordered, we are working hard to rectify the problem.

In this newsletter you will see a special invite to a ‘Gray St Family Picnic’ to be held on Friday 8th February in the Botanical Gardens from 5.30 to 7.00 p.m. BYO everything. There will be some fun activities for the students to be involved in. This will be a great opportunity to celebrate the start of the new school year. The students will have been working on a unit of work ‘Learning to Learn’ which focuses on setting a positive learning environment in the classroom.

Again on a personal note, I am really looking forward to another exciting year at Gray Street continuing to work with the school community to ensure our school provides the best learning opportunities possible for all our students. To assist me I encourage you to contact me throughout the year whether it be by calling in or by phone if you would like to discuss any issues or have suggestions to further enhance the learning environment at Gray St.

Enjoy the week.
Helen

Above: New preppies Jonte and Esther!

Above: Grade one student’s Malachy and Isobel wearing the new uniform.
2013 Staffing & Grades

Principal: Mrs Helen Freeman

Class Teachers:
Grade Prep A: Miss Cindy Dorman
Grade Prep B: Mrs. Janelle Harms
Grade 1 A: Miss Raquel Potter
Grade 1 B: Mrs Lissa Beaton & Mrs Alison Behrendt
Grade 2 A: Mrs Sylvia Murray
Grade 2 B: Mrs. Sheralyn Jewell
Grade 3 A: Mr Damian Hayes
Grade 3 B: Mrs. Kerrie McFadden
Grade 4 A: Miss Leanne Perridge
Grade 4 B: Miss Emma Callaway
Grade 5 A: Ms Di Brimble
Grade 5 B: Ms Lisa Ferrier
Grade 6 A: Mr Hamish Brown
Grade 6 B: Miss Natalie Quinn

Specialist Teachers:
Mrs Sheree McGinley (PE)
Mrs Carolynn Murray (PE)
Miss Liz Robb (Music & ICT)
Ms Emma Brown (Art)

Classroom Integration Aides:
Mrs Vicki Allen
Mrs. Wendy Goodman
Mr Graham Devereux

Office Staff:
Business Manager – Ms Maree Falkenberg
Office Manager - Mrs. Leesa Dorman

Canteen Staff
Canteen Supervisor – Mrs Lyn Battista

OSHC
OSCH Supervisor – Ms Rosemary Anderson

School Times – 2012

8.35 a.m. Students start to arrive at school (teachers on Duty)
8.50 a.m. Bell indicates students enter rooms and prepare for the day’s activities
9.00 a.m. Classes/Friday Assembly
11.00 a.m. Morning Recess Eating
11.10 a.m. Morning Recess Play
11.30 a.m. Classes
1.00 p.m. Lunch Eating
1.10 p.m. Lunch Play
1.35 p.m. Lunch Halfway Bell
1.58 p.m. Music Plays – Line Up Time
2.00 p.m. Classes
3.25 p.m. Bus Bell
3.30 p.m. Dismissal of Classes
3.45 p.m. Teachers finish duty

Term Dates For 2013

Term 1: 30th January (students start) to 28th March
Term 2*: 15th April to 28th June
Term 3: 15th July to 20th September
Term 4: 7th October to 20th December

Newsletter Information

The newsletter is handed out every Thursday to the eldest child at School. You can also find the newsletter on the school website. The newsletter can also be emailed to you directly. Please complete the form at the end of the newsletter if you would like this option.

Prep Days Off

Prep students do not attend school on the following days in February:

Wednesday 6th February 2013
Wednesday 13th February 2013
Wednesday 20th February 2013
Monday 25th February 2013

Sunsmart

Hats must be worn every day during Term 1. Don’t forget to bring them to school.

New Uniform

The Uniform Shop will be open Tuesdays from 8.30 to 9.00am and 3.00 to 3.30p.m. for sizing purpose only.

Please place Uniform Orders with payment (cash, cheque or credit card) in the letter box at the Office.

Canteen

The first day of Canteen for 2013 will be tomorrow – Friday 1st February. Please find an order form attached to the newsletter.

Book Boxes

If you are yet to collect your book box, please contact Leesa in the office tomorrow. Thank you

School Concert DVD

The School concert DVD’s will be handed out next week.
Requests from the Artroom

Just a reminder that all students will need to wear an art smock during art. Many of the activities are messy and clothes need to be protected. Could you please send a named art smock along to school for your child’s weekly art lesson.

If you have an old working hair dryer you would like to donate to the school, it would be gratefully appreciated in the artroom for quick drying of artwork. I am also asking for any old wool for artwork.

Many thanks, Emma Brown.

Teachers and students would like to invite you and your family to the first ever Gray St Family Picnic
Friday 8th February
5.30pm – 7.00pm
BYO everything
At the Botanical Gardens

Swimming sports 2013

This year the Swimming Sports are being held on Friday 22nd February 2013 at Hughan Park (outdoor swimming pool) commencing at 10am.

To conduct the sports safely we need to have an accurate record of the appropriate swimming level for your child. HILAC have provided us with your child’s swimming level from our Gray Street grade swimming lessons conducted in 2012. This level will be used to group your child into the appropriate level for the swimming sports.

If your child did not participate in our 2012 grade swimming program, has had lessons over the holidays or your child is new to the school, could you please fill in the form below indicating your child’s current swimming level.

This note must be returned to your child’s class teacher by Wednesday 6th February so we can complete our records and plan for the sports.

We also require parent volunteers to assist with the running of the swimming sports. The day will commence at 10am and finish around 1.30pm. If you are able to assist with jobs such as handing out ribbons, escorting children to the results table and setting up shade tents on the day, could you please indicate this on the form below.

Thank you for your support.

Sheree McGinley & Carolyn Murray

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Child’s Name:……………………
Grade…………………………
Swimming Level………………………
I am able to assist – Name ………………………
Contact phone number………………………..

(SETTING UP SHADE TENTS MORNING OF SPORTS ONLY - AT APPROXIMATELY 8AM)

Cut this out and return to the office

DITCH THE PAPER!!!
Help us slash our photocopy costs and help the environment!
Sign up to have your NEWSLETTERS AND OTHER INFORMATION emailed to you.

Student Name/s and grade/s: ……………………………………………………………………….

Parent Name/s: …………………………………………………

Email Address: ……………………………………………………………..
2013 SPORTS & ART DAYS

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On sports days please ensure your child is wearing appropriate clothes for sport:

Sports clothes

- Long/short sleeve pale blue polo-shirt with school logo
- Navy blue poly-cotton sports shorts
- Navy blue track suit pants – straight leg
- White or black runners

On Art Days please ensure your child has an appropriate well named art smock