Tuesday May 17th
OPEN MORNING
9.30am – 1.00pm
Come and see the school at work

MATHS ACTIVITY NIGHT
6.30 pm – view Prep to grade 4 classrooms
7pm – 8pm Maths Activities

As a part of Education Week Celebrations we will be holding a Maths Activity Night. Parents and students are invited to attend.

This will be a fun night and not to be missed!

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Another busy week draws to a close at Gray St. Congratulations to all our wonderful runners who so bravely, braved the elements yesterday at the District Cross Country Competition around Lake Hamilton. Comments from the staff who attended were that all the children displayed courage and determination as they ran around the lake and it was great to see so many parents supporting the runners and cheering them on to the finish in the poor conditions.

Education Week begins on Monday 16th May with the Prep Open morning from 10.00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. followed by the Prep Open Evening from 7:00pm to 8:00 pm. This will provide an opportunity for parents of prospective prep students to visit and make enquiries about 2012 enrolments. Our Prep teachers and I will be available to meet with parents, talk informally and experience the great learning opportunities on offer at Hamilton (Gray St) Primary School.

On Tuesday May 17th, the school will hold an Open Morning from 9.30am to 1.00 pm. The Open Morning is designed to open up the school to parents and families to attend the school and join in the classes and view the children working. In the evening parents are invited to come along and enjoy the Maths Activity Night in the main building utilising the Prep, Grade Two rooms, the Library and the Flexible Learning Area. The Prep -4 classrooms will be open from 6.30 p.m. for parents to view and then the Maths Activity Night will start at 7.00 p.m. concluding at 8.00 p.m.

Helen

MATHS ACTIVITY NIGHT

To assist with the number of activities needed, please return the form below to the office by Friday 13th May if your family is able to attend.

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FAMILY MATHS ACTIVITY NIGHT

Our family will be attending the Maths Activity Night on Tuesday 17th May.

Family Name: ................................................................. Grade: .....................

Number of adults: ......................... Number of children: .......................
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.

“YOU CAN DO IT”

Dear Parents and Friends,

Gray St Primary School students participate in a social and emotional learning curriculum called You Can do It. The core purpose of this program is to develop the social and emotional capabilities of all our students.
There are 5 Foundations central to the You Can Do It curriculum – Confidence (academic & social), Persistence, Organisation, Getting Along and Emotional Resilience.


This term, our students will undertake lessons focussing on the Emotional Resilience foundation. These lessons aim to develop the following elements of resilience:

- Staying calm in the face of difficult or challenging situations, people, and events;
- Controlling one’s behaviour when one gets extremely upset by not fighting or withdrawing for too long;
- Calming down within an appropriate time interval;
- Bouncing back to work and play.

During the week students that display Emotional Resilience are entered into a raffle draw. At Friday morning assembly five names are drawn out – winners from last week are: Scout Graham, Shayla Dewitte, James Dawson, Nova Tutt and Kieran Barker

CARD CLUB

Any students who are interested in swapping/showing football cards, Pokemon cards etc on Thursday’s can meet Mrs. Speed in her classroom at the middle bell. Everyone Welcome.

SWIMMING GRADE 2 & 4

Due to the MSO performance tomorrow grade 2 students will swim from 12.00 noon to 1.00 pm and grade 4 students will swim from 1.00 pm – 2.00 pm.
The Hamilton District Sports Association will be continuing the popular 'Aussie Footy' Program in 2011 (during second and third term) after 23 successful seasons. 'Aussie Footy' is a modified rules Football program actively encouraged by the Victorian Football Development Foundation and its Development Manager for this region, Mr Jock Whiting.

It features:

- modified rules which have been thoroughly researched by experts involved in Junior Sport.
- Wednesday afternoon (4-5pm) games following a skills session
- emphasis on the learning of skills (mainly in school hours)
- restricted age limits (Primary School children aged 9-12)
- school-based rather than club-based
- equal opportunity for all children regardless of level of skill development or sex

If you wish your child to play, please complete the form below and return form and money to school by Friday, 20th May.

AUSSIE FOOTY REGISTRATION FORM 2011

I, ........................................... give permission for my child/ren:

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to participate in Hamilton Aussie Footy Program for 2011 and enclose $............

........................................... Date: / /2011

Signed

Office Use Only
Amount Received: Date: / /2011  Cash / Cheque/ EFTPOS
GRADE 5 & 6 CAMP

A reminder that students in grades 5 & 6 will be heading off to camp on Tuesday 17th May. Buses to camp will be leaving at 9.00am. Students will return on Friday 20th May at 4.00pm. Students are to meet in the 5/6 Hall.

HAMILTON JUNIOR NETBALL Round 9 14th May 2011

PLEASE NOTE - All games will be played at 9.00am

UNDER 12  Court 4  Gray Street Kangaroos v Gray Street Echidnas
UNDER 10  Court 9  Gray Street Wallabies v Gray St Emus

Fundraising - Term 2

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

MOVIE NIGHT

- PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN 4
- ON STRANGER TIDES
- FRIDAY 27TH MAY
- $20

Tickets on sale at the school office.

If you are able to help with food or on the night, please leave your name at the office.

MOTHERS DAY STALL

A big thank you to the parents that helped with the Mother’s Day Stall. We raised $1468. Thank You
THANKS: Thanks to the families that drop off items for the art room each week. This is really useful.
I would like any jars (any size), ice-cream containers and buttons if you have any spare for the students to use in art classes.

LOST: Last term I unfortunately lost my necklace which is made out of red and black seeds. If you find it please hand it in to the office. Thanks.

JUNIOR & SENIOR ART CLASS AWARDS:

Junior: 3A for their ‘stretched’ magazine cut-outs. They all did a fantastic job. Well Done!
Senior: 6B for their constant enthusiasm and their positive approach each week in art.
Super 6’s!
Congratulations to both classes!

ART SMOCK: Please ensure your child has an art smock.
There are still children without a smock and an old T.shirt is suitable.
Please name them clearly!

Artist of the Week:
TYLER MCCURDY 3B

Tyler always puts in 100% effort in art each week and tries really hard to complete his best art work. Tyler is pictured holding his ‘stretched jug & glass’ work which looks amazing.
Well Done Tyler!

2A
are Clever sculptures!

The children in 2A have sculptured clay creatures this week in art. The task was to sculpture a creature using clay and matches and draw the environment they live in.
They absolutely loved the task and were eager to take their sculptures home.
Well Done kids!
The Australian Childhood Vision Impairment Register

The Australian Childhood Vision Impairment Register is sponsored by the Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children, in partnership with children, families, teachers, health professionals and low vision service providers. The Register is the first of its kind in Australia, and is capturing uniquely Australian data on children with vision impairment. This data will be used to improve services for children and by researchers who work in the area of eye disease and disorders of vision.

Families are warmly invited to register their children. Our age range is from 0-18 years, with any eye condition that causes vision impairment. Families can access our website to register at: www.vifamilynetwork.org.au

The criteria for being included on the Register are available on the website, and if families are unsure, they can email or call the Register staff, who will help out. This website gives families and the public access to useful resources on vision impairment. Families with registered children can also join an online parent forum, where they can meet other families to chat, share ideas and support one another.

We hope that you will consider joining this important Register.
Sue Silveira, Research Fellow
Renwick Centre, Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children
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**OSHC News**

**What do you the kids like about Outside School Hours Care?**

“I like the art and the people who look after us and the popcorn!” Ruby
“Running around outside.” Aisha
“Playing with the Lego.” Rhyan
“Playing with the other kids.” Tahjaun
“Drawing and going swimming during vacation care.” Maia
“Playing with Lego.” Zavier
“Playing outside.” Eddie
“Food!” Rose
“Hanging upside down on the poles.” Macaila
“Building and making things.” Maddie
“Food and playing with Lego.” Hamish
“Food.” Grace
“Playing air hockey.” Nikki

**Quotes from mums**

“Hi to all of the fabulous coordinators of this wonderful service at gray st! Just wanted to let you know Henry (prep B) is loving his 2 after school care afternoons so much he never wants to go home! It certainly is reassuring to know he is in such great hands and able to safely & easily be cared for when I am working! Henry particularly enjoys playing and learning alongside the upper primary aged children and the range of entertaining activities provided in the program keep him occupied and happy till pick up time! WELL DONE! and I encourage anyone else who needs to access this to do so!” Gabbi.

“My daughter had the best time and loved going there, even when I didn't have to work!!! Thanks everyone it was great.” Hayley

“Hayley had so much fun at Vacation care at Easter and she loved the lunches. We will be on holidays in July but she will be back in September. Thanks again.” Alison

**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**

After School Care is available every week day 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](http://www.hamiltonps-grayst.vic.edu.au) and then go to Parent Information or email Linda Grant at [swsustainability@yahoo.com.au](mailto:swsustainability@yahoo.com.au) and request the forms.

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