Dates to remember

Monday September 17th to Thursday 20th September
Grade 5 & 6 Melbourne Camp
Friday 21st September
Last Day Term 3
Footy Lunch Day
Footy Dress Up Day
2.30pm Dismissal
Monday 8th October
First Day Term 4

Notices:

049 – 2012 Grade 1 Grampians Excursion (all grade 1 students)
055 – 2012 Netball Season 2 (interested students)
056 – 2012 Hooptime Basketball (selected students)
057 – 2012 Grade 3 & 4 Camp Expression of Interest (all grade 3 & 4 students)
Special Footy Lunch (All Students)
OSHC Holiday Program (All Students)

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Acting Principal Report

Mrs Freeman is currently in the United States enjoying her well-deserved leave.

In her absence I will be acting principal this week and Mrs Kerrie McFadden will fill this role next week.

A highlight of this week was the interschool chess tournament held in our open learning area on Monday. To see the concentrated faces of so many children was priceless. All participants had a great time enjoying the challenges of playing a range of opponents and being given expert guidance by the organiser and teachers. They also enjoyed learning about tournament rules and using the timers. Our players acquitted themselves well, having been tutored over many weeks during lunchtime chess club sessions by Mrs Harms and Mr Sexton. This event is a great event for Gray St and is a credit to Mrs Harms and her organising talents.

Thanks to the magnificent volunteers who gave up their time last Saturday to complete some important improvements to the grounds. The loyal band of helpers gave the area behind the Grade 4 portable a big lift.

Next Monday is the start of the Grade 5/6 camp to Melbourne. Mrs Gleeson and her team have been busy with preparations for this exciting event. Highlights of the week will include a visit to the Shrine of Remembrance, a trip up the Eureka Tower, a visit to the MCG and Sports Museum, a tour of Parliament House, trips to the National Gallery of Victoria and the Australian Centre for the Moving Image and Scienceworks. During the “quiet” periods at the campsite, the children will complete initiative courses, archery, rock climbing, etc. Good luck to the 86 children and 13 adults attending the camp next week.

We look forward to hearing about your adventures when you return and know you will be great ambassadors for our school.

At last week’s assembly all children were reminded about the school rules concerning playing with balls. Children are not to play with balls before and after school. This is to prevent children bouncing balls along the footpaths on their way to and from school. There have been some recent cases of children playing with balls near crossings and on their way to school with balls spilling onto the road. The recent death in Shepparton of a child at a soccer match should give us all pause for thought and provide reason enough for enforcing this rule. Please discuss this matter with your child and encourage them to carry their own equipment in school bags (if it fits) on their way to and from school.

There is a large collection of lost property accumulating at school. Children and parents are invited to inspect the pile and claim any items belong to them. All unclaimed items will be thrown out during the term holidays.

Next Friday is the final day for this term and children will be dismissed at 2.30pm. As is traditional, this will be a footy dress-up day so children can wear their footy colours. There will be a gold coin fine for this day with the money going to our Junior Council to distribute to a selected charity. Don’t forget to have your order in by tomorrow for the special footy day lunch available from the canteen.
‘Chess Kids’ Interschool Chess Tournament 2012

On Monday around 70 students competed in the Southern Grampians Interschool Chess Tournament at Gray Street. Nine schools from the around the district participated. They included Terang College, Holy Trinity Lutheran School (Horsham), Bayview Christian College (Portland), Casterton Primary, Cavendish Primary, Hamilton and Alexandra College, Hamilton North Primary and Gray Street Primary.

We had to split Gray Street representatives into two teams this year as we had so many entries. Both teams played very well and with good spirit. Gray Street A team ended up winning the tournament and Gray Street B team came 5th. Holy Trinity came 2nd and Terang College came 3rd. Gray Street has now qualified for the State Championships in Melbourne and is allowed to take a team of five representatives. A great day was had by all and every participant should be very proud of themselves.

Grade 4B Photo Lesson

On Tuesday grade 4B got to go to the gardens to learn how to take a good ‘shot’ and we took photos of flowers, trees and our friends as models.

Leesa was a great helper for every one of us. She taught us how to take photos at angles and aim at a flower or a tree up close.

On behalf of grade 4B we would like to thank Leesa in the office for taking us to the gardens and teaching us about taking a good photo.

By Deegan Kinna and Lucy Clarke
Prep 2013 – Discovery Day

Italian with Mr Marco Antonelli

Yesterday 25 kinder children came for our final discovery day for 2012. The children participated in an Italian lesson with Marco our Italian Teacher. The children learnt to say the names of colours, body parts and numbers.

The next part of the 2013 Prep Transition will be in November. Notices will be sent early next term to inform parents of the dates and times.

Junior Netball Season 2

The Hamilton Junior Netball Season 2 will commence Saturday 13th October and run for 7 weeks, finishing Saturday 24th November 2012. Game times have not been finalized as this depends on the number of teams entered. Last season times were 8.30am, 9.30am and 10.30am.

Registration costs for Season 2 are payable before the first round. Players that played the first season in 2012 will only pay the HNA fee of $28.00 as the VNA fee is paid only once per year. New players pay the full fees.

U10 - $58 (VNA $30 + HNA $28 - VNA is payable only once per year)
U12 - $68 (VNA $40 + HNA $28 - VNA is payable only once per year)

Players who have not paid their fees will not be able to take the court in round 2.

Notices have been handed out and are now due back together with payment of fees.

The Hamilton Junior Netball Association has requested all parents complete a survey regarding the future of Junior Netball in Hamilton.

Carolynn Murray & Sheree McGinley
Netball 2012

Bank of Melbourne School Banking

Bank of Melbourne is offering school banking to Hamilton (Gray St) Primary School

Bank of Melbourne will come to the school every Tuesday from next term and collect your child's Bank of Melbourne banking.

The branch Manager Narelle will be at the school assemblies on 14th and 21st September to answer any questions you may have, and to talk to the children about banking. Otherwise you can pop in the Branch and talk to one of the friendly staff about opening a bank of Melbourne account for your child. Children with existing Bank of Melbourne accounts can take advantage of this service as well.

Special Footy Lunch – Last day of Term

Next Friday (21st September) the Canteen will be holding a special Footy Lunch. Order forms were sent home with all students yesterday. Order forms and money must be returned to school by Tomorrow – Friday 17th September.

Grade 5 & 6 Camp

A notice was sent home today to all grade 5 & 6 students attending the Melbourne Camp. Any questions please contact the office.

Artist of the Week

This week’s Artist is Eliza Millard 3B. She created a European style cathedral using paper collage.

LAST DAY TERM

FRIDAY 21st SEPTEMBER
FOOTY DRESS UP DAY
Gold Coin Donation
2.30PM DISMISSAL
Wear the colours of your favourite football team
**Fundraising – Quiz Night**

The next event on our Fundraising Calendar is a Quiz Night. This night will be held on Saturday 23rd October. Tickets are $10 each, with all funds raised going to refit the school library with new shelving.

A flyer will be coming home soon!!

**Meals on Wheels Drivers**

14th September  
Bonita O’Brien  
Volunteers are needed for Friday 14th September and Friday 21st September, please contact the office if you are available to assist.

**Canteen**

Canteen operates on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.  

Mon 17th September  
10.45 – 2pm – Sam Milne  

Wed 19th September  
10.45 – 2pm – Helper Required  

Friday 21st September  
10.45 – 1pm – Deb Hintum  
12.00 – 2pm – Kym Sparrow  

We need more helpers in Canteen. Please contact Lyn at school if you can help out.  Thanks

**Building Resilience**

Andrew is the author of TRICKY KIDS (Finch), HELP YOUR CHILD SUCCEED AT SCHOOL, (Inyahead Press) RAISING REAL PEOPLE (ACER), FROM SURVIVING TO THRIVING (ACER), WORK SMARTER NOT HARDER and BEATING BULLIES.

Andrew has also co-authored a series of programs for the promotion of resilience and emotional intelligence used in over 3500 schools in Britain and Australia called THE HEART MASTERS. He is a Fellow of the Department of Psychiatry and the Department of Learning and Educational Development at the University of Melbourne.

Come and have a fun evening with well known Clinical Psychologist, Andrew Fuller. Andrew’s talks are always fun and informative.

Topics covered will include:

- The active ingredients of resilience
- How parents can develop these in their children
- Friendship skills
- Parenting tricky kids
- Creating happy kids
- Building self-esteem and dealing with set backs
- How to talk to boys and girls

The Hamilton and Alexandra College  
Kantor Music and Performing Arts Centre  
Chaucer Street Hamilton  
Monday September 17th  
7:00pm Start

**{No rules when school’s out!}**

Hamilton Motor Cycle Club Presents  
Diary Of A Wimpy Kid 3. Dog Days  
Help Support Our Sporting Club & Entertain The Kids These Holidays…  
Saturday 22nd Of September @ 4pm  
Tickets are $12 with a drink & snacks  
Do The Kids Want To Bring Friends? Great! We’ll Do A Deal For The Purchase Of 3 Or More Tickets: $10 Each.

Tickets Sales At The Hamilton Cinema  
For More Information Visit Our Facebook Page Or Email Vic @ matt_vic@bigpond.com

**St Andrew’s Cricket Club – Under 12’s**

Play cricket this year with St Andrew’s. Boys and girls, Year 4-6 welcome.

Training will be each Tuesday at Pedrina Park from 4:00 – 5:00, beginning 9th October.

Games take place during Term 4 each Wednesday from 4:00 – 6:30.

Contact Michael Harms  
0427768577 or Craig Dimond  
0400011868 if you would like your child to play.

**Hamilton Little Athletics Centre**

Invites you to our Registration Day to be held on September 16th 2012 @ McDonalds Hamilton, from 1pm till 4pm.  
Cost is $80 per child, second and any subsequent child $75.  
There will be available for purchase a HLAC t-shirt at a cost of $10 each. This will be worn on each competition night.  
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