 Principals’ Report

A huge thank you for your outstanding support for the Country Fair!

Such a successful event attracting so many people to our great school was only achievable due to the hard work by everyone who contributed.

We had all facets of the school community working together to make the day the success it was.

As you would appreciate it is impossible to thank everyone individually but please accept our sincere thanks for the important part you played.

The Country Fair organising working party (who I will mention) that did the amazing job of preparing, supporting and overseeing the Fair - Louise McLennan, Naomi Annett, Cindy Dorman, Deb Hintum, Peta Driedrichs, Pene Baker, Kym Hunter, Hugh Koch, Jodie Barras, Liz Mecham, Jane Maxwell, Peta Alexander, Vicki Whyte, Kylie Hardy and Bonita O’Brien, the group have met on a regular basis since April.

As previously mentioned all money raised from the Fair will go towards the redevelopment of the playground to include an outdoor classroom at the Gray Street end of the school.

It is rapidly approaching the time of the year when teachers start the formal process of student placement for the following year. However, in reality student placement decisions are shaped during the entire year as teachers observe and listen to students in relation to their wellbeing and learning needs.

Student placement decisions are not made lightly as we recognise the importance of creating an optimum learning environment. It is an extremely complex process to ensure that we have a balance and appropriate spread of ability, gender and social dynamics to promote learning and support all our students.

Classroom teachers and specialist teachers are very well aware of friendship groups and the dynamics within the classes which either enhance or impede the classroom climate, so teachers use their extensive knowledge of how students interact and relate to each other when placing students.

We want to reassure all families that the teachers will be ensuring each student is placed in a class with other students who they are familiar with and are able to build positive relationships to assist with their continued learning. To support student’s transition to the next year level we will hold two student transition sessions, Friday 28th Nov and Friday 5th Dec both in the afternoon, where students will move to the next year level and experience and hear about expectations for the next stage of their learning journey.

Throughout the entire year, students have had many opportunities to develop relationships with students in their year level. Examples of these include Concert, Sport, Athletics Days, Cross Country Days, Camps Excursions/Inclusions, Band, Choir, Hoop Time, Mixed class groups rotating through integrated curriculum activities, Buddy’s, Gray St's Got Talent and Money Matters.

At the beginning of next year, through classroom activities, students will be supported and encouraged to form new friendships and develop positive working relationships with students in their class to develop a supportive and nurturing learning environment for all. We are happy to accept written information from parents regarding any specific learning needs to be taken into consideration when placing their child, this will need to be lodged with myself by the 28th November.

Information received after this date cannot be accepted due to the commencement of the process. (Please remember and accept that, whilst parent concerns are noted, there is no guarantee that those concerns can be accommodated through the class placement process). Teachers are sensitive to students with friendship concerns, and we ask that you trust your teacher along with past teachers and specialists to make the correct decision on their behalf. The Gray St staff would like to thank you in advance for your trust in our professionalism and our ability to create the best learning environment for your child and all our students.
Tomorrow is recognised as World Teacher’s Day. I would like to take this opportunity to recognise and acknowledge the wonderful teachers we have at Gray St. Our teachers dedicate an incredible amount of time, energy and emotion to make the education of our students, your children, the very best it can be. We have a committed, approachable teaching team who are passionate about their work and most importantly, provide quality, challenging and engaging learning experiences that motivate your children to learn.

Happy World Teacher’s Day, to all our teachers.

Next week we have our prep transition morning on Wednesday, when once again we welcome our new preps for 2015 to engage in some fun activities in the school environment.

Finally, on Monday we will be holding our annual Prep/Buddy Gray St Cup weather permitting the race will take place at 2.00 p.m. on the oval. All welcome.

Enjoy your week
Helen

Chris Ahearn visits grade 5 & 6
By Kellie Mitchell

Ex-student Chris Ahearn flew into Hamilton last week and called in for a visit, to talk to the grade 5 & 6 students about being a pilot in the RAAF.

He spoke to us about life RAAF and showed us all the gear he had to wear to prevent against the G Force. He show us a ‘cool’ clip about letting flares out of the planes. The heaviest thing he has ever dropped out of a plane was a 2 tonne tank.

He told us about all the places he has been too, so of them were Hawaii and Afghanhstan.

When he attended Gray St, Mr Hill was his grade 6 teacher! When he attended Baimbridge College some of the studies he did to become a pilot were Maths and Science.

We were extremely lucky to have Chris do a fly over both on the Friday at the end of school and then again at the Country Fair on Saturday.

Melbourne Cup Buddies Race

Next Monday Prep and Grade 6 students will have a Melbourne Cup Buddies race on the oval at 2.00pm. They have already made newspaper hobby horses to ride and are looking forward to putting them to the test. The rest of the school will come out to watch the spectacle and cheer them on. Parents are most welcome to attend.
Maths Problem Solving Challenge

Last Week’s Question

Four boys work together painting houses for the summer. For each house they paint they get $256.00. If the boys work for 4 months of summer and their expenses are $152.00 per month, how many houses must they paint for each of them to have one thousand dollars at the end of the summer?

Answer:

Must earn $4 \times $1,000.00 + 4 \times $152.00 = 4608

Number of houses = 4608/256/house

18 houses

This Week’s Question

The Riddler has left a clue for Batman to follow at the scene of each crime. These are the clues that Batman has found:

(1) There is a 1 in the thousands place.
(2) The digit in the tens place is 9 times the digit in the thousands place.
(3) Multiply the digit in the thousands place by 2.
(4) The digit in the ones place is a hand without a thumb.
(5) The digit in the hundreds is 2 less than the number in the tens.

Notices Sent Home From the Office

Canteen for Term 4

Monday Special

*Chicken Burger (the lot) - $3.50 - Bread roll, chicken burger, lettuce, tomato, cheese, beetroot & special sauce.
*Plain - $3.00 - Bread roll, chicken burger, lettuce & special sauce

Wednesday Special

*Chicken Twister - $3.50-Crumbed Chicken Strips, Salad & special sauce, served in a wrap
Salad Boxes (available every day) - Lettuce, tomato, cucumber, grated carrot, beetroot, pineapple, cheese & dressing - $3.50
Egg Salad (as above) with hardboiled egg - $4.00
Ham Salad (as above) with sliced Ham - $4.00
Chicken Salad (as above) with diced Chicken - $4.50
Fruit Salad (diced fresh fruit) (Friday Only) - $3.00

Beef burger, Fried Rice & Dim Sims are not available in term 4

Canteen Roster

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Photos from the Country Fair!!

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