RSL member Mr Bryan Rowe, congratulates Elly McLean and Syrenna Frangakis on the wonderful job they did selling all 500 ANZAC badges to the students at school.

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Welcome back to another exciting and busy term at Gray St.

On Anzac Day it was wonderful to see students from Gray St represented in the annual ANZAC march. The school captains, Neve Claffey and Billy Zebra-Hutchins did a wonderful job placing the wreath at the Cenotaph at Melville Oval on behalf of our school, they were supported on the march by Jessica Hunt, Caitlin Kruger, Tom Scott, Sebastian Christie, Angus and Harry Harms and Georgia and Olivia Muldoon. Thank you also to the teachers and parents who also attended.

As you are probably aware, since the beginning of the school year the school has been running a very successful Out of School Hours Care program attended by school age children from many schools in Hamilton. It was the first time Gray Street had offered Vacation Care over the break and it proved to be a huge success too with children of various ages attending and engaging in the many activities that were offered. Congratulations to Rosemary and the team for the outstanding job they are doing. Here is just one example of the feedback we have received;

*I just wanted to let you know how much my kids are enjoying Outside School Hours Care. They love going so much, it is hard to drag them out of there at the end of the day. They enjoy the activities, they always have something to show me that they made. I also wanted to tell you I really appreciate that the prep children do their reading at OSHC, which means there is one less thing for me to worry about by the time we get home. I would like to thank you for setting this up and thank all the staff for being fun and wonderful!*

The painting project is moving on with great results and the students and staff are patiently waiting to use the new toilets from next Monday.

We are all looking forward to the exciting times ahead which include the celebration of Education Week in May, the official opening of our Flexible Learning Hub and amenities, the Eisteddfod, Grade 5/6 camp, Swimming – just a sample of the events happening this term.

Enjoy the week ahead.

Helen
Grade 3/4 Clubs Program

The Grades 3 and 4 children will be participating in a Clubs program this term. Already there have been some wonderful offers from parents to help with running this program but the more helpers the better the program. So this is the final opportunity for interested parents and friends to step forward.

Clubs will operate over four sessions:

- Session 1 - Wednesday, 18th May 2.20 – 3.20pm
- Session 2 - Wednesday, 25th May 2.20 – 3.20pm
- Session 3 - Wednesday, 8th June 2.20 – 3.20pm
- Session 4 - Wednesday, 15th June 2.20 – 3.20pm

The idea of Clubs is to offer the children the opportunity to participate in a new activity, one which will stimulate and challenge them. Clubs also offers parents the opportunity to come and work with the children, teaching them a skill.

Each child will participate in two different Club activities. The first activity will be run during sessions 1 and 2, and then the children will change to a different activity for sessions 3 and 4.

Some possible Club activities could be woodwork, photography, knitting, paper craft, calligraphy, gardening, weaving, model making, Lego Technic, stamp collecting, dancing, etc.

Obviously the activity needs to be appropriate for the skills of Grade 3 and 4 children.

The more volunteers we have to run a Clubs activity, the greater the variety for the children. If you are available to assist with Clubs, we need you to have an activity which can be completed in the two hours set (for the two sessions available with one group of children)

Please contact me if you require further information,

Anthony Hill

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GRADE 3 & 4 CLUB ACTIVITIES

I, ____________________________ would like to offer a Club activity.

My activity will be __________________________________________________________

I am available for Sessions 1/2 ☐ and/or Sessions 3/4 ☐

Additional information ______________________________________________________

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Signed __________________________________________________

Contact Phone Number: ..............................................................

Eldest Childs Name: .................................................................  Grade: .................................
Fundraising - Term 2

Next Fundraising Meeting – Monday 2nd May 7pm in the staff room
ALL WELCOME.

Mothers Day Stall

We are looking for donations of items to sell at our annual Mother’s Day Stall. This is loved by the students – an opportunity to purchase something special for their Mum by themselves! We wrap the items then try to give every child the opportunity to purchase an item to the max. value of $5 as a surprise for Mother’s Day.

We would appreciate all donations to be dropped into the office before Friday 29th April.

If you would like to help with the Mothers’ Day stall, please leave your name at the office – the more helpers the better.

All students are given the opportunity to purchase a gift. This can be for their mother, grandmother, nanna or a special friend. Gifts are priced between $3 and $5.

movie night

- Pirates of the Caribbean 4
On Stranger Tides
Friday 27th May
Flyers handed out today
Impetigo (school sores) information sheet

Currently at school we have a few cases of Impetigo (School Sores). Below is information about school sores:

**What is impetigo?**

Impetigo is a contagious skin infection usually caused by either Staphylococcus or Streptococcus bacteria. It is most commonly found in children although it may also occur in adults. Impetigo may affect skin anywhere on the body but commonly occurs in the area around the nose and mouth. It first appears as a small itchy, inflamed area of skin which blisters. The blisters rupture, release a yellow fluid and develop honey-coloured crusts and form scabs. New blisters develop in the same area or in different parts of the body and may ooze fluid which is highly contagious. Impetigo is easily diagnosed by the doctor. Occasionally a skin swab may be taken to identify the bacteria responsible for the infection.

**How is impetigo spread?**

Impetigo is extremely contagious. It can be spread from one person to another through touch or shared items such as clothes and towels. However, a person can also spread it to another part of their own body through scratching or picking at the blisters and scabs.

**Who is most at risk of developing impetigo?**

Children are most at risk of developing impetigo. Children and adolescents may be more likely to develop impetigo if the skin has already been irritated or injured by other skin problems such as eczema, insect bites, skin allergy or recent cuts or abrasions.

**How long does it take until symptoms start?**

The incubation period will vary depending on the particular bacteria. It is usually 1–3 days for streptococcal and 4–10 days for staphylococcal infections.

**How is impetigo treated?**

- Impetigo is most often treated with antibiotics, either orally or with bactericidal ointment. It is important to follow the recommended treatment and complete the course of antibiotics.
- Treatment involves washing the sores and crusts every 12 hours or as directed with the prescribed soap or lotion. After each wash pat dry.
- Healing should begin within 3 days and the infection eliminated in 7–10 days.
- If the sores spread and get worse despite treatment or the child becomes unwell with fever, see your doctor.
- Cover the sores with an airtight dressing if the child is returning to school in order to reduce the risk of spreading the infection.
- The child’s clothes, towels and bedclothes should be changed at least once a day.
- Always remember to wash your hands after touching scabs or sores or handling infected clothing.

**How long does impetigo remain infectious?**

If untreated, oozing sores remain infectious for as long as they persist.

**When can children return to school or child care?**

Children can return to school or child care after treatment has started and the sores are completely covered with a watertight dressing.

**How can impetigo be prevented?**

- Encourage children to wash their hands regularly and always use their own towel and facecloth.
- Cut your child’s nails short and encourage them not to scratch scabs or pick their nose.
- Keep injured areas of skin clean and covered to minimise the chance of any bacterial infection, including impetigo.
- Always wash your hands after touching sores or scabs and use gloves if possible when treating infected children.
- Keep children with impetigo away from other children for the period of exclusion. This is until antibiotic treatment has commenced and the sores are covered with a watertight dressing.

**Further information**

- Your local doctor
- Better Health Channel
- Victorian Department of Human Services
  Telephone: 1300 651 160

**Related information**

From Blue book:
- Impetigo (school sores)
- Streptococcal disease (Group A beta-haemolytic streptococcus)
PATIENT IN CASUAL CLOTHES DAY

Thank you to all the students for supporting the Patient in Casual Clothes Day we raised $448.60.

Thank you for your support.
Social Service Committee

SWIMMING – GRADE 2 & 4

Students in grades 2 & 4 will be swimming from Monday 2\textsuperscript{nd} May until Friday 13\textsuperscript{th} May. Students in Grades 2 and 4 are to wear their sports uniforms for these two weeks while they have swimming.

GRADE 5 & 6 PUBERTY TALK

On Monday 2\textsuperscript{nd} May all students will participate in a Puberty Talk between 11.30am and 12.30pm. If you do not wish your child to participate in this session, please contact the school office before Monday 2\textsuperscript{nd} May.

Thank you
Don Beaton

Active After School Sports Program

Sports and activities on offer this term

Hamilton (Gray St) Primary School is pleased to offer the following AASC activities to students in Grades 1-4 in Term 2. Sessions start on Monday 9\textsuperscript{th} May and conclude on Wednesday 22\textsuperscript{nd} June 2011.

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To find out how your child can be involved in the AASC program, please contact Raquel Potter or fill in this slip and hand in to the office.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAM

Child’s Name: .......................................................... Grade: ..............................................

Please indicate your selection by ticking the box or boxes bellow-

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Signature: .......................................................... Date: ..............................................
On Wednesday, May 4th, all children in grades 3-6 will be competing in the Gray Street Cross Country run around Lake Hamilton. Children will leave school by bus at 1.40pm ready to begin running by 2.00pm. At the conclusion of the run, all children are required to return to school by bus, ready for a normal conclusion to the school day. All students in grades 3 – 6 will need to wear their sports clothes on this day. Spectators are welcome. Please park cars in Gray Street.

The inter school cross country takes place the following week Wednesday 12th May.

Dean Kilpatrick
PE Teacher

Chess Club

Any students who are interested in playing lunch time chess on Wednesdays can meet Mrs. Harms outside her room on the middle bell. Beginners are most welcome.

Gray Street will also host an inter-school chess tournament on 1st September. More news will follow closer to the event.

Grade 6 War Memorials walks

The children in Grade 6 will be walking around Hamilton on Friday 29th April looking at various War Memorials as part of their Anzac studies. This walk will take place from 11.30 to 1.00pm. A coat would be a good idea if the weather is cold or drizzle threatens. The children will view and take notes on the several memorials around the Melville Oval precinct, Clarke Street, the Botanical Gardens as well as the memorials at school. This War Memorials walk has become a yearly event with the Grade 6 classes and has proven to be a valuable exercise in educating them on the rich Anzac history of Hamilton and district.

Don Beaton and Natalie Quinn

DRAMUS PRODUCTION – “A SPOT OF MURDER”

Dates: Friday 6th May 8pm, Saturday 7th May 8pm and Sunday 8th May 2.30pm.
Where: Hadden Theatre

For further information see Shirley the Crossing Lady in Kennedy Street.

GOLDEN RETRIEVER PUPPIES FOR SALE

Anyone interested in Golden Retriever puppies see Leesa in the Office.