On Friday The ‘Gray St’s Got Talent’ grand final will be held for the students from Grades 1-6 in the stadium from 2.30 p.m.

Above: Georgia Watson-Deal, Chelsea Jewell and Jessie Hunt are looking forward to the final on Friday.

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A very welcomed change this year to the usual wet weather conditions experienced at Sheepvention. The mild and dry conditions enabled many families and visitors to Hamilton to enjoy this special event. Sophie Duncan from 5A took the opportunity to use the Sheepvention for inspiration when writing her ‘sizzling start’.

In Honour of Sheepvention....

I heard a soft snigger behind me. I turned around and saw a sheep. Oh no! It’s that evil sheep wanting revenge because I shaved him on Sunday! I turned around and saw him with his evil, red eyes and black body. I watch him from my spot. I watch him laugh his evil laugh..............

This year the visual and performing arts teachers have combined to cover a unit of work around Multiculturalism. The Prep - 2's have learnt a Vietnamese folk song 'Kia con buom vang', made their own dragon water puppet and are beginning to learn Vietnamese numbers and phrases and are currently learning about the traditional instruments of Vietnam.

Grade 3's & 4's have learnt about some African drums (Djembe and the talking drum), singing and playing in a drum circle to 'Tjee Tjee Koelee' and are currently learning a dance to Waka Waka (meaning this time for Africa).
The grade 5's + 6's have learnt about the Rio De Janeiro Carnival, and the percussion music of the Carnival called the Bateria. Currently the 5's and 6's are learning about Capoeira, the Brazilian Martial Arts Dance, as well as the music of Capoeira.

Also included in the unit of learning in the ICT classes, students from grades 3 - 6 have been working on creating their own travel brochure using Microsoft Publisher. Students have been learning to research and present their information on the country/continent they are studying in a creative way.

Grades 1 - 2 have been creating Microsoft Powerpoints on Vietnam and have been learning new skills such as copying and pasting images from Google.

All students will have the opportunity to share their learning’s with other students and parents later in the term on Multicultural Day, more information will follow leading up to the day.

The very successful ‘Gray St’s Got Talent’ comes to a close this week. This afternoon we had the grand final for the Preps. Tomorrow the grand final for the students from Grades 1-6 will be held in the stadium from 2.30 p.m. Syrenna, Maddy and Scott have been instrumental in the thorough organisation and running of this successful event which I am sure will be added to the school calendar of events on an annual basis.

The cold and flu season has hit again, and we need to give a few timely reminders about managing illness to help prevent the spread to others. Teachers will be reminding students about ways that they can minimise their chances of picking up a nasty bug.
Flu is not the only illness sweeping the community at the moment. We also have had several cases of gastroenteritis. Finally we also have had a case of Erythema infectiosum more commonly known as 'slapped cheek disease' or 'fifth disease' and is a common childhood viral infection. Fifty to sixty percent of women are immune to the virus by the time they reach childbearing age. Occasionally, an unborn baby of a non-immune mother can develop problems if infected before the 20th week of pregnancy. Most cases experience no symptoms at all.

In children the infection causes a mild illness with little or no fever but a striking redness of the cheeks (hence 'slapped cheek disease'). This may be accompanied by a lacy looking rash that fades within a week but can re-occur over several weeks on exposure to heat or sunlight. Adults often do not have a rash but may have cold-type symptoms and/or painful or swollen joints over two to three days.

The infection is spread by infected respiratory secretions through coughing, sneezing or touching something that has been coughed or sneezed on. About 50% of non-immune people will become infected if there is a case in their household, less if the case is at school. Cases are infectious before the onset of the rash and are probably not infectious after the rash appears. The incubation period of the infection is 1 to 2 weeks.

Students with any symptoms of the flu or gastro must be kept home to ensure their recovery and to help protect the health of other students, staff and helpers. It’s been a busy start to the school term and we have extended the deadline for your creative input in naming the school newsletter don’t forget the voucher from Gilly’s for the winning entry. Entries close on Thursday 18th August.

Finally, I would like to share with you a poem written by Oscar O’Brien in Grade 4A written after Cadel Evan’s great win in the recent Tour de France.

Have a great week!

Helen

CADEL!  by Oscar O’Brien 4A

Did you hear about Cadel, racing through the Arc de Triumph?  
He’s been in and out the papers for round about a month
His team-mates, friends and family think him a pretty nice bloke
Don’t think any Aussie would think him a bit of a joke.
But there’s one thing I’ve been wondering – if someone could just tell
There is this little question about how they all would smell.
Twenty-one days of riding through Paris and all around France
I’d hate to get a whiff of Cadel’s underpants!

Cyber Safety tip

Be aware of how your child uses the internet and explore it with them. Bookmark a list of favourites you are comfortable with your child visiting and teach them how to access this list.
YOU CAN DO IT!

“Success is .... 9/10 Perspiration & 1/10 Inspiration.”
Encouraging Positive Self-Talk is an important part of our YCDI program.

We encourage our students to think that the harder they try, the more success they will have. Children often have the perception that success is caused by luck, and ease of task, rather than their own internal factors - ability and effort.

Some helpful phrases we can all use to promote and acknowledge our students efforts:

“You really put a lot of energy into that.”
“I knew I could count on you to go the extra mile.”
“I knew you wouldn’t quit.”
“You stuck to that like glue.”
“You really tried hard. Doesn’t that feel good?”
“You sure don’t give up easily.”

PREP 2012 – SPECIALIST CLASSES FOR PRESCHOOLERS

A reminder to parents of 2012 prep children, specialist classes will be held on:

- Wednesday 10th August - Art
- Wednesday 24th August - Music
- Wednesday 7th September - Library.

Please meet in the Flexible Learning Hub at 2.30pm. Any questions please contact Leesa or Maree in the office.

BOOK WEEK CELEBRATIONS

Our school will be participating in Book Week celebrations from Monday 22nd August until Friday 26th August.

The theme for Book Week this year is ‘Around The World’. During library sessions the students will be reading the Short-Listed books for 2011. Each class has also chosen a book that relates to the theme.

We will complete our Book Week festivities with a Dress-Up Day on Friday 26th August. Students are encouraged to come dressed as one of their favourite book characters, they may also bring the book the character is from.
FUNDRAISING

LADIES NIGHT

Thursday August 25th
At the Gray Street Learning Centre

7.00pm – 9.00pm
$10 per person
Includes Champagne on arrival & nibbles

Jewellery
Lorraine Linen
Mary Kay
Cupcakes

Giftware
Handbags
Toys
Papercraft

Artwork
Body Shop
Books & Games
Juice

Donations of food are required for our ‘Ladies Night’ on August 25th. Please place your name on the list in the office. Donations need to be dropped off at the office on the morning of Thursday August 25th

- Dips
- Orange Juice
- Biscuits
- Kabana
- Cheese

Please donate - this is a great way to generate money for our school. Please contact Leesa or Maree at the front office.

FATHERS’ DAY STALL

Fathers’ Day Stall: Friday 2nd September: PLEASE START BRINGING IN ITEMS for the stall.

Some suggestions are: Coffee cups, chocolates, socks, radios, tools, garden items, books, notepad & pen, anything really that you think Dad would like! The more gifts – the more choices your child will have on the day. Items for sale will be priced between $3 - $5

If anyone could spare an hour or two leading up to Fathers Day to help with the wrapping of presents that would be greatly appreciated.

Farmers Market – Monday 12th September 3.30 onwards – more details to follow.

Next Meeting – 22nd August 7pm – All welcome in the staffroom.
Barwon South West Region Hockey Championships 2011

On Friday the 29th July, the Gray Street hockey team of 11 travelled to Warrnambool to play in the Barwon South West Hockey Final against Geelong and Warrnambool.

All games were played on a synthetic field, which were divided into two pitches. The games were 20 min halves.

Our first game was at 11.00am and was against Geelong. The scores were 8 - 1 our way. Everyone played a great game well done to our great goalies Luke Serena and Brock Barbie. We all worked well as a team.

The second game was against Warrnambool, it was a very tough and tight game the score with 5 minutes to go in the first half was 0 – 0. They scored two late goals to go into half time.
The second half saw Warrnambool score 4 more to win the game 6 – 0. We had a mixed and young side where Warrnambool were all boys from grade 6.

Everyone played a great game and should be proud of their efforts.

We would all like to thank Narelle Pits, Ms Ferrier and Mr. Kilpatrick and all the parents for coming and supporting. Hopefully we go 1 step more next year.

Emma Robertson and Olivia Moore.

COLOURING COMPETITION

‘The Man the Sea Saw’ is an exquisite piece of theatre from one of Australia’s most talented physical theatre artists Wolfe Bowart. The show is coming to the PAC on Thursday the 11th of August at the family friendly time of 7pm and is suitable for ages 6+.

The PAC has given the school a family pass (2 adults and 2 children) to see the show. To win the free tickets all the students have to do is colour in a copy of the image provided by their classroom teacher and return it to their teacher by lunch time on the 9th of August. The winner will be judged and notified that afternoon. All entries will be displayed in the foyer of the PAC on the night of the show.

For more information on the show you can visit www.themantheseasaw.com.

SWIMMING – GRADE 3 & 5

The swimming program for grades 3 & 5 will start on Monday 8th August until Friday 19th August. Please remember to pack all swimming gear.
Let’s get ready to raffle!!

We’re gearing up for a fantastic fundraising opportunity in Term 3 with the “Our School Raffle”. In partnership with Scouts Victoria, this is a wonderful opportunity for our school to raise money and offer amazing prizes without any financial risk! It really is a win-win situation for everyone involved!

For every $2 ticket sold, $1.50 will come back to our school -

We hope your family will get on-board and start selling as many raffle tickets as you can – the more tickets you sell, the more money we raise.

Tickets were handed out to the eldest in the family last Friday. All money raised, plus ticket stubs must be returned to school by Friday 26th August. Every family that sells a book will go into a mini raffle draw at school to win a Logitech Webcam Pro 9000.

You can find out more information at www.ourschoolraffle.com.au and follow us on Twitter @OurSchoolRaffle and on Facebook (Our School Raffle). So remember, as the Scouts say, ‘Be Prepared’!

COLES – SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS

Coles has launched their 2011 Sports for Schools program and we are excited to announce that we will be participating and collecting vouchers for much needed sports equipment.

Vouchers are available in all Coles stores until 19 October and we ask that you get involved to help collect vouchers for our school.

Our target is to collect 15,000 vouchers to provide our school with sport equipment.

We are appealing to parents and guardians to collect as many vouchers as you can. By donating and encouraging friends and family to do the same, you are helping to provide a healthy and active education environment for our children. The collection box is located at the front of reception so please feel free to drop the vouchers in the box or give them to your children to place them into the box.

SAFEWAY – EARN TO LEARN

Our school is taking part in Woolworths Earn & Learn community program. This year, they are giving away more than $5 million worth of educational resources for Primary and Secondary schools all over Australia, including ours!

From July 18th to September 18th 2011, Woolworths (Safeway) will give you one Earn & Learn point for every $10 you spend in store (excluding the purchase of cigarettes, alcohol and gift cards). Points will automatically appear on your shopping dockets. All you need to do is save those dockets and bring them to school (Woolies have given us a special collection box). You will be able to track our progress online at woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

At the end of the 9-week program, we can redeem our collection of points against a choice of more than 7,000 educational resources. The list is extensive and includes library books, classroom equipment, art & craft materials and much, much more... There’s no limit to the number of points we can collect, so your participation will really make a difference. The more points we earn, the more resources we can order!

PAULS COLLECT A CAP

Help support our School through the Pauls Collect-A-Cap program. For every specially marked Pauls Collect-A-Cap that you bring in, Pauls will donate 10c towards our cause. Bring you caps to the office. Money raised will go towards fitting out the new canteen.
Weeks 2 & 3 flew with all the grades working productively on their art pieces. Grades Prep-Two enjoyed making & personalising their Vietnamese hats and money; grades three and four ‘looked through their window’ to discover an African animal appearing on the other side and also personalising their own African money!

Grades five and six personalised a Brazilian note with colour & design and created beautiful mosaic pieces. You can see some of the children’s completed art pieces on the school’s web site. They look fantastic.

**WANTED:** Tiles, any colour, shape and sizes please.

*Creative Art = Happy Children!*

*Caterina Wilkinson*

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**Artist of the Week goes to:**

Congratulations to Brock Barby in 5B for his artistic approach and positive enthusiasm in week 2 art activity. Brock redesigned a $1000 Brazilian note with bright colours and personalised it with his photo. Excellent work ethics and participation Brock. A well deserved award and outstanding result.

**And:** **You’re a Star Brock & Tenisha!**

Congratulations to Tenisha Ellis in room 3A. Tenisha beautifully presented and thought about her African money design with care and attention. She is commended for her art achievements. Excellent Work Tenisha!

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**Junior & Senior Art Award**

*Week 2: Junior: Prep B* for their hand-made Vietnamese hats.

*Week 3: Junior: 3B* for their creative Vietnamese money designs.

*Week 2: Senior: 4A* their creative African animal task, ‘Look through my window.’

*Week 3: Senior: 4B* For their ‘roaring’ African money designs. Great use of colour and layout. Super Effort!

*Congratulations to all four grades!*