Pictured above: Emily Pertzel, Georgia Muldoon and Georgia Clarke have been practising their recorders for weeks in readiness for the Eisteddfod.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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With the official start of winter yesterday, we have been still lucky enough to have some bright sunny days which the children have taken full advantage of outside in the playground. Yesterday, all teachers had a very productive day working on their student mid year reports which will be distributed on Thursday 23rd June followed up with parent/teacher interviews on Monday 27th June and Tuesday 28th June. It was decided to have Wednesday as the report writing day as this enabled the specialist teachers to work with classroom teachers.

Last Friday evening I attended the special movie fundraiser Pirates of the Caribbean 4 - On Strange Tides. It was great to see so many in attendance: students, ex students, parents and teachers supporting the school through this fundraiser. On behalf of the school I would like to give thanks to Hamilton Cinemas for allowing us to have this fundraising opportunity, MacDonald’s and Harvey Norman for their donations. Special thanks to all our wonderful families who donated cup cakes, sausage rolls, chocolate gold coins etc that were part of the movie deal on offer. Thank you too to Sophie Hannah and the fundraising group for another successful event.

For the past nine days we have had nine students and Dean Kilpatrick attend Somers Camp. Somers School Camp is a Department of Education and Early Childhood Development school that provides a program for Years 5 and 6 children. Each government school has the opportunity to send children to camp once every two years. One hundred and sixty children attend the camp. The nine day Outdoor Education program, with emphasis on the Environment and Sustainability, provides a variety of activities such as bush cooking, boating, drama, orienteering, indoor rock climbing, ropes courses, flying fox and a challenge swing. There are also organised evening activities. I look forward to hearing from our participants and expect that they will be keen to share some of their experiences in next week’s newsletter.

The corridors and classrooms are coming alive with the sounds of music in readiness for the Eisteddfod next week. The children are very excited and practising continuously their songs and pieces of music working towards perfecting their performances. Staff are to be congratulated on the time and effort involved in helping prepare the children for the big week ahead.

Finally, I would like to wish all the children at Gray St who are performing in the Eisteddfod whether it be as part of a school performance or a special interest group the very best of luck and that they enjoy the experience and have fun.

Enjoy your week ahead.
Helen

“YOU CAN DO IT”

The winners of last week’s raffle were:
Sage Leeworthy, Chloe Byrne, Flynn Graham, Mairéad Kelly and Ellen Pither.
It’s that time of the year again – Eisteddfod Week – Monday June 6th to Friday June 10th.

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**ALL STUDENTS IN THE EISTEDDFOD NEED TO WEAR THEIR COMPLETE WINTER UNIFORM.**

- Grade 6 students can wear either their Rugby Jumper or Maroon Windcheater.
- All hair is to be neat and tidy. Please ensure all hair bands are navy blue or maroon.
- Please ensure school shoes are polished.
- Long Grey pants for boys

**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PARENTS:** If your child is participating in the Eisteddfod in any other section (ie Woodwind, Piano, Strings etc), it is the parent’s responsibility to take their child to and from the Eisteddfod.

**LIBRARY NEWS**

**VICTORIAN PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE 2011**

A reminder to all students participating in the reading challenge.

All booklets must be seen by me before the holidays. I will have to verify all books on the computer in order for the books to be recognised by the challenge organisers, if this is not done, the books you have read will not be counted. By now you should be all on your way to finishing the challenge!!

A BIG thank you to the generous families who have donated new and second hand books to the library.

Alex Anderson
Library Technician
NETBALL REPORT

Last Saturday, Gray St Echidnas played in the U12s netball grand final at Pedrina Park against St Mary’s Red. It was a wet and drizzly morning, making conditions very hard and the ball slippery to catch. It was a great game to watch and all players tried their very best. St Mary’s ended up winning by 5 goals. A very special thank you goes to Sharon Donehue for coaching.

On Tuesday we held a special netball lunch in the Library to celebrate the season, with all players receiving a certificate. A huge thank you to all our coaches and parents that have helped with Netball this past season, without your help we would not be able to enter teams.

Throughout the season all players have really improved their skills and displayed great team work. Well Done.

Lisa Ferrier & Carolynn Murray

Fundraising – Term 2

Farmers' Market – Produce, Cakes, Plants and Lollies

This year we will be holding three Farmer Markets as part of our Fundraising activities.

At the Farmers Market we would like to sell a variety of items. At our last Farmers Market back in 2009 we sold everything from vegetables, plants, flowers, cakes, slices, muffins, scones, craft items right down to individual things for the students to buy – frogs in ponds (the jelly variety), playdough, individual cup cakes, bags of lollies, decorated biscuits, individual craft items and the list goes on.

The first of these markets will be held on Friday June 17th from 2.30pm to 4.00pm in the stadium. The Farmers Market is open to students, parents and the wider community. This market will be organised by the parents of students in grades Prep, 1 and 2. (A note will be sent home tomorrow with students in grades Prep, 1 & 2).

Anyone in the school is welcome to bake/contribute to the stall – extra labels will be available from the office. All donated items need to be left at the canteen on the morning of Friday 17th June. (Please no items with cream or meat).
MOVIE NIGHT

a family fundraising event

Kung Fu Panda 2

When: Saturday 25th June 2011
Time: Movie starts 2:00pm, arrive from 1.30pm
Where: Hamilton Cinema, Brown Street, Hamilton
Tickets: $12.00 children each - includes a noodle box of goodies, a drink, and entry into Lucky door prize raffle
$15.00 adult each - includes coffee, cake & lucky door prize entry

Tickets on sale at the school office.

Po is now living his dream as The Dragon Warrior, protecting the Valley of Peace alongside his friends and fellow kung fu masters, The Furious Five - Tigress, Crane, Mantis, Viper and Monkey. But Po's awesome new life is threatened by the emergence of a formidable villain, who plans to use a secret, unstoppable weapon to conquer China and destroy kung fu. It is up to Po and The Furious Five to journey across China to face this threat and vanquish it. But how can Po stop a weapon that can stop kung fu? He must look to his past and uncover the secrets of his mysterious origins; only then will he be able to unlock the strength he needs to succeed.
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:**
**Kingsley Prendergast**
Kingsley is in 2B and demonstrated his creative imagination with ‘What’s Inside My….?’ activity. Wonderful participation and enthusiasm Kingsley during the session.

**Junior & Senior**
**Art Class Weekly Awards**

**Junior:** 2B For their ‘What’s Inside My….?’ creative piece. Amazing **Imaginations** class!

**Senior:** 6A for the exploration of ideas, colours & techniques demonstrated on your Descriptive Lettering pieces. Well Done!

**Excellent Effort to Both Classes!!**

**Art room SnAp-ShOts**
More art room photos can now be seen at the school's website. So check out what’s happening @:
www.hamiltonps-grayst.vic.edu.au

Get creative
**Mrs Wilkinson**