Principal Report

Another busy week is drawing to a close at Gray St!

We had some great results from the Hooptime Basketball Tournament held for the Year 4 and Year 6 students over the past week. Thank you again to staff for organising teams and parents who supported this event. All Grade Six teams on Monday were represented in Grand Finals with the Grade Six All Stars winning and receiving an invitation to play in the next level of competition in Werribee later in the year.

Yesterday, we had a great turn up to our first Prep Discovery Day for this year. Carolynn Murray took a large group of pre-schoolers for some engaging physical education activities which all the children enjoyed. Our next special day is on Wednesday 8th August when the children will be heading to the Art room for some crafty activities with Ms Brown.

Over the school holidays we had a visit from our ‘rose pruning expert’ Peter Dowling (ex parent and school councillor). A huge thank you to Peter for his great pruning of the roses which will ensure a colourful display in Spring.

On Sunday 20 students participated in the Grade 2, 3 & 4 Photography Workshop as part of our enrichment program. The photos taken will be entered into the ‘In Focus – Celebrating Farm Life’ competition being run through the National Centre for Farmer Health. Other students wishing to enter this competition may contact Mrs McFadden for assistance. Thank you to Maree and Steven for allowing us the use of their farm for the day.

It was wonderful to see so many parents attend our Parent /Teacher Interviews this week. Both nights went extremely well attended.

On Tuesday you would have received a short survey from our Gray St Learning Community steering committee who have been responsible for co-ordinating a number of great activities this year, one that stood out for me was the BBQ Masterclass. I would encourage you to please take the time to fill in the survey and return it to the Office by Friday 3rd August this will assist with planning relevant activities for the remainder of the year.

Enjoy your week ahead.

Helen
Meet Your School Councillors

Meet your 2012 school councillors.

Front - Bonita O'Brien, President Hugh Koch, Treasurer Jim Bailey.

Middle - Raquel Potter, Emma Callaway, Kerrie McFadden, Christine Jeal.

Back - Jason Muldoon, Leigh Whyte, Vice President Susan Bradbeer.

Absent - Simon McKinley

Numeracy Information

Mathematics work from Grade 6

One of the benefits of the Grade 6 Money Matters program is the amount of mathematical learning it provides. Each week the children are required to calculate their tax rates (percentage) and complete their spread sheets of earnings (addition). Then they pay their bills and calculate change (subtraction) and sometimes even need to calculate for their weekly banking or making payments for their house or car (budgeting). Money Matters also requires calculation and recording of the weekly sales from the children’s businesses and as well as recording of assets as they accumulate belongings. Each Friday, the Grade 5/6 Hall is a hive of activity as the children plan, pay, negotiate and calculate their way through the world of everyday finance.

Mathematics work from Grade 5

Grade 5s have been busy with two very challenging topics this term. They have been working on the order of operations so they can tackle problems effectively. Jacob Millard explained that the class had watched a video which had helped them understand how BODMAS works. He then demonstrated some very advanced equations which he had been able to solve using this knowledge. Josh Kealy explained about his new work with percentage. He has been learning about common percentage and what percentage means. He is currently working on a poster to explain common percentage and to show their values.

Anthony Hill

Maths Night

Dear Grade 6 children and parents,

We welcome you to an evening of Mathematics on Thursday, 2nd August at 7.00pm in the Grade 5/6 Hall.

The idea of the evening is to have family members work together on Mathematics activities in a fun way. We will present some games, puzzles and activities to develop mathematical and logic skills (and non-threatening to any parents worried about their own Maths skills!)

The evening will run for approximately one hour.

The cost for the evening will be $2 per family to buy a “Mathematics Pack” which contains all the things you will need for the evening.

Regards,

Miss Quinn and Mr Hill
What is Happening in Grade One?

Last week all of the Grade Ones planted snow pea seeds. We are going to watch them for fourteen days so we can explain how they grow.

First we got some cotton wool and four seeds. We put the seeds and the wool in a plastic cup. Then we watered them and put them on the window sill. Each day we watered them and checked to see if they grew.

On day seven we saw the seeds swelling, roots growing down and shoots growing up. On day fourteen we think they will be halfway up the cup.

Complied by Grade 1A

Above: Bowen, Henry, Indy and Emily with their seeds.

Artist of the Week

Tessa Kelly, Prep A.

Church Hill Kinder Visit!

On Monday morning, 23 excited Kinder Kids from Churchill Kinder arrived to spend some time with Prep A. We read a story called ‘Elmer and the Lost Teddy’, which is about a rainbow coloured elephant that helps baby elephant find his lost teddy. The Preps and Kinder Kids then made their own patchwork elephant together. They then played some maths games. We had a very enjoyable morning together and the preps were fantastic busdies to the Kinder Kids.

Staff Profile

Mr Ben Sexton     Gr 3A

What is your earliest childhood memory of school?

Having ‘Cat in the Hat’ by Dr. Seuss read to us in class.

What would your last meal be?

Mashed potatoes with garlic.

Name five people in history or current day that you would like to meet?

1. Douglas Adams
2. Stephen Hawking
3. Bill Murray
4. Jimi Hendrix
5. Janis Joplin

What do you do when you are not working?

I’m never not working! I do like to write stories and read interesting books.

What is the most interesting trip you have ever taken and why?

After university my friends and I went on a big trip around Australia. We got to see lots of amazing things

Gray Street’s Got Talent!

The Music captains, Jalen Walsh and Emily Pertzel have been busily preparing for GSGT 2012! They will be hosting auditions for the concert on Thursday and Friday for the next 3 weeks. They will be looking for talented Gray Street students to come forward with acts ranging from Music, Drama, Comedy, Magic, Dance and anything else entertaining! So start preparing and rehearsing your acts ready for auditions!
Grade 4 Hoopetime Reports

On Thursday Grade 4 went to Hoopetime Basketball. There were 5 teams called All star Boys, All star Girls, Future Stars, Gray Street Heat and Gray Street Hawks. Well done to Future Stars for making it to the Grand Final. Well done to all the teams. Thank you to all the teachers and parents who helped on the day. You did a great job.

Liam Gellert 4B

Last Thursday Grade 4 went to Hoopetime. It was great fun. All the teams were really fair. I would like to thank all of the Hoopetime organisers and all the parents and teachers for coming. Thank you.

Ellie Jeal

Last Thursday the grade fours went to HILAC to play games of basketball. My team got into the grandfinal, even though we didn’t win we all had lots of fun playing. Some teams played 6 games and some played 7 games. I played 7. In one of the games I got a three pointer. I was very proud of myself and everyone else.

By Claire 4A

Last Thursday the Grade 4’s went to HILAC to play basketball. I shot 3 goals in one game. Our team made the granfinal but we lost by 2 goals. I really enjoyed the day.

By Cuba 4A

Grade 6 Hoopetime

On Monday all Grade 6 participated in the Hoopetime Basketball tournament at HILAC. Gray St entered six teams and had a highly successful day, with three teams winning their respective sections and two others were runners up. The most pleasing aspect of the day was the involvement of our “non-basketballers”. These rookie players took on the challenge of a new sport and were enthusiastic and determined throughout the day. All players represented Gray St in a positive and sportsmanlike manner. They pushed to achieve their best on the court and met victory or defeat in a gracious manner. They were all very tired by the end of the day as injuries and illness meant most teams had limited substitutes. Thank you to all of the parents who provided coaching, scoring and cheer squad support throughout the day. It wouldn’t be possible to have all the Grade 6 children involved in the day without your assistance. We certainly are appreciative of the level of support you gave to us on the day. A special thanks to Roger Lewis who gave up his time to provide his coaching expertise to our All-Stars Boys team.

Anthony Hill and Natalie Quinn

ICT Olympic Stop Motion Projects

All students from grade 3 - 6 will be working on creating their own stop motion movies in ICT classes. They will be reinacting an Olympic event using a range of materials. Some students may need to bring in props like lego, toys, boxes and figurines to make their movies come alive. Students are encouraged to bring in their own digital camera to use for these projects so there is one camera per group. They are going to look amazing!
Fundraising

Ladies Night Thursday 23rd August
Calling all Ladies, Grandmas, Aunties and friends, we are running another epic evening of fun and indulgence so please mark Thursday 23rd August at 7pm in your calendar. We will be having a fantastic selection of stalls from make-up, shoes, photos, books, cards, to buy your goodies. This year there is an added twist to the ladies night with demonstrations of cooking by Banquet on Burns, flower arranging by Regent Florist, Hair by Hair La Mode and a mini fashion parade by Willow clothing. It is sure to be an excellent evening with a complimentary champagne/orange juice and nibbles on arrival. Through-out the evening there will be a variety of prizes and raffles to be won.

Father’s Day Stall Friday 31st August
This year our Father’s Day stall will be run slightly differently from other years and the fundraising committee will be buying an assortment of gifts instead of asking for donations. If you are able to wrap presents or assist with the stall on the day your help would be appreciated.

Liisa Beaton

EMA – Instalment 2
A reminder to parents/guardians who have not already applied for the Education Maintenance Allowance at our school in 2012 will need to submit a new EMA application. Applications close on 3rd August 2012. Forms are available from the office, current Health Care/Pension Cards need to be sighted with the application.

Hookin2Hockey
It is a program on offer for children who are interested in trying out hockey. Perhaps the next generation of Olympians? The Hookin2Hockey program teaches new players all the skills of the game. Children can attend one or both sessions available. If they have enough students enrolling they will run two sessions in Hamilton.

Session 1: 04/08/2012, Pedrina Park Hamilton, 10:30am to 11:30am
Session 2: 11/08/2012, Coleraine Hockey Fields, 10:30am to 11:30am

Cost: $15 which includes a participation pack of an Australian playing top, a medallion and a highlights package DVD.

To receive further details or to register:
Peta Diprose (03) 55722895 or Deb Mutch (03) 55701328

Canteen
Canteen operates on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
Volunteers for the first week of term 3 are:
Mon 30th July 10.45 – 2pm – Dani Sarena
Wed 1st August 10.45 – 2pm – Tracy Clarke
Friday 3rd August 10.45 – 1pm – Pam Menzel 12.00 – 2pm – Kym Hunter

Specials:
Monday – Hamburgers $3
Wednesday – Fried Rice $2.50

Let’s get ready to raffle!!
We’re gearing up for our best fundraising opportunity ever in Term 3 with the Our School Raffle.
In partnership with Scouts Victoria, this is a fantastic 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.

Our School Raffle is a partnership between Victorian schools and Scouts Victoria. With decades of fundraising experience behind them, Scouts Victoria handles all of the administration, the raffle booklets and the prizes, including a fantastic first prize of a hybrid Toyota Camry.

So 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 for fundraising.

Tickets will be given out to the eldest student in the family on Friday 27th July. All money raised, plus ticket stubs must be returned to school by Monday 13 August 2012. Please return all ticket stubs and money raised in the envelope provided.

The winners will be announced on 14 September 2012.
So remember, as the Scouts say, ‘Be Prepared’!

Meals on Wheels Drivers
27th July
Rosanne Marshall and Pam Menzel