Principal’s Report

We have enjoyed another busy week at Gray St. with many exciting learning opportunities for all students.

I am a little shocked to think that it is the first day of June tomorrow; the year is disappearing fast so I encourage all to make the most of every opportunity. Yesterday, our representatives in the District Cross Country Team travelled to Warrnambool to compete in the Divisional Cross Country. Congratulations to all our competitors.

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. I am particularly looking forward to sitting in the audience enjoying seeing our students perform as part of the Eisteddfod experience. Staff are to be congratulated on the time and effort involved in helping prepare the children for the big week ahead.

All students are hard at work on a variety of assessment tasks in readiness for their teacher’s important job of writing their mid year reports. The reports will provide you with a clear, overall picture of your child’s achievements so far this year as well as information on any areas for improvement or extension.

As the term has progressed the popularity of the canteen has increased in leaps and bounds. Lyn and her trusty band of volunteers do an amazing job offering a delicious menu which includes ‘homemade’ fried rice and mini egg and bacon tarts. Unfortunately, we are still short of volunteers so please if you can spare a few hours to help out it would be greatly appreciated.

Today, Luke Barnes, Jake Donehue, Isaac Ewing, Cooper Graham, Eilish McGilivray, Emily Pertzel, Oliver Pitts, and Harry McGinley have all travelled to Altona to participate in the School Sport Victoria State Basketball trials; we look forward to hearing more about this exciting opportunity. Following along with the basketball theme we have many of our Gray St students participating in their club basketball ‘grand finals’ tomorrow night at HILAC. We wish them all the very best and that they enjoy the challenge no matter what the result.
Music News

Eisteddfod is nearly here! Grade 4 – 6 students have been practicing their recorder pieces and are sounding great. Some students will be playing a solo, a duet or in a trio. Performing on the PAC stage can be a little daunting and scary so encourage your kids to practice and perform at home.

Eisteddfod session times:

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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.

ICT News

All students from grade 2 – 6 will be learning how to use email with the Ultronet and with Super Clubs Plus (grade 3 - 4) in ICT classes. Emailing is a fantastically skill for students as they explore how to communicate with friends and family online, however emailing school friends should always be for educational purposes. Students need to remember that the Ultronet is not designed for students to send inappropriate or nasty emails to other students. A good cyber safety message to remember is: If you wouldn’t say it to someone’s face, don’t say it online!

School Enrichment Activity

Grade 5/6 Photography

Recently, 22 children took part in two one-hour sessions with Mrs Talitha Prendergast learning about their cameras and the skills involved in taking a good photo. Following these sessions most children have entered photos taken at home and at school, in the Lions Photography Competition, to be held on June 20th, 21st, 22nd and 23rd at the Lion’s Club Rooms. We wish the children ‘Good Luck’ in the competition but acknowledge the fun they have had and the skills they have learnt regardless of the results of the competition.

We thank Talitha Prendergast for giving up her lunch hours to work with the children and Leesa Dorman for giving up her time to print the photos. We could not run such an activity without their help.

Sandra Jacobson (Enrichment Activity Co-Ordinator)

I am not a target” Anti-Bullying Workshop

The Gray Street Learning Community organized a very successful anti-bullying workshop last Saturday. Some ten families spent the rainy afternoon in the dry Gray Street stadium, learning about what bullying is, how to recognize it and how to stand up against bullies – literally!

Muhktar Kadiri from Palace Martial Arts led the workshop for us. Gray St/Palace student Kelly explained that we speak of bullying when someone (or a group of people) with more power than you, repeatedly and intentionally use negative words and / or actions against you, which cause distress, bad feelings and risks your wellbeing. Bullying can be physical, social, psychological and by means of electronics (cyber bullying). Gray St parent/Palace student Darren presented on how parents can recognize if their child is being bullied and what they can do to help; watch for signals, listen to your child and talk to the teacher and the school.

Muhktar led us in some physical exercises that were based on self-defense. Keeping a strong and tall posture is important, because this sends a signal to bullies: “I am not a target!”. We also practiced our reflexes by avoiding a (foam) bat and standing up with our hands up and shouting “Stop!”.

Our school Profile describes the values we want to encourage in our students: confident; caring; co-operative; supportive and happy! The approaches teachers and students use to encourage those values are: the Restorative Practices; Circle Time; You Can Do It! and the Buddy System. Bullying is not acceptable behaviour.

If you know or suspect that bullying is happening at school, you should let the school know the situation. Bullying often happens out of sight of teachers, so they may not know it is happening. There are still handouts with useful information available at the information stand near the office.

We all know that kids who are being bullied are unhappy; but the ones doing the bullying are often just as unhappy. And the same goes for the bystanders. So we need to stop the cycle of bullying behaviour and make sure that students are indeed confident; caring; co-operative; supportive and happy.

Students have commented that they thought this workshop would benefit everyone at Gray St! The Gray Street Learning Community would like to thank Muhktar Kadiri for a fun and informative workshop.

The Gray Street Learning Community aims to help parents to become “life-long learners” by organizing informative events (almost) every month.
**Fundraising News**

**Farmer’s Market**

We have two exciting events to look forward to before the end of term for all our children so keep reading the newsletter.

We are having our first Farmer’s Market of the year. This year the market is to be held on:

**Thursday 21st June from 3.30pm**

It will be held in the open learning centre, Gray Street. Bus children will be allowed to buy things early.

It is to be held on this day so it does not clash with the canteen. We are asking each grade to bake or make different items:

A note was sent home yesterday to all parents asking for donations.

**Movie Fundraising Event**

ICE AGE 4 (Continental Drift)

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Tickets can be purchased shortly from the school office.

There will an epic afternoon tea with a drink provided for each person attending the movie. Fabulous prizes including a raffle of Ice Age goodies, lucky door prize and guess-the number-of-lollies –in—a jar game.

We are asking for donations of a variety of items like vanilla cupcakes, lollies, large plastic cups for popcorn (milkshake sized). There is also a list at the front office. I am sure both these events will be great things for our children and we would love your support, either as donators or helpers on the day!

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**Fundraising**

**Wood Raffle**

Raffle books and money must be returned to the office by tomorrow morning.

The raffle will be drawn at assembly on **Friday 1st June**.

**Canteen**

Canteen operates on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Volunteers for next week are:

- **Friday 1st June**
  - 10.45 – 1pm – Deb Hintum
  - 12.00 – 2pm – Louise McLennan
- **Mon 4th June**
  - 10.45 – 2pm – Tracy Barnes
- **Wed 6th June**
  - 10.45 – 2pm – volunteer needed
- **Friday 8th June**
  - 10.45 – 1pm – Deb Hintum
  - 12.00 – 2pm –

**Dan Tehan MP Invites you to attend a Wannon Youth Forum**

Sunday 17th June 2012
1.30 – 2.30pm
Guest Speaker
Wyatt Roy MP

The Grangeburn Quality Motor Inn
Ballarat Road, Hamilton

Wyatt Roy made history in August 2012 when, at 20 years of age, he was elevated as the Federal Member for Longman in Queensland and became the youngest ever Member of Parliament. Wyatt Roy will address the forum and take question from the floor. There will be no charge to attend. Please RSVP with names of those attending to Lizzie Hallam 5572 1100, 1300 131 692 or email – lizzie.hallam@aph.gov.au

**Earn & Learn**

Once your sticker card is full please send to your child’s grade. Each grade will get to ‘spend’ their Earn and Learn points in July.

Blank sticker cards are available from the office.

**Pauls Collect a Cap**

Remember to send Pauls Collect a Caps into school. The grade that collects the most this term wins a fantastic morning tea!!

**Meals on Wheels**

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**Wanted**

Second hand keyboard wanted. Please call Anna on 0408 562 636.