Cross Country

Yesterday students in grades 3 to 6 participated in the cross country.
Pictured Above: Mairéad Kelly and Erin McLean enjoyed running the cross country.

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Well, we have all been scampering for the winter woollies these past few days. The students and staff have all enjoyed the luxury of being able to use the new toilets this week, there was a constant stream of children checking the new facilities out on Monday, I am sure the novelty will wear off soon.

It is important that students have the opportunity to tell us what they think! Yesterday and today I have conducted a survey to find out what your child thinks of our school. The Attitudes to School survey is an annual student survey for Year 5 to Year 6 students and is offered by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development to assist schools in gaining an understanding of students' perceptions of and experiences at school.

This is the eighth year that the survey has been offered. All responses are anonymous and the survey only takes 20-30 minutes to complete. The results will be reported back to the school at the end of July. Our school will use the survey results to plan programs and activities to improve your child's schooling experience.

Next week the NAPLAN (National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy) will be conducted for all students in years 3 and 5. The NAPLAN consists of common assessment tasks in Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar, Punctuation and Numeracy. The data gathered through NAPLAN is a reliable source of data about student progress for schools, parents and education systems. It is of course, just one component of the information we need to make sound judgements about how students, schools and the system are progressing, but nevertheless its position as one of the key indicators is assured. I know that schools across Victoria have achieved significant success in using NAPLAN data to communicate their students’ learning improvements with parents and local community members. This kind of communication involves the whole community and motivates people towards achieving further gains. Our school uses NAPLAN data as part of a collection of resources to inform practice in the classroom, including their professional judgments of students’ learning. NAPLAN data is also regularly used as a valuable component of whole-school planning for improvement.

The tests are scheduled for the mornings of Tuesday 10th May, Wednesday 11th May and Thursday 12th May. An information brochure will be sent home to parents with all year 3 and 5 students today. If you have any questions about the testing please do not hesitate to contact me or your child’s teacher.

As the weather begins to get colder, it is important to wear the correct winter uniform. As a reminder, the School Uniform Policy for winter is as follows:

**Boys:** Long grey school pants with a skye blue school shirt (cotton, polo or skivvy), maroon jumper or windcheater, grey socks, black school shoes or boots.

**Girls:** Blue check material made into a skirt, pinafore or pants, worn with a skye blue school shirt (cotton, polo or skivvy), maroon jumper or maroon windcheater, dark blue tights or navy blue socks and black school shoes.

**Sports Uniform (boys & girls):** Navy blue sport shorts and/or maroon trackpants and windcheater worn with skye blue polo shirt, white socks and sports shoes.

All students are expected to wear full winter uniform for the Eisteddfod in June. If there is any concern about your child’s uniform for the Eisteddfod, please see Leesa at the office.
Tomorrow we will be holding our Mothers’ Day Stall. Thank you to all our families who have donated gifts. There have been some extra special donations from grandparents who have hand-made gifts including knitted and smocked coat hangers and wooden keyboards. Thanks also to our mums who have taken the time to organise this great opportunity for the children and to wrap the gifts.

Finally I would like to wish all our wonderful mums at Gray St a very Happy Mothers’ Day and I hope that on Sunday you are justly spoilt for the day!

Enjoy the week ahead.
Helen

JOIN IN WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY
FRIDAY 20th MAY 2011

We all want our kids to be happy, healthy and safe. Active kids are healthy kids.

Friday 20th May 2011 is National Walk Safely to School Day. It’s the perfect opportunity for parents and carers to teach children that walking all or part of the way, to and from school, is a good thing to do.

After all, it’s fun and relatively easy exercise, it’s good for physical and mental health and it’s the perfect way to spend some time together before or after school.

Walk Safely to School Day is also a good way to teach young people about their personal safety by developing vital road-crossing and road safety skills around the school. Avoiding the inevitable traffic congestion caused by cars around the school is not only good for your mental and physical health; it’s good for the environment.

So if you cannot walk the whole way, why not combine a walk with public transport or simply park the car a good distance away from the school gates and walk the rest of the way. Thousands of schools throughout Australia will be joining in the event.

For more tips on how to get involved in National Walk Safely to School Day or resources that can be used to engage children, please visit our web site www.walk.com.au.

Go on; hold your child’s hand and Walk Safely to School on Friday 20th May 2011.

*Walk Safely To School Day is organised by the Pedestrian Council of Australia and is supported by the Australian Government and all State, Territory and Local Governments. It is also supported by the Heart Foundation, Cancer Council, Diabetes Australia, Beyondblue & Planet Ark.*
Fundraising – Term 2

Next Fundraising Meeting – Monday 30th May 7pm in the staff room
ALL WELCOME.

Mothers Day Stall

The Mothers’ Day stall will be held tomorrow morning – Friday May 6th.

Each grade will visit the stall in turn and students will be able to purchase a gift priced from $2 to $5. If there are any gifts left over, those wishing to do so may buy a second gift.

Parents - Don’t forget to give your child some money so they can buy that special gift.

A big thank you to the following Business/People for their donations of goods for the Mothers Day Stall:

- Robsons Pharmacy - Sally Hay
- James Dean Pharmacy - Kaylene Murphy
- Your Beauty Body and Spa - Christine Astbury
- Olivia Taylors grandparents
- Zavier Banfields grandmother

movie night

-Pirates of the Caribbean 4
On Stranger Tides
Friday 27th May
$20

Tickets on sale at the school office and at the cinema.

Items of food and parent helpers are required for the movie night. If you are able to assist there is a list of items required in the office. The items are required at school on the morning of Friday May 27th.
Cross Country 2011

On Wednesday we had our School Cross Country, down at the lake. It was a fine day except for a few light showers.

Congratulation to all the students that competed, they all did a great job and should be proud of their efforts.

A big thankyou to all the teachers that helped out, as this made the day run smoothly.

Results:

**Under 12 Girls:**
1st Elly McLean
2nd Jessica Hunt
3rd Danielle Vankalken

**Under 12 Boys:**
1st Riley Tully
2nd Lukas Egger
3rd Bailey Webb

**Under 11 Girls:**
1st Jalen Walsh
2nd Georgia Watson-Deal
3rd Sophie Duncan

**Under 11 Boys:**
1st Scott Nippress
2nd Jakob Greaves
3rd Benjamin Annett

**Under 10 Girls:**
1st Tessa Kohn
2nd Eilish MacGillivray
3rd Annaleace Dohle

**Under 10 Boys:**
1st Louise Beaton
2nd Heath Cooper
3rd Lawson Prendergast

**Under 9 Girls:**
1st Nikki Menzel
2nd Victoria Jewell
3rd Millie MacKirdy

**Under 9 Boys:**
1st Harrison MacPherson
2nd Angus Harms
3rd James Dawson

The top ten in each age group from 10’s, 11’s and 12’s will compete in the Hamilton District Cross country next Wednesday 11th May.
**REMINDER**

Grade 5 & 6 Camp forms and payment are due to be returned to the office by tomorrow – Friday 6th May

**Active After School Sports Program**

Just a reminder to parents and guardians that next week the Active After School Sports Program will begin for Term 2. The program will be running on Mondays and Wednesdays for 7 weeks offering students the opportunity to participate in Badminton and Dance sessions. If you would like your child to be involved please complete the permission form attached to the newsletter and return to the office.

Raquel Potter  
AASSP Coordinator

**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 9th May and conclude on Wednesday 22nd 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.

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**ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS PROGRAM**

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

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

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Signature: .......................................................... Date: ........................................
Welcome back to all the students. We’ve had a busy week in art.

**Grade 2B** collected some autumn leaves and we created a beautiful autumn tree labelled ‘The tree of Life.’ Grade 1B constructed bull-ants to add to the tree. 2A added their creepy crawlies which topped it off. The display is outside the art room.

Fantastic effort to all those involved.

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**Artist of the week!**

This term I have decided to conduct ‘Artist of the Week,’ along with Junior and Senior art class awards. Artist of the week recognises a student that has created, made, produced etc… any art work during their weekly art session. They will be rewarded at assembly with a certificate and prize. Their art piece will also be displayed in the foyer area at the front office.

I am delighted to announce that Jett Grambeau from Prep B is our first Artist of the Week. Jett made his colourful & glittery butterfly without any assistance and with plenty of excitement. Super listening and end result Jett.

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**Junior and Senior Class Art Awards…**

Each week one junior (P-3) and one senior (4-6) class receives an Art Award during assembly.

Congratulations to:

**Junior:** 3B- for their amazing Madagascar constructions.

**Senior:** 4A- for their ‘Under the Sea’ octopus designs & constructions.

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**Madagascar!**
‘Fly fly butterflies’

Prep A & B made beautiful coloured butterflies this week in art. The main focus was mixing paint and creating new colours. Here are some of the children in Prep A with their butterflies. Tamara, Dominic, Minnie and Rhyan in front of their class display.

Reminder: The grade 6 class to bring in a jar by week 5. Also a reminder to a few grade 6 student’s to submit their ‘Descriptive Lettering’ poster from home by next Monday.

WANTED: Egg cartons, buttons, patches and clean butter/margarine containers.

Get creative,
Caterina
**Vacation Care**

Vacation Care was loads of fun this school holidays and planning is already underway for next school holidays - only eight weeks away.

The air hockey was really cool!

The pirates sailed off in their ship while the princesses decorated their castle.

**Before School Care**

Before School Care is available from 6.45am until school starts at 8.50am. This service is available every weekday. We provide breakfast for children arriving before 8am.

**After School Care**

Last Friday we celebrated the royal wedding with a High Tea Party. We made our own dress-ups and had an extra special afternoon tea which included posh sandwiches and cakes. After School Care is available every weekday from 3.30pm to 6.30pm.

**Enrolments and Bookings**

Collect an Outside School Hours Care Information package form from the school office or download it from the website at www.hamiltonps-grayst.vic.edu.au and then go to Parent Information or email Linda Grant at swsustainability@yahoo.com.au and request the forms.

For more information contact Linda Grant, OSHC Project Manager on 0417 522 039 or Rosemary Anderson, OSHC Coordinator on 0408 936 652.