Dates to remember

**Friday 8th February**
- AFL Clinic gr 3 – 6
- Whole School Family Picnic 5.30 – 7pm
- Botanical Gardens

**Wednesday 13th February**
- No Preps required at school
- AFL Clinic – grade 4

**Monday 18th February**
- Meet & Greet

**Tuesday 19th February**
- Prep Field Event 9-11am

**Wednesday 20th February**
- No Preps required at school

**Friday 22nd February**
- Swimming Sports Gr 2 – 6
- Monday 25th February
- Curriculum Day
- No students required at school

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Principal’s Report

It never ceases to amaze me how quickly the students take up the challenges of a new school year.

We have only been back a week and as I walk around the school there is already a real sense of engagement by the students in their learning.

Today in the newsletter you will see an invitation to attend a Meet & Greet Interview on Monday 18th February. The purpose of the interview is to enable you to firstly meet the teacher and then to share information with your child’s teacher which you feel is relevant to his or her learning. To enable the teachers to see everyone we will need to keep to a strict time regime therefore a bell will ring at 10 minute intervals. If after your interview you feel you need more time you can then organise a suitable time for you to catch up with the teacher.

On Saturday 26th January our neighbours, the Hamilton Community Baptist Church, undertook another of their wonderful working bee’s in our school yard, in preparation for the commencement of the school year. To Trevor Walmsley and the group of volunteers who worked so hard on our behalf, our grateful thanks are extended.

Last night the Year Six students and their families met in the Open Learning Area for a social get together. It was a successful evening with many families in attendance.

As you would have seen in the media there is ‘Stop Work’ action planned for Thursday 14th February. Yesterday I was informed by the AEU Sub Branch that there are ten staff planning to stop work on this day.

Just a reminder about the rules of the two ‘drop and go’ zones’. Firstly, there is no parking in the designated areas during the times specified on the signs. Secondly, if your child is not there ready to be picked up you must leave and then return to the drop off zone, hopefully to have your children waiting there for you. The police are quite vigilant regarding enforcing all the rules because the safety of our children is of the utmost concern.

Finally, a reminder about our ‘Gray St Family Picnic’ tomorrow evening in the Botanical Gardens starting at 5.30 p.m. Students must be accompanied by an adult for this function. There will be some organised fun activities for the families to be involved in. This will be a great opportunity to celebrate the start of the school year.

Enjoy the week ahead.
Helen

GRADE 6 PHOTOS

No. 02 – 7th February 2013
Requests from the Artroom

Just a reminder that all students will need to wear an art smock during art. Many of the activities are messy and clothes need to be protected. Could you please send a named art smock along to school for your child’s weekly art lesson.

If you have any old wool you would like to donate to the school, it would be gratefully appreciated in the artroom.

Many thanks, Emma Brown.

Swimming sports 2013

This year the Swimming Sports are being held on Friday 22nd February 2013 at Hughan Park (outdoor swimming pool) commencing at 10am.

To conduct the sports safely we need to have an accurate record of the appropriate swimming level for your child. HILAC have provided us with your child’s swimming level from our Gray Street grade swimming lessons conducted in 2012. This level will be used to group your child into the appropriate level for the swimming sports.

If your child did not participate in our 2012 grade swimming program, has had lessons over the holidays or your child is new to the school and is currently in grades 2 to 6, could you please fill in the form below indicating your child’s current swimming level. This note must be returned to your child’s class teacher by Friday 8th February so we can complete our records and plan for the sports.

We also require parent volunteers to assist with the running of the swimming sports. The day will commence at 10am and finish around 1.30pm. If you are able to assist with jobs such as handing out ribbons, escorting children to the results table and setting up shade tents on the day, could you please indicate this on the form below.

Thank you for your support.

Sheree McGinley & Carolynn Murray

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Teachers and students would like to invite you and your family to the first ever Gray St Family Picnic

Friday 8th February

5.30pm – 7.00pm

BYO everything

At the Botanical Gardens

Cut this out and return to the office

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Help us slash our photocopy costs and help the environment!

Sign up to have your NEWSLETTERS AND OTHER INFORMATION emailed to you.

Student Name/s and grade/s:  ..............................................................

Parent Name/s:  ..............................................................

Email Address:  ..............................................................
Canteen Specials

**Term 1 Special Menu Items**

**Monday Specials**

Chicken Burger - $3.50
Wholemeal Roll - Chicken fillet, lettuce, tomato, cucumber, grated carrot, beetroot & mayonnaise

**Wednesday Specials**

Chicken Wrap - $3.00
Crumbed Chicken, Salad & sweet chilli mayonnaise served in a wrap
Salad Boxes (available every day) Lettuce, tomato, cucumber, grated carrot, beetroot, pineapple, cheese & dressing - $3.00
Egg Salad (as above) with hardboiled egg - $3.50
Ham Salad (as above) with sliced ham - $3.50
Chicken Salad (as above) with diced chicken - $4.00
Fruit Salad (diced fresh fruit) - $3.00

School Concert DVD

The School concert DVD’s have been handed out this week.

Sunsmart

Hats must be worn every day during Term 1. Don’t forget to bring them to school.

Prep Days Off

Prep students do not attend school on the following days in February:

- Wednesday 13th February 2013
- Wednesday 20th February 2013
- Monday 25th February 2013

Blessing for the 2013 School Year

All catholic children, their families and teachers are invited to attend a Blessing for the 2013 School Year on Sunday 10th February at 10.30am Mass in St Mary’s Catholic Church. Bishop Paul Bird, Catholic Bishop of our Ballarat Diocese will be the main celebrant.

Enrolment for the Sacrament Program 2013 (including 1st Holy Communion) will take place at this Mass. Any questions please contact the Parish Office on 5571 1161

1st Hamilton Scouts Resumes

Joeys – Tuesday 12th Feb 6.15pm to 6.45
Cubs - Tuesday 12th Feb 7pm – 8.30pm
Scouts – Monday 4th Feb 7pm to 9pm
North Boundary Road, Hamilton
New Members Welcome
For further details contact Caroline on 0427 850 944

1st Hamilton Scouts Resumes

Education Maintenance Allowance

Information in relation to Education Maintenance Allowance has been handed out with this newsletter. If you are eligible for this allowance please ensure the completed form is returned to school by Thursday 28th February. LATE APPLICATIONS CANNOT BE PROCESSED.

Tyrendarra Show

Saturday 9th Feb 2013

Kids bring mum and dad along to the 96th annual Tyrendarra Show. You could even enter a scarecrow – they can be made from straw or material. Lots of other art sections to enter. Have a look at the website for the full schedule of events - www.tyrendarraagriculturalshow.com.au or ring Robyn Nunn on 5529 5271

Junior Basketball

Minders Basketball Club are looking for anyone interested in playing basketball. You can start basketball this year if you are turning 8 yrs old – Born 2005 through to 1998.

Boys teams contact: Jason Stone: 0428 849 917 or jandsstone@bigpond.com
Girls teams contact: Sharon Donhue: 0407 72 41 63 or sharon.donehue@bigpond.com
Coaching interest - please contact either of the above.

Newsletter Information

The newsletter is handed out every Thursday to the eldest child at School. You can also find the newsletter on the school website. The newsletter can also be emailed to you directly. Please complete the form on the previous page if you would like this option.
2013 Meet & Greet Interviews
MONDAY 18th FEBRUARY 2013

On Monday 18th February class teachers will be having Meet and Greet Interviews starting at 3.50pm and finishing at 7.30pm. These interviews will enable you to share information with your child’s teacher which you feel if relevant.

To assist in the timetabling of interview times and to minimise the waiting time between interviews, please complete the form below indicating the interview time-slot that suit you.

Forms must be returned to the office by Tuesday 12th February. It is very difficult to accommodate late requests once the timetable has been drawn up. The time table will be handed out next Thursday with the newsletter.

Meet and Greet interviews are for ten minutes and take place in your child’s classroom. If at the completion of the 10 minutes you require extra time, please discuss this with the teacher and another time can be arranged.

We understand that it is sometimes best for separated parents to have individual session times. If this applies, please mark the form accordingly.

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2013 Meet & Greet Interviews
MONDAY 18th FEBRUARY 2013

Fill in the details necessary to identify your child/ren (please print) and circle the most suitable timeslot for your interview.

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Please indicate (circle or tick) the timeslot suitable for an interview on MONDAY 18th FEBRUARY

3.50 to 5.00
5.00 to 6.00
6.00 to 7.00
7.00 to 7.30

PARENT/GUARDIANS ATTENDING: __________________________  ______________________________
(please print name)  (please print name)

☐ Separate parent interviews required