This week at Gray St Primary

The latest news from Mrs Freeman is that she is headed to New York and having a wonderful time!

Last Monday night Leesa Dorman, Mrs Jacobson and myself attended the ‘In Focus - Celebrating Farm Life’, 2012 Photography competition at the Hamilton Art Gallery. A very big congratulation to Claire Cumming whose photo ‘Lambs’, came second in the Primary School Category of this national competition. Claire attracted lots of media attention and should be proud of her confident and thoughtful answers!

Gray St had 21 students with entries in the competition; many of their photos are on display in the gallery. Some photos can also be found in the published, coffee table book on display in the office. All the students produced wonderful photos, capturing the essence of farm life. The photographs are the end result of an enrichment program in which children in grades 2, 3 and 4 participated in photography workshops at school. They then travelled out to Maree and Steven Millard’s farm to take photos with the focus ‘Images of farm life’. Gray St won the Primary School’s section for the best participation.

A very big thank you to Mrs J and Leesa for running the program. Thank you also to Maree and Steven for allowing us to photograph their farm and to all the parents who drove the children out on the Sunday.

Of course preparing the ground is just the beginning- look out for more information in this newsletter!

Monday morning saw the Grades 5 and 6 set off on their Melbourne camp. At the time of writing, Mrs Gleeson has reported that the trip has been fabulous so far, with all students being exceptionally well behaved. A very busy schedule has seen them visit the Old Melbourne Gaol, MCG, Parliament house and take in the views at Eureka tower, with still more to come! They arrive back at school Thursday evening.

Friday is the final day of term with a 2:30pm dismissal time. Don’t forget to wear your footy colours and bring a gold coin donation.

Please enjoy a relaxing, safe holiday and come back refreshed for a busy and exciting final term when school resumes on Monday 8th October.

Kerrie McFadden
Canteen News
Lately we have had issues with students asking their friends to buy food for them at the canteen. Students are reminded they are not to buy for other people or share their canteen purchases.

Parents are asked to send itemised lunch orders and an appropriate amount of money for their child to spend on a snack at recess.

Gray St Got Talent Winners
Senior Awards
1st - Tweedle Sisters
2nd - Isabella Bradbeer 'Someone Like You'
3rd - Sophie Lane's Dance
   - 'Somebody I used to know'
   - Pink Panthers

Junior Awards
1st - Tick Tock
2nd - Shuffle Dancers
3rd - Firework

Prep Award
1st - Twinkle Twinkle

Library News
A reminder that children may borrow books for two weeks and then books must either be returned or brought to library sessions for re-borrowing.

As of Tuesday this week 159 books were listed as overdue and we ask that parents and children check that library books are brought along to school and returned regularly. This helps save time being wasted in chasing children with overdue books.

Special Footy Lunch – Last day of Term
A reminder that tomorrow is Special Footy Lunch Day in the Canteen. No other lunch orders will be available tomorrow.

Artist of the Week
Artists of the week - Sean Evans and Dalton Barby worked on this project for two weeks. They made a super playground mega park out of plasticine!

LAST DAY TERM
FRIDAY 21st SEPTEMBER - FOOTY DRESS UP DAY
Gold Coin Donation - Wear the colours of your favourite football team
2.30PM DISMISSAL

Grade 2 Tree Planting
On Sunday 16th September, some Grade 2 families participated in a planting day on the Grange Burn below the spillway. This was part of a larger revegetation project that the Shire of Southern Grampians has been working on with the community this year. We planted 100 local plants which will create habitat for native plants and animals, and will also increase the aesthetic values of the Grange Burn walking track. We would like to thank all families involved and a big thanks to Skott Stark from the Shire for organising the day for us.

Aggie Stevenson and Nat Povey.

Junior Netball 2012
The Hamilton Junior Netball Season 2 commences Saturday 13th October and finishes Saturday 24th November 2012.

Fees for Season 2 are payable before the first round. Players that played the first season in 2012 will only pay the HNA fee of $28.00 as the VNA fee is paid only once per year. New players pay the full fees.

U10 - $58 (VNA $30 + HNA $28 - VNA is payable only once per year)
U12 - $68 (VNA $40 + HNA $28 - VNA is payable only once per year)

We are now in the process of finalizing teams and coaches, etc. and details will be provided to players in the first week of term 4.

Carolynn Murray & Sheree McGinley

Bank of Melbourne School Banking
Bank of Melbourne is offering school banking to Hamilton (Gray St) Primary School. Bank of Melbourne will come to the school every Tuesday from next term and collect your child's Bank of Melbourne banking.

The Branch Manager Narelle will be at the school assembly tomorrow to answer any questions you may have, and to talk to the children about banking. Otherwise you can pop into the Branch and talk to one of the friendly staff about opening a bank of Melbourne account for your child. Children with existing Bank of Melbourne accounts can take advantage of this service as well.
PARENTS - WE WANT YOU!

The Gray Street Primary School Spring Clean and Working Bee

13th October 2012

8.30am - 12.30pm

BBQ Lunch will be provided

You may have noticed some activity around the perimeter of the school in recent weeks. To further the master plan of our school the grounds and buildings committee have prepared the fence line for a big planting of hedging plants. We are also commencing the recladding of the Music Room which has become a little tired looking after the new renovations were completed last year. In completing these projects we are seeking helpers to give up your Saturday morning and join us for a monster Spring Clean and Working Bee. We are pleased that numerous parents have agreed to be team leaders on the day to coordinate our ambitious program. We have broken down the tasks so that parents have an opportunity to contribute to an area that suits them best. If you are able to assist please leave your name at the school reception with Leesa on 55719295 or by emailing dorman.leesa.m@edumail.vic.gov.au, indicating your preferred task. If you have any further questions on the working bee please feel free to ring our chief overseers Leigh Whyte 0477320045 or Jason Muldoon 0417133990.

You will need to provide your own equipment to assist depending on your chosen task this could include: Wheel barrows, Shovels, Racks, Pressure cleaners, Hoses, Paint brushes or Gloves

Tasks include:

- Plant out boundary hedge
- Mulch boundary hedge
- Mulch roses on Gray St and Kennedy St
- Mulch daffodil area at Gray St entrance
- Paint front entrance fence on Gray St and planter boxes surrounding trees near grade 3 room
- Clean gutters
- Scissor lift to prune trees from classrooms Grade 3, 4 and the 5 &6's
- Pressure wash portable classrooms of Grade 3 and 4
- Add new soft fall to playground on French St and above the terraced gardens
- Replace 2 trees on terraced garden near east side of canteen
- Replace sand in sand pits on French St and Kennedy St
- Clad with ironstone colour bond Music room
- Replace signage with new branding internally

Team leaders

Chief overseers - Leigh Whyte 0477320045 or Jason Muldoon 0417133990
Music room cladding - Matt Downes 0418362255 and Wayne Donahue
Scissor lift, gutters and pruning - Jason Muldoon 0417133990 and Mark Diedrichs
Painting front fence - Chris Annett 0407712969
Planting of boundary fence and replacement trees – Narelle Pitts
Soft fall, Sandpits and Signage - Simon McKinley 0438428975
Pressure Wash Classrooms - Roger Rook 0457504158
Catering/BBQ - Hugh Koch 0409797446
**Fundraising – Quiz Night**

The next event on our Fundraising Calendar is a Quiz Night. This night will be held on Saturday 27th October. Tickets are $10 each, with all funds raised going to refit the school library with new shelving.

A flyer was sent home last week. Start organising your team of ten!!

We are currently after donations of good and services which we could use on this night either as a lucky wheel prize or a silent auction option.

Some ideas are:
- Gardening
- Babysitting
- Baking
- Small maintenance items
- Dog walking
- Ironing
- Load of wood

If you are able to offer your services to be auctioned or you would like further information please contact Leesa in the office on 5571 9295.

Thanks

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**Hamilton Little Athletics Centre**

We are holding a Come and Learn session for interested Parents/Guardians/Careers on Sunday 7th October starting at 10am. We will be giving a run down on all the events and how they are marked and recorded. We will also be having a sausage sizzle for lunch, if you are interested in attending and staying for the BBQ could you please let me know on 55708337 or 0409011206 by Friday 5th Oct.

Our season will commence on October 10th 2012 @ 4pm @ Mitchell Park, hope to see you then. Any questions please don’t hesitate to give me a call on the above numbers. We will also have people to do registrations if you would like to register before the start of the season.

Bec Coates
President

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{No rules when school’s out!}

Hamilton Motor Cycle Club Presents Diary Of A Wimpy Kid 3. Dog Days Help Support Our Sporting Club & Entertain The Kids These Holidays... Saturday 22nd Of September @ 4pm

Tickets are $12 with a drink & snacks

Do The Kids Want To Bring Friends? Great! We’ll Do A Deal For The Purchase Of 3 Or More Tickets: $10 Each.

Tickets Sales At The Hamilton Cinema For More Information Visit Our Facebook Page Or Email Vic @ matts_vic@bigpond.com

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**St Andrews Cricket Club**

**Milo Cricket**

The St. Andrews Cricket Club will once again be running the MILO in2CRICKET program this summer.

MILO in2CRICKET is a fun way for kids to learn how to play cricket. This program is designed to give boys and girls the chance to enjoy a variety of activities to develop cricket skills and improve physical fitness. Each activity helps kids to develop social skills, sportsmanship and an understanding of the game with an emphasis on fun and involvement.

The MILO in2CRICKET Program is Cricket Australia’s official entry-level program, designed to introduce 5-10 year old children to the game of cricket in a fun and safe environment.

WHEN : Registration Day & First Session : 28th October, 2012 – 11.00a.m.

COST : $70 (includes exciting cricket pack)

Just turn up on the day or contact St.Andrew’s C.C Milo Coordinator Matt Hill 0403 491505.

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**St Andrew’s Cricket Club – Under 12’s**

Play cricket this year with St Andrew’s. Boys and girls, Year 4-6 welcome.

Training will be each Tuesday at Pedrina Park from 4:00 – 5:00, beginning 9th October.

Games take place during Term 4 each Wednesday from 4:00 – 6:30.

Contact Michael Harms 0427768577 or Craig Dimond 0400011868 if you would like your child to play.

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**Meals on Wheels Drivers**

21st September - Dani Sarena

URGENT – A Volunteer Driver is needed for Tomorrow Friday 21st September. If you are able to help please contact Leesa in the office.

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**Canteen**

Special Footy Lunch Tomorrow.