Term three has flown by and the holidays are now upon us!

In an action packed ten weeks, I have been most impressed by the number of opportunities, both academic and extra-curricular, that our students have been exposed to and the extent to which they have embraced these opportunities. Just some of the term’s highlights include:

- the participation of three groups of students in the Tournament of Minds competition held in Geelong, followed up by one team making it through to the State competition in Melbourne last Sunday;
- enthusiastic and successful participation in the Hoop Time competition;
- Gray St hosted the Interschool Chess Tournament which attracted over eighty students from around the district;
- Gray St's Got Talent;
- the participation of all students in activities to celebrate Book Week; and
- The successful engagement of our local kinder children in the Prep Discovery program that ran each fortnight for eight weeks.

Next term we see a host of other activities planned including two major camping opportunities with the year 3 & 4 students heading to Dunkeld and our year two students travelling to Port Fairy, lots of exciting learning opportunities ahead.

It doesn’t stop there! To inspire students over the holidays information has gone home on the Country Fair Bulletin today to work on their entries for the Billy Cart and Scarecow competitions for the upcoming Gray St Country Fair on Saturday 25th October.

For now though I would like to wish all students and their families a safe and happy holiday and look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday 6th October, well rested and refreshed, for a busy final term!

Enjoy the week ahead,
Helen

Gray Street’s Got Talent
Buddies

Each fortnight the prep and grade six students meet on Friday for a buddies activity. For the last buddy session of the term we had a science focus. We made parachutes to explore the concept of gravity and drag.

Cindy and Janelle

Grade 3 & 4 Art Exhibition

Grade 3 & 4 students have been given the opportunity to exhibit their artwork in the new “Bankart Gallery” in Thompson St, Hamilton. The exhibition will be held on 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th October 2014, with parents, students and guests invited to an opening on Wednesday 8th at 6.30pm at the gallery.

Approximately forty student’s artwork will be exhibited. To be included, your child needs to have completed his/her artwork and return the form below along with $10 (to go to “Bankart Gallery” for exhibition costs). The form and money needs to be returned to school by Tuesday 7th October.

We have commenced the artwork at school which is on A3 paper and is based on the theme – “AFL GRAND FINAL – art by nature reflects, inspires and observations of our world”.

Join in and support PRIMARY ART.

Emma Brown.

Maths Problem Solving Challenge

Work together as a family to solve this maths challenge. Look for the solution in the next newsletter!

**Last weeks answer**-

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+1572  1753
+1753  -152
+1601  -----  
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4926 tickets sold in 3 years
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**This weeks challenge**

If Jane is older than Kim, Kim is older than Shawn. Shawn is younger than Jane and Rachel is older than Jane

List the people from oldest to youngest.
Country Fair Class Pictures

In the art room students have been busily creating a class piece of artwork for the country fair. This piece of artwork is currently being auctioned off on the schools facebook site.

The artwork is on display in the Open Learning Area. If you would like to place a bid, but you don’t use facebook, please see Leesa in the office.

Bidding has commenced on our facebook page and will stop on Friday 17th October and then at the Country Fair bids will continue on the day at a 'real' auction for all of the artwork.

Footy Jumpers

There are still six school football jumpers which have not been returned. The individual students have been reminded about these items twice but still haven't brought them back to school. Please send them back tomorrow as it is now over a month since the end of the season.

A. Hill

Artist of the Week Bags

If you have an Artist of the Week bag, could you please return it to the school as we are missing three bags. These bags have not been returned by past artists. If they are not returned, it means that future Artists of the Week will miss out.

Many thanks,
Ms Brown

Special Footy Lunch – Tomorrow

The special Footy Lunch will be held tomorrow. No other lunch orders will be available. The canteen will be open for over the counter sales at recess and lunchtime.

Footy Colours Casual Dress Day – Tomorrow

FRIDAY 19th SEPTEMBER - FOOTY DRESS UP DAY
Gold Coin Donation - Wear the colours of your favourite football team
2.30PM DISMISSAL

OHSC

The OHSC program will be running over the school holidays for any parent interested. Flyer were sent out last week. For more information please contact Rosemary Anderson on 0408 936 652.

Country Fair Major Raffle

Tickets for the 2014 major raffle to be drawn at the Country Fair were sent home two weeks ago.

If you would like some more books to sell over the holidays, see Leesa in the Office tomorrow.

Please help us by selling tickets to family, work colleagues and friends. The family selling the most tickets wins a $200 box photography session with Little Fish Photography. Families returning their book completely sold will go into the draw to win a minor prize. There will be a draw each week!! All children that bring their book back completely sold will receive a chocolate frog!!!

Tickets are $2 each and need to be returned to the office by Friday 10th October.
Hamilton Cricket Club is once again running a MILO in2CRICKET program. MILO in2CRICKET is an introductory Cricket program for 5-10 year old girls and boys. Kids learn the basics of the game through fun, skill-based game activities. The program is a great way for children to get active, make friends and learn about Australia’s National Sport.

The program will run for 8 weeks, beginning Sunday 26th October from 11am – 12.15pm. The program will run on Sundays for the first five weeks. Then starting on the 28th Nov it will be held on Friday nights 5-6pm, until the final session on Friday 12th Dec.

Participants will have lots of fun playing cricket with their friends and also receive a MILO in2CRICKET participant pack, all this for $70.

**Registration Day Sunday 26th October at the Hamilton Cricket Clubrooms, Palmer Street, Hamilton.**

Contact: Robbie Cook 0407 712 498

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**Bobby Cunningham’s school holiday basketball Skills Sessions is on again at the Port Fairy basketball stadium on WEDNESDAY 24th September 2014**

(First Wednesday of the school holidays)

**Primary school kids 9am-12pm**

**Secondary school kids 1pm-4pm**

**ONLY $25 each**

Bookings are essential as limited places available!

To book please call or text Jane; 0408514382

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**Milo in2Cricket St Andrews Cricket Club**

The St.Andrew’s Cricket Club will once again be running the Milo In2Cricket Program for season 2014.

5-7 YEAR OLDS - MILO IN2CRICKET PROGRAM - Introductory cricket program.

8-10 YEAR OLDS - MILO T20 BLAST – More game based program for the older kids.

Both aged groups to register normally through Milo In2Cricket.

If you want to register for this year’s program you can register & pay on-line at [www.in2cricket.com.au](http://www.in2cricket.com.au) (just type in postcode and register through St.Andrews Cricket Club). Or the club will holding a registration night on Thursday the 23rd of October at 5.15p.m at Pedrina Park. Cost is $65 which includes a cricket pack.

The program will then run for 8 weeks starting on Sunday the 26th October at 11am.