Yesterday we officially opened our BER Project. As part of the celebrations all students were given a cupcake for morning tea and a balloon to take home. Above: Billy Zebra-Hutchins and Sophie Claffey unveil the plaque.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

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Wow! What an opening to our new facilities. A feeling of great excitement filled the air. There were many highlights during the morning proceedings but one which I would like to make special mention of was the way in which our Gray St students conducted themselves. The polished performance of the Marimba Group followed by the gentle singing voices of the senior choir, with the outstanding behaviour displayed by the rest of the students in the audience showed the supportive and engaging culture that makes Gray St such a great school that it is.

Yesterday, we also had a team of fifteen students representing the district in the Regional Cross Country Competition in Warrnambool. Congratulations go to Louis Beaton who won the 10 year old boy section and Tessa Kohn who came third in the 10 year old girl section and all the other team members on their participation. The Barwon South West Cross Country Championships will be held on June 17th and students that have qualified will be notified shortly.

Over the past couple of weeks the students in Grade 3 and 4 have been involved in a Clubs Program. The people taking the clubs have all been volunteer parents, grandparents and we even had a parent of one of the teachers (Mr. Hill) who have given their time to come and share an interest of theirs with the students. Some of the activities have included: floral art, gardening, drawing, cooking and a variety of needle craft just to mention a few. When talking to the students about the program they have all been so positive and enthusiastic in their comments. I would like to thank the volunteers and the teachers for participating and organising such a successful learning program for our students.

A reminder that tomorrow night the school has the Special Movie Deal – Pirates of the Carribean for just $20. From all reports it is another action packed adventure well worth seeing. Tickets are available from the school office and can be purchased at the door tomorrow night.

Finally, just a special thank you to all the staff and parents who all worked so hard to make yesterday’s opening the great success it was.

Enjoy your week ahead.
Helen
Grade P-2 Cross Country

We were very lucky with the weather last Wednesday for the running of the P-2 Cross country at Kennedy Oval. The Grade 1 & 2 event was run over a challenging 1km track which they completed twice whilst the Prep children ran just 1 lap. All the children should be congratulated for their efforts and should be proud of their achievement. It was great to see the children giving it a ‘red hot go’ even though at times it was very challenging. Perhaps our ‘You Can Do It’ characters Penny Persistence and Rosie Resilience are having a positive effect? Thanks to Mr Kilpatrick for setting up the course.

The results for the day are as follows.

| Prep Girls   | 1st Zara Hutchins | 2nd Mia McKinley | 3rd Marissa Rodgers |
| Prep Boys    | 1st Henry Bensch  | 2nd Ryhan Menzel | 3rd Gabe Marshall   |
| Grade 1 Girls| 1st Ella Thomson  | 2nd La Paige Prendergast | 3rd Jahria Ellis |
| Grade 1 Boys | 1st Nate Krause  | 2nd Flynn Graham | 3rd Dillon Dawson   |
| Grade 2 Girls| 1st Emily Pitts  | 2nd Tegan Menzel | 3rd Olivia Muldoon  |
| Grade 2 Boys | 1st Kingsley Prendergast | 2nd Josh Selby | 3rd Jack De Steiger |

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

It was wonderful to see so many students, parents and teachers walk to school last Friday. Thank you to everyone that participated

Active After School Sports Program

Next week the Active After School Sports Program will be cancelled for the Monday Badminton session. Unfortunately this time will coincide with a whole staff professional development that will take place away from school grounds. We are currently in discussion with the coaches to make up the session later this term.

Regards,
Raquel Potter
Active After School Coordinator
Dear Parents and Friends,

The Resilience lessons at our school have several objectives:
1. To help students understand that negative emotions – sad, worried, and angry – are common to everyone.
2. To help our students understand that these negative emotions are responses to situations and events, rather than from getting out of bed on the wrong side.
3. To develop in our students an understanding that when adverse things happen, they have choices about how upset they get.
4. To develop our students’ skills in using positive, rational self-talk.
5. To promote positive Habits of the Mind – stay calm, take deep breaths, brush it off or talk to someone. Respond to the situation rather than react.

Our Resilience program explicitly teaches our students the following relationship: Happening → Thinking → Feeling → Behaving

The winners of last week’s raffle were: Fletcher Rossouw, Amelia Barras, Tenisha Ellis, Ethan Smart and Jude McKenzie.

Netball

On a cool and sunny morning, Gray St Echidnas played against St Mary’s Blue in the semi-final. The first quarter was very even and then the girls settled down and played their normal game. The goalies shot very accurately and we won 22 to 5. The best players were Emily Pertzel for accurate shooting and Kealy Rau for a great first time playing centre.

Next Saturday, we now play St Mary’s Red in the grand final at 9am at Pedrina Park. We wish all the girls the very best and hope they have a great game. Thanks to Sharon Donehue for coaching each week.

REPORT WRITING DAY

Report writing day will be on Wednesday 1st June no students will be required at school on this day.

UNIFORM

The ordered windcheaters and polo shirts have arrived. The uniform shop is open on Tuesdays.
Science Fun

Last Friday Prep B enjoyed a series of science experiments with Monivae Year 7 students. The Year 7 students shared their knowledge as part of a community service program. The Preps experimented with static electricity, magnets and iron filings, coloured carnations, secret messages and food dye. They also witnessed an explosion of elephant toothpaste! Much fun was had by all. Prep A and Grade 1B will also get to have some science fun with the Year 7s over the next month.
Fundraising - Term 2

NEW DATE !!!! Next Fundraising Meeting – Tuesday 31st 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.
Raffle on the night $1 per ticket - prize Wii Megamind game.

Donations and a few helpers are still required for our movie fundraiser on May 27th. There are many small and relatively inexpensive items that can be donated to assist with this event.

✓ Bags of Gold chocolate coins
✓ Standard size vanilla cupcakes
✓ Party sized sausage rolls

You don’t have to make all of the food it is broken down into batches of 25 portions. Please donate - this is a great way to generate money for our school. Please contact Leesa or Maree at the front office or Sophie Hannah (0417 898 144).

LATE MOVIE NEWS
We have just secured our last movie fundraiser for the year Kung Fu Panda 2. This is likely to be held late June and will be a great family movie (G). Details will follow shortly.

HAMILTON JUNIOR TABLE TENNIS

Hamilton Junior Table Tennis every Tuesday night in the Table Tennis Centre at the Hamilton Indoor Leisure and Aquatic Centre at 6.45pm. All juniors aged 7 to 15 welcome to come along to learn and play table tennis for just $3 per night. Equipment provided for new players. For more details please contact Darryl Lacey on 0400336652.
Thanks: Thanks to the families that drop off items for the art room each week. This is really useful and appreciated. Due to the Art room getting painted next week, I am asking for families to NOT DROP OFF items please. Art session will take place in the resource room and space is very limited. Thanks for understanding.

Artist of the Week: Annaleace Dohle
Annaleace is in 5A and is rewarded for her ongoing positive attitude and excellent work ethics during art. Congratulations and keep this up Annaleace!

Sneak Peak: 6A & 6B Descriptive Lettering
The two grade six classes have been spending weeks working on their individual Descriptive Lettering piece. The task was to draw a picture in the shape of the letters in their names. This drawing task allows the students to think about line and space, and the technique of shading with light & dark tones.

Well Done!

Get Creative,
Mrs Wilkinson
**OSHC News**

**Wednesday 1 June – OSHC is open all day!**

School might be out for the day but Outside School Hours Care is open all day on Wednesday 1 June. We have 25 places available and lots of fun activities ready.

Children can be dropped off and picked up any time between 6.45am and 6.30pm. We provide all food and drinks for the day including breakfast (before 8am), morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea. The full fee for the day is $68.83. After Child Care Benefit (CCB) and Child Care Tax Rebate a full day of care will cost some families less than $15.00. Contact Linda for an estimate of what it will cost for your family.

Places must be booked and only enrolled children can be booked in, so remember to return your enrolment forms with your booking slip if your kids are not already enrolled. To book places, return the booking slip below (and enrolment forms) to the school office.

**Enrolments and Bookings**

Collect an Outside School Hours Care Information Package 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 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.

**Outside School Hours Care booking for Wednesday 1 June 2011**

*To help us with rostering, please tell us what time you will drop off and pick up your children.*

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I............................................................................................................(insert name) would like to book my children into Outside School Hours Care on Wednesday 1 June. I understand that by making this booking I am agreeing to pay the fee for each booked child whether or not they attend on the day.

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Signature................................................................. Date.............................