Welcome back!

A warm welcome back to everyone for the commencement of Term 3. I hope all families had an enjoyable break with their child/children no matter where you were. Although the weather was not the best, it was a great opportunity to catch up on some movies, coffees and the odd lunch or 2 with friends and family.

On Tuesday the students in Years 3 to 6 were fortunate enough to partake in a ballet workshop as part of the Australian Ballet – ‘Out There’ in schools program. The program was divided into two main sections a movement/dance workshop and a demonstration/discussion forum called Talking Doing Dancers. From the feedback I received and from what I saw it was enjoyed by all.

Today students attended a special performance ‘Planet Rhythm’. The performance provided students with the opportunity to take part in a unique and memorable hands on experience – It was a large production: the children were amazed at the magnificent collection of majestic world drums and percussion instruments sourced from the four corners of the globe. The performance was in the way of a journey, the children gained an insight into how rhythm and instruments originated. They also learnt and appreciate the significance drumming has had on many cultures throughout the ages.

Over the school holidays the school ran again a very successful Out of School Hours Care program attended by school age children from many schools in Hamilton. Again it was a huge success with children of various ages attending and engaging in the many activities that were offered. Congratulations to Rosemary and the team for the outstanding job they are doing in the Out of School Hours Program.

Next Friday, we have our first Prep Discovery afternoon for this year. Mrs McGinley will be taking the pre-schooler group for some engaging physical education activities which I am sure they will all enjoy. A reminder that Parent Teacher Interviews are on this Monday. We have had a good return of forms for the interviews but if you haven’t yet returned your form could you please do so tomorrow. These interviews form a very important component of your children’s education. Close links between home and school are vital in helping your child to succeed and grow.

Only one week to go to our ‘Jam and Chutney Master class’ in readiness for the Great Victorian Jam and Chutney Challenge in October. The afternoon will be hosted by GVJCC judge Janette O’Keefe, from the Victorian CWA. Come along and learn the finer points of making jam, marmalade, pickles and chutney. Afternoon tea will be provided there will be no cost for this experience but we would like RSVP’s for catering purposes to 5571 9295. The event will be held at Hamilton (Gray St) Primary School from 2p.m. to 4p.m. Please let you’re your friends and relatives know about this great opportunity.

Finally, congratulations to Georgia Clarke an ex student of Gray St for her recent success overseas in the United States and Canada in the shot put and discus.

Enjoy your week ahead.

Helen

On behalf of the Gray St community, I wish to express our deepest sympathies on the passing of Mr. Henderson. Our thoughts and sympathy are extended to Mr Henderson’s family. Mr Henderson was a welcomed visitor to the school popping in to tune violins, share his extensive collection of music and most importantly his passion in fostering instrumental music in young children.
Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability
‘Collection Notice’

All schools in Australia, including Independent and Catholic schools, will participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability this year.

The Data Collection is an annual count of the number of students with disability receiving educational adjustments to support their participation in education on the same basis as students without disability.

All education agencies are now required under the Australian Education Regulation 2013 to provide information on a student’s level of education, disability and level of adjustment to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training.* Data will continue to be de-identified prior to its transfer to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training. No student’s identity will be provided to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training.

The collection of this information from states and territories will inform future policy and program planning in relation to students with disability.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Helen Freeman on 5571 9295 or the Victorian Department of Education and Training Data Collection Hotline on (03) 9651 3621. For questions after 7 August 2015, please call the Australian Government Department of Education and Training on 1300 566 046.

* For more information on Schedule 3—Amendments for the collection of data on students who are persons with a disability Australian Education Regulation 2013 see: http://www.comlaw.gov.au/Details/F2014L01723/Html/Text#_Toc404934419

HOOP TIME BASKETBALL 2015

Grades 4 Thursday 23rd July
Grades 6 Monday 27th July

A reminder Grades 4 and 6 Hoop Time notices and money are due by Friday 17th July (copies of notices are available on the school website, skoolbag app or the office. All children in grades 4 and 6 are participating in the Hoop Time day whether it be in the All Star, the Future Stars or the Rookie sections.

Details regarding the day are set out in the note sent home the last week of term but children are reminded to wear their Gray Street sports uniform to school – basketball singlet tops will be provided on the day but children must be wearing their blue sports shorts (track suits can be worn to keep warm during the day but can’t be worn whilst playing). Children must bring a water bottle and food for the entire day.

Children will be bussed to and from HILAC and all children must come to school as per a normal school day and return to school on the bus and dismissed at the end of the normal school day. Children cannot be dropped off or picked up from HILAC. Busses will be leaving school at 9.05am and we ask that children be at school in plenty of time on the relevant days to enable last minute organisational matters to be done.

A big thank you to those parents who have offered to coach and score. We would encourage as many parents to call in to see their children play. Fixtures will be available closer to the day.

Carolynn Murray &
Sheree McGinley
Hoop Time 2015

SWIMMING

All swimming notices and payments are due back tomorrow. No late forms will be accepted.

Parent Teacher Interview Timetable

The Parent Teacher Interview Timetable will be sent home with students tomorrow. It will also be available on the schools website and skoolbag app.
News from Bruce the Bandicoot…

Blitz this week – Learning the 3B’s
Be Respectful
Be Safe
Be Responsible

Photos from the Visiting Performers this week…
Information from the Office

Skoolbag App - "NEW"

To ensure effective communication with parents and the wider community at Hamilton (Gray St) Primary School, we are currently trialling the Skoolbag App.

During the trial period, parents using ‘apple’ based iPhones, iPads, iPods may download the app. (If the trial is successful, Android users will also be able to access the app.) We are hoping to have as many parents as possible join during the trial period to take advantage of the many facilities that this FREE app provides, such as information and alerts that are unique to our school. This App provides the opportunity to, at a glance, see if events have been updated or cancelled via a push notification. Parents can notify the school of a student absence straight away via the App. It also includes information links such as school newsletters, news, an events calendar, cancellations, school notices, school information, absence forms, and school documents.

To install Skoolbag on your smartphone, follow the instructions below searching for Hamilton Primary School (look for the school logo). *A hint - when searching the app store type in 'skoolbag pty ltd hamilton' and it goes direct to your school to open.*

You can download this App for free from the Apple store.

Notifying the Office

When sending emails through to the school in regards to your child’s absence or new travel/bus arrangements for the day please email the school on hamilton.ps.gray@edumail.vic.gov.au, or if you would like to notify a particular staff member, ‘cc’ the school in the email. Sometimes the staff members you are sending an email to are unavailable on that day due to illness or meetings.

Be Responsible  Be Safe  Be Respectful
From The Artroom.....

As part of the Hamilton and Greater District’s celebration of the Woolly Wool Festival this year, we would like to decorate the front fence of our school (Gray St. end). If you would like to be part of this school community art installation, celebrating WOOL, you can start finger knitting lengths of yarn. Bright colourful wool would be best. These finger knitted lengths of yarn will then be woven onto our Gray St fence, along with our colourful sheep. If anyone has any woven “God’s Eyes” they would like to have included, drop them into the box too.

Any donations of the finger knitted yarn lengths can be dropped into the box in the front office. We will need many, many lengths, and at the moment it’s the perfect weather to sit and knit. This is a great, fun activity for all family members to be a part of...and it will look great on the front fence!

Could all finger knitted donations be dropped into the box in the office by Friday 31st July.

Many thanks, Emma Brown :)

Canteen Roster

Volunteers are need urgently in the canteen. If you can help please contact the office 5571 9295. Thank you

Notices Sent Home (Notices can be found on the school website)

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Ferrari Club Show and Shine

Join us on Sunday 19th July.

Redtree Music School

Want to learn an instrument? Red Tree Music is holding an information evening. Try an instrument, hear our teachers perform and learn about online music lessons.

Where: Hamilton Performing Arts Centre When: July 20, 7pm How much: Free

Please ask at the box office for more info and to register your interest go to: www.redtreemusic.com

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Inflatables in the Pool

At Milac, 3rd Sunday of every month. Next session: Sunday 19 June 10am - 2:30pm Cost: Pool Entry