Principal’s Report

Welcome back to another exciting and busy term at Gray St.

This week we see the conclusion of a detailed focus on persuasive writing across the school. The outstanding results will be displayed inside and outside the classrooms early next week. The displays illustrate the work that the students do to construct their final copy. So, I strongly encourage you to visit and have a read of the high quality persuasive arguments put forward by our talented students.

Tomorrow 25 students will be representing our school at the Warrnambool/Portland/Hamilton Division Athletics Championships 2012 being held in Warrnambool. We wish them luck and a full report will be in next weeks newsletter.

To commemorate ANZAC Day at school we will be holding a special assembly on Tuesday morning. This will be coordinated by the Grade Six students. Junior School Councilors Sophie Duncan and Dylan Evans will be selling ANZAC Badges for 20¢ each tomorrow, Monday and Tuesday. Students are also invited to attend the annual ANZAC march which leaves the corner of Gray and Kennedy Streets at 10 a.m. on Wednesday 25th April. The march concludes at Melville Oval where a special service is held. Georgia Muldoon and Cooper Graham will represent Gray St at the service and place a wreath at the Centotaph.

Again we have had a very successful Out of School Hours Care program attended by school age children from many schools in Hamilton operate over the holidays. We had a number of children of various ages attend and engage in the many activities that were offered. Congratulations to Rosemary and the team for the outstanding job they are doing.

It is important that students have the opportunity to tell us what they think! Next week the Attitudes to School survey which is an annual student survey for Year 5 to Year 6 students, offered by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development to assist schools in gaining an understanding of students’ perceptions of and experiences at school will be conducted.

This is the ninth year that the survey has been offered. All responses are anonymous and the survey only takes 20-30 minutes to complete. The results will be reported back to the school at the end of July. Our school will use the survey results to plan programs and activities to improve your child's schooling experience.
ANZAC Day March

All students are invited to participate in the Anzac march next Wednesday 25th April. Students marching need to meet at the front of the school at 9.50am and wear their full winter uniform. Students need to collected from the cenotaph at approximately 11.30 am.

Swimming Program

As part of our Physical Education program, all students from Prep to year 6 are expected to participate in the 10 session swimming program during terms 2, 3 & 4.

The cost of the swimming program for 2012 is $75.00. If you have not already paid, please send payment to school by tomorrow 20th April, or contact the office.

Students in grades 1 & 2 will swim from Monday April 30th to Friday May 11th. Permission notices were sent home today for students in these grades.

Digital Photo Workshop

Gray Street Learning Community is running a workshop for Managing and Enhancing Digital Photos this Tuesday 24/4/2010 at the Southern Grampians Adult Education Training Room, 89 Gray St, Hamilton 7pm – 9pm.

Please see more details on flier with this newsletter. This session is being offered at a special rate for Gray Street parents and staff for a ‘one off’ event for the Learning Community program at only $10 per person. The normal value for this is $45, or $90, if part of the 3 week course offered at SGAE.

This will be an information packed evening learning about and using software programs free from the Internet. Don’t miss it!

Suitable for beginners, or more advanced users. Book in now 5571 9900

Fundraising - Mother’s Day

Mother’s Day is just around the corner and we need to make our mums feel special and loved for at least one day of the year! We are holding our annual Mother’s Day stall on Friday 11th May and children need to bring in a small gift to sell for this day. The gifts can include soaps, gardening things, perfume, cooking items, chocolates etc. The list is endless. Please start bringing in small gifts to the office as soon as possible. We will be having a wrapping day on the 27th April and 4th May after assembly so if anyone is free for an hour we would appreciate your support. More news to follow.

Liisa Beaton

Canteen Price List for Lunch Orders

Lunch orders are to be marked on brown paper bag, money to be wrapped in foil (to comply with health regulations) IF YOU REQUIRE A BAG, PLEASE INCLUDE AN EXTRA 10¢. Please do not send large notes as limited change is on hand. Change will be returned in foil in lunch bag with order so please make sure your child retrieves it before putting bag in rubbish. Only main lunch item to be ordered on paper bag, other items such as drinks, ice creams etc. to be purchased from canteen window. Lunch orders need to be placed in containers in each class room before the start of school.

Information to be placed on lunch bag (or envelope /extra 10c for bag)

1. Childs Name
2. Class
3. Order/cost
4. Total money included in bag (remember child will not receive change till lunchtime so will have no money for recess)

Sandwiches (whole meal or high fibre white bread)
(If bread roll or wrap is required 50c extra)
Ham & salad - $3.00
Chicken & salad - $3.50
Salad Only - $2.30
(Salad includes-Lettuce, tomato, cucumber, grated carrot, cheese & Mayo.)
Chicken, lettuce & Mayo. - $2.80
Egg & lettuce - $2.20
Ham - $2.30
Ham & cheese - $2.50
Cheese - $2.00
Toasties
Cheese - $2.20
Ham & Cheese - $2.70
Ham, Cheese & Tomato or Pineapple - $3.00
Chicken & Cheese - $3.20
Chicken, Cheese & Tomato or Pineapple - $3.50
Hot Stuff
Meat Pie - $3.00
Party pies - 80¢
Party pies Lite – $1.00
Sausage Roll (home made) - $1.50
Sauce sachet 20c

At recess mini pizza $1.50 & Party pies $1.00 will be available to buy from canteen window. But no hot food will be available to buy at lunch as it must all be ordered through lunch bags. Daily specials will be available in next couple of weeks as I get organized, these will include Fried Rice, Pasta & Bolognaisce & Macaroni Cheese. A complete canteen list will follow next week as all the stock arrives.

The menu will constantly change as I try new items, I’m also happy to discuss any ideas the school community may have. Please also see me if your child has any dietary requirements, that I may be able to help with. There will be no nuts or nut products in the canteen.

Finally I’d like to ask for parents/grand-parents, to volunteer to help in the canteen, this is a service that can only continue with the support of the school community.

Thank-you

Lyn Battista