Grade 5 students held their first “Zigazooms” and “Honka Wonka” stalls for the year. Zigazooms and Honka Wonka are a ‘special’ currency used in their classrooms.

Yesterday for a gold coin donation, grade 5 students and their parents were able to shop with their special currency. Pictured above: Kristen Brant, Dylan Evans and Jalen Walsh showing their purchases, their special currency and their handmade wallets.
School Council met for its June meeting and again there was a variety of issues on the agenda. As we head quickly towards the end of term 2 it has become apparent that the second half of the year will be just as busy as the hectic period we have just come through with some exciting projects planned.

One of the most important decisions council took was to appoint Urban Initiatives to develop a landscape master plan for Gray St Primary School. This plan will focus on providing a structure in which to consider the educational outcomes of further grounds developments over the next 10 years. Urban Initiatives have vast experience in specialist landscape design. They have a wide range of private and government clients throughout Melbourne and Victoria and we are thrilled that they have agreed to take on our project. We look forward to meeting with them early in term 3 and look forward to developing a number of options for the school communities' consideration.

Thanks to Jim Bailey and Shane Price for removing the fence panel near the utility shed and for all parents & staff who attended the working bee prior to the official opening of the new extension. We will look to call another working bee next term to attend to some further maintenance issues and top up the soft fall in the playground areas.

The education and marketing sub committee has been working on a new design template for the school newsletter consistent with our website and new branding. It is expected that a new look and feel will be in place for next term. This initiative will be one of many to improve communication with parents and the school community.

Council adopted a recommendation from the finance sub committee that provides for a change to the Parent Payment Policy. This change will have an impact on arrangements from the start of the school year in 2012. More details to these changes will be communicated to all parents in term 3.

Principal Helen Freeman reported:

- That our current enrolments have now reached 333 students.
- After securing a replacement fit out for our new school canteen (the original canteen was demolished to make way for the new classrooms) works will begin early next term.
- Our cleaning contract has been reviewed and awarded to Gateways for a period of 12 months
- The Outside School Hours Care Program has now completely been implemented by Linda Grant. Rosemary has now taken over her full coordinator’s position. The Vacation Care program was finalized, advertised and numbers are building for the holiday period
- Gray St has developed a community learning partnership with Southern Grampians Adult Education. This project will provide additional opportunities to engage parents with their children’s learning
- A successful application to provide a successful language program/Italian to the students in two cluster schools, which start at primary level at Hamilton Gray St Primary School and Baimbridge College then continues to secondary school up to VCE Level.
- The internal painting project is in its last stages with the Art room now complete and the total project finishing by the start of Term 3

Have a great school holidays!

Cheers
Hugh Koch (Ted’s Dad)
President
School Council
YOU CAN DO IT!!

Emotional Resilience means:

- knowing how to stay calm;
- being able to stay stop yourself from getting extremely angry, down or worried when something bad happens;
- being able to calm down and feel better when you get upset;
- being able to control your behaviour when you are very upset so that you can bounce back from difficulty and return to work.

Emotional Resilience Skills:

- Find something fun to do
- Finding someone to talk to
- Relaxation
- Exercise
- Being assertive
- Changing negative to positive self talk
- Not blowing things out of proportion
- Figuring out how to solve a problem

The raffle winners for last week were: Kristen Brant, Kathryn Granziera, Ellie Jeal, Harry MacPherson and Rachael Millard.

Fundraising – Term 2

Kung Fu Panda 2, was a great success, there was not a spare seat in the house! Thank you to all those helpers on the day, in the lead up to the event and to those families who donated goods for the movie. The donation of goods is a fantastic way for us to ensure all money from the event goes back to the school and not for the costs of goods required to host the movie – again thank you!

With the combined proceeds of the raffles and tickets sales to both Pirates of the Caribbean 4 and Kung Fu Panda 2 our school has raised over $2000.00 – Well done all involved.

An extra special thank you to both Harvey Norman and Hamilton Cinema for donating goods to our events.

A special thank you needs to go to Michelle Grant-Hallam from Hamilton Cinema for her generosity and advice. It ensured two very successful events.

Our next fundraising meeting is Monday 25th July at 7:00pm, in the school staff room. Please don’t be shy; we would love to see you there.

Ted’s mum (Sophie)

WAR

Written by Scout Graham

The water level rising high,
Birds tumbling from the sky
Bombs flying over my head
Poppies growing from the dead,
the colour of red.
In the air way up high watching people violently die
Congratulations to all the classes for developing their art techniques throughout the term. It has been pleasing to see and looking forward to creating new art pieces next term. Thanks to the families that drop off items that we could recycle again through art. Have a wonderful break and remember to create something new over the holidays. See you all ready to shine once again during our Multicultural theme!!

**Artist of the Week**
Makenzie Annett is in Prep A and is this week’s Artist of the Week. Makenzie has enthusiastically created a green mouthed frog in Art this week. She folded the green paper in half and glued this in the centre of the page to resemble the frog’s mouth and then added features such as the arms, legs and eyes. Incredibly cute frog and Well Done Makenzie!

**Junior & Senior Art Class Weekly Awards**

**Junior:** 3A for their creative shoe-box ‘Treasure Box’!
Super transformation and creativity 3A!

**Senior:** 5B for working quickly and efficiently to complete the set activity. Well Done 5B!

**Excellent Effort to Both Classes!!**

**VACATION CARE PROGRAM**
**JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

Bookings are now open for Vacation Care for the term 2 Holiday break being held at Hamilton Gray St Primary School.

If you would like your child to participate in the vacation care program, please contact the Coordinator Rosemary Anderson on 0408936652.