Principal’s Report

Well, we have all been scampering for the winter woollies these past few days.

Yesterday, it was wonderful to see so many students from Gray St represented in the annual ANZAC march. Georgia Muldoon and Dylan Evans 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 a number of our students from Prep to Grade 6 including Emily Hunter and Indiana Sparrow who led our group so proudly holding the Gray St banner. Thank you to the teachers, parents, grandparents and friends who also attended.

On Monday we had the opening of the new canteen, Lyn Battista had worked extremely hard to prepare for the occasion. Thank you to Michelle Elsom who was our first volunteer mum. We had a quiet start but I am confident that the usage will increase over time. Just a reminder that the canteen is open Monday, Wednesday and Fridays.

Next Monday the Grade 1 and 2 students will be starting their swimming lessons, the students really enjoy this opportunity to further their skill development. It can be a very tiring time too so it is a good idea to try and ensure that children are in bed early over these two weeks. Parents are welcome to attend these sessions to see their child in action and if possible help with dressing the students at the end would be greatly appreciated.

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.

Next Tuesday our school is hosting an Agency Forum organised by the Brophy Organisation. The theme of the forum is “The Whole Child” The event is an opportunity for all key community agencies to share information about services they can provide to support schools. This will be a great chance to network with local school representatives and service providers and to build further positive working relationships.

Thank you to those families who have already donated a gift for the Mother’s Day stall, we are still in need of gifts for this special occasion if we could have them brought to the Office by Wednesday for wrapping that would be greatly appreciated.

Enjoy the week ahead.
Helen

Opening of the Canteen, Canteen Manager Lyn Battista (pictured on right) and Parent volunteer Michelle Elsom.

Prep students enjoy eating the ANZAC biscuits they made on Monday.
ANZAC Day March

Yesterday 33 Students and 7 teachers braved the weather to participate in the ANZAC day march. The march started outside school and finished at Melville Oval. Georgia Muldoon and Dylan Evans placed the wreath on the cenotaph. Thank you to everyone for attending.

Swimming Program

As part of our Physical Education program, all students from Prep to year 6 are expected to participate in the 10 session swimming program during terms 2, 3 & 4.

The cost of the swimming program for 2012 is $75.00. If you have not already paid, please send payment to school by tomorrow 27th April, or contact the office.

Students in grades 1 & 2 will swim from Monday April 30th to Friday May 11th. Permission notices were sent home last week for students in these grades.

Fundraising - Mother’s Day

Mother’s Day is just around the corner and we need to make our mums feel special and loved for at least one day of the year! We are holding our annual Mother’s Day stall on Friday 11th May and children need to bring in a small gift to sell for this day. The gifts can include soaps, gardening things, perfume, cooking items, chocolates etc. The list is endless. Please start bringing in small gifts to the office as soon as possible. We will be having a wrapping day on the 27th April and 4th May after assembly so if anyone is free for an hour we would appreciate your support. More news to follow.

Liisa Beaton

Canteen roster:

Friday 27th April – Deb Hintum
Monday 30th April – Michelle Elsom
Wednesday 2nd May – Heidi Cutchie
Friday 4th May – Kim Sparrow

Meals on Wheels Volunteers

Friday 27th April - Rosanna Marshall & Pam Menzel

Prep ANZAC Biscuits

Last Monday the Prep students made ANZAC biscuits in the lead up to ANZAC Day. Preps learnt about the significance of ANZAC Day and then were fortunate enough to make and eat their own biscuits. A big thank you goes out to Rhiana Beardsell for donating her cooking expertise.