Principal Report

Last week we celebrated Book Week.

All students were involved in a variety of engaging activities to celebrate the enjoyment we get from books. The special week ended with a fabulous Book Character assembly where students and teachers dressed up as a book character, it was an entertaining end to the week.

Last Sunday our three teams participating in the Regional Tournament of Minds Competition at Geelong, did an outstanding job addressing the challenges posed. Again thanks to the parents and teachers that supported this enjoyable event.

Wow! Another great success!! I would like to congratulate and thank our fantastic fundraising team for the great night had by all last Thursday evening at the ‘Ladies Night’. Special mention to Kim Sparrow who worked tirelessly organising the stall holders for the night, ensuring its great success. Thanks to Bonita O’Brien also, for sharing her hidden talent comparing the Fashion Show. Thank you to all the parents who donated the tasty treats for the nibbles supplied during the evening.

The AGL 175th Anniversary Regional Roadshow has arrived at Gray St. The roadshow began in Queensland and then progressively travelled down through New South Wales into Victoria. It is a custom built inflatable marquee in the shape of a cube which is now sitting on our oval. Inside visitors can learn about AGL’s history it’s renewable initiatives and energy efficiency through an interactive experience. The marquee will be open on Saturday for the public to visit. Thanks to Hugh Koch and Leigh Whyte for volunteering their culinary talents, running a BBQ for a fundraising activity for the school on Saturday. We require eggs for the BBQ, if you are able to donate a dozen please drop them into the office tomorrow, thanks.

Thank you to all the families who have sold and returned the Scout Raffle tickets. It is extremely important for accountability purposes that we have all sold and unsold books returned to the office tomorrow so that we can return them to the association.

Finally, I would like to wish all our great dad’s at Gray St a very happy Father’s Day and I hope that on Sunday you are justly spoilt for the day.

Enjoy your week ahead
Helen

3B Book Week Dress Up
**Grade 6 Report**

**Mathematics**
In Grade 6 Maths we have been learning about angles. Our task was to write our names in straight lines. Then we had to find all the angles in our name including acute angles, right angles, obtuse angles, straight angles, reflex angles and revolutions. Once we had finished dazzling up our names we had to label one of each angle in our name.

Sophie Duncan and Chloe Meyers

**Writing**
In Literacy we have just finished Explanation Writing about the digestive system. Our first step was to find information about the digestive system and take notes about it. Our next step was to make a plan using our notes to put it in our own words. Then we followed our writing procedure to draft, revise, edit and publish. Our writing is on display in the open learning area.

Ally Wake and Annaleace Dohle

**Swimming**
For the last two weeks grade 5/6 have been swimming. We have been learning survival skills in the water such as swimming with clothes on, sculling water and survival back stroke. We have also been learning how to do backstroke, freestyle, breaststroke, side stroke and some butterfly properly. We all had fun and thank our instructors for the two weeks.

Nikita Ansell and Kristen Brant

**Grade 6 Dancing**

**Staff Profile**

**Miss Natalie Quinn  Gr 6B**
What is your earliest childhood memory of school?
Being the narrator in ‘Wombat Stew’
What would your last meal be?
Sundried tomato risotto
Name five people in history or current date that you would like to meet?
John Lennon, Andrew Swallow, Natalie Medhurst, John Mayer and Johnny Depp
What do you do when you are not working?
I walk my dogs, hang out with my family, play netball and cook
What is the most interesting trip you have ever taken and why?
A river trip with my sister, when she got engaged.
You Can Do It Winners Last Week
Nova Tutt, Baili King, Deegan Kinna, Shaun Peters, Ella Thomson and Nat Krause.

Irlen Syndrome
Irlen Syndrome is a form of Perceptual Dyslexia that occurs when the brain mis-processes parts of the light spectrum. Symptoms can include poor spelling, writing, inefficient reading, sore eyes, headaches, light sensitivity and depth perception difficulties.

For a child who is undiagnosed with Irlen, they think that everyone sees things the same way they do but everyone else just copes with it better. How frustrating. If you know no difference, how do you tell that what you’re seeing isn’t what everyone else sees?

To be diagnosed with Irlen Syndrome you can make an appointment with an Irlen screener, such as myself. The screener would begin with a casual interview and by observing your responses to certain visual tasks. If you are suffering from Irlen symptoms I would then give you a coloured overlay and some information before referring you onto the Irlen Centre in Melbourne. The Irlen Centre will assist you in finding a solution, usually in the form of glasses with tinted lenses to correct the mis-processing of light.

What you can do to help at home:
- Ask your child ‘how does it FEEL’ when you read? You may be surprised by the answers!
- Change the background colour on the computer.
- Reduce the use of fluorescent lighting and create a space to work which mostly uses natural or dim lighting.
- Use a piece of coloured paper to help keep track while reading. Line by line cover what you have read so it’s easier to follow.
- Encourage ‘study breaks’ to rest the eyes.

More information can be found at www.dyslexiaservices.com.au. If you would like to organise a screening, please leave your name and contact phone number at the office.

I hope this information can be of some benefit, Cindy Dorman

Ladies Night
Thursday nights’, Ladies Night was a huge success despite the heavens opening. Special mention must be made of our chief organiser Kym Sparrow who has spent endless hours calling and recruiting the 27 stalls present on the night. We had a huge array of amazing stalls from make-up to cookware, perfume to jewellery, making a very varied and exciting evening for all our shoppers!

As you will be aware, there are so many aspects that have to be planned and prepared before an evening like this, can get underway. We would like to thank the following people who contributed greatly to the success of the evening:

Penny Stewart, who despite only recently having a new baby came on board to make our very professional event advertisements.

Kerr and Co and the Spectator, who also provided our advertising on the community radio and in the newspaper. (Vicki Whyte who sorted this aspect)

Our very brave demo ladies Louise McClennan from Regent’s Florist for her star quality turn, who made flower arranging look so easy and Banquet On Burns, run by Rianna Beardsell who wet our appetites by making magnificent rice rolls - yum!

To the very brave models who swaggered up the cat walk, heels and all. Jalen Walsh, Georgia Fort, Emily Pertzel, Lisa Speed, Natalie Quinn and Darcie Ogle. Thanks to Willow Clothing who provided the clothes for the models. Special mention must also go to Bonita O’ Brien who was the perfect MC and host throughout the evening.

Alongside all the main things for the evening other help is always required.

Thank-you to The Cally and the PAC who lent us their staging and to Jim Bailey, Bob Maroney and Anthony Hill, who were the muscle needed to lift the staging and help set up.

Thanks for Liz who organised the music for the evening.

Thanks for the prizes from Gilly, a wonderful voucher for a meal at their restaurant. The beautiful bouquet of flowers from Regent Florist. Sharon Donohue, and Gilly’s restaurant for lending us the tables.

Ladybug Nursery for donating the magnificent tent to our school. The children will have so much fun playing with this. Robson’s pharmacy who donated a wonderful package of goodies for a lucky mum!

Thank-you for the usual band of helpers, Sue, Wendy, Chelsea who help where ever it is needed.

Thank you to all those who provided donations of food and drink for the night. We have raised a magnificent total of $1765 for our children at Gray Street, a fantastic effort!
Father’s Day Stall Friday 31st August

Friday after assembly the Father’s Day stall is on. Please remember to bring in your money and a bag to hide the goodies!

There are gifts ranging from $3-$7.

If anyone is able to help please see Liisa Beaton or Bonita O’Brien

Scout Raffle Books

All money raised, plus ticket stubs must be returned to school by TOMORROW - Friday 24th August. Please return all ticket stubs and money raised in the envelope provided.

Meals on Wheels Drivers

31st August
Rosana Marshall and Danni Sarena

School Photos Tuesday 4th September

All children have received an order form for school photos. If you would like to order a family photo please collect an envelope from the office.

All photo envelopes must be returned with the correct money enclosed by Friday 31st August.

Family photo discounts - Parents who order and pay for two children’s photo packages, will receive the third, fourth and so on FREE. Parents need only tick the “Family Discount” box on the back on the envelopes, to receive this discount.

All children will require their own envelopes, although payment may be submitted in one envelope.

School photos will be taken Tuesday 4th September, starting at 9.00am.

Pauls Collect a Cap

Keep collecting caps over the holidays. The grade with the most caps at the end of term 3 will win a fantastic morning tea.

All caps sent back to Pauls in September are worth double!!