Principal’s Report

From all accounts last week ended on a real high with the Gray St Swimming Sports.

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the sports due to a DEECD commitment in Melbourne but I was given a full report on the day which included that the weather was great and that it was wonderful to see so many parents, friends and grandparents encouraging the swimmers on. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff for their hard work on the day and to the many parents who helped out and to make special mention of the outstanding effort by Sheree McGinley and Carolyn Murray spending many extra hours organising the day which ensured its success.

A reminder with the Athletics Sports on Wednesday 6th March that students will only be allowed to be collected by their parent/carer after the final presentations have been completed and of course they must have handed in the appropriate notice by the due date.

Tomorrow, Mairead Kelly, and Jacob Millard our school captains and Grace Walker and Oscar O’Brien co leaders of the Junior School Council will be attending the National Young Leaders Day at the Melbourne Convention Centre. The National Young Leaders Day is an annual event founded in 1997 to develop strong leadership values amongst young Australians. The Program consists of keynote talks, multimedia presentations and interactive learning that seeks a range of specific outcomes for young people who aspire to lead themselves and others well. Guest speakers presenting to the students will include:

Dan Jackson who plays for Richmond is renowned for his work off field. Dan was last year awarded the inaugural Jim Stynes Community Leadership Award, which was presented during the Brownlow Medal count.

Ruben Meerman is a surfer, scientist, television presenter, children’s author and entertainer. He is a regular presenter on marine science for the ABC’s flagship science program CATALYST and appears as a regular guest on ABC3’s STUDIO 3. Creel Price had launched eight businesses by the time he left school and a further two at university, and at age 25 he co-founded Blue Print management Group with $5000 in capital and sold it a decade later for over $100 million. Creel built a unique company culture over 1, 000 employees though a quirky leadership style that included taking his employees to climb Mt Kilimanjaro in Africa and ride bikes over 1,000 kms from Bangkok to Saigon. Creel is the founder of the Club Kidpreneur Foundation, a social enterprise committed to assisting primary school kids to start and grow their own micro-enterprise in order that one day they may choose entrepreneurship as a career.

Detective Senior Sargent Sussan Thomas graduated from the Victorian Police Academy in 1989. Her initial appointment was at the Broadmeadows Police Station and she continued to work at various ‘frontline’ uniform stations. In 1992 she was the recipient of the ‘Angela Taylor Memorial Scholarship’ and undertook and attained a high distinction for a Bachelor of Applied Science Degree. She has performed a number of special duties including; Bicycle Patrol Group, ‘calm from harm’ and the ‘wall project’ building relationships between local police and youth and in the Sexual Offences and Child Abuse Unit.

Monday’s staff professional learning day was a huge success and we are all looking forward to further opportunities to work across the schools to further improve the teaching of mathematics through the explicit teaching of mathematics and using student achievement data to identify strengths and areas for improvement so that teachers can plan future teaching strategies in their class rooms. Thank you to George Street Primary School for hosting the day.

I am very excited to be part of the initial planning group for our major fundraising activity for the year the Gray St Country Fair and Food Festival which will be held on Saturday 26th October. Yes, later in the year but we are looking at making this a major event not just for Gray St but for the whole community of Hamilton. One of the major draw cards of the festival will be the variety of stalls available for people to do either some special gift shopping or maybe some early Christmas shopping, so if you would like to secure a spot or you know of a friend or relative who would like to do so, or for information about the stalls please give Kim Sparrow a call on 0429806952.

Enjoy the week ahead.
Helen
Swimming Sports Grades 2-6

Our annual swimming sports were held last Friday in very hot, steamy and smokey conditions. Nigretta won the overall day on 188 points followed closely by Glenelg on 181, Wannon 165 and Grange 125.

Our Age championship races were well supported and congratulations go to our Champions in each age group. The 100m Championship races were fiercely contested with competitors in both the boys and girls’ race, making for an exciting finish in both races. Congratulations to our Gray St Champion swimmers for 2013 Chella Biggin and Jake Donehue.

Thank you to our parents and grandparents who helped with setting up and packing up. Special thanks to Tracy Barnes, Peta Diedrichs, Kerrie Price, Becky Blanchett, Tracy Clarke and Lesley Maroney for their marshalling and other roles. We also had terrific support from family and friends who were cheering on all swimmers throughout the day.

Our Championship results are listed below.

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Sheree McGinley & Carolyn Murray
Athletics Sports – Wednesday 6th March

On Wednesday 6th March the Athletic Sports will be held at Pedrina Park (North Boundary Road). All students in grade one to grade 6 will participate in these sports. (Prep students will participate in the afternoon session but have already participated in field events on Tuesday 19th February at school.)

The day begins at 9.30am and concludes around 3pm. Students in grade 1 to 6 are bussed to Pedrina Park leaving school at 9.10am. Students participate in a variety of athletic sports. The program will be handed out today.

Students in grade 1 to grade 6 will participate in the morning field event sessions (ie: long jump, shot put and discus).

School House Sports High Jump

Students will compete in the high jump for our house sports at school this year rather than at Pedrina Park. Two high jumps will be set up on the oval, one for boys and one for girls. If the weather is unsuitable, the event will be held in the stadium. The timetable is set out below. Parents are most welcome to come and watch. Note: Students will be in age groups, not class groups. Students from other classes will be released to compete in their appropriate age group.

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<td>6A and 6B (12/13YO Girls and Boys)</td>
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Prep students will be bussed to Pedrina park at 11.10am and will join students in grades 1 to grade 6 in track activities (ie: sprints, hurdles and relays).

If you would like to take your children home with you at the end of the day directly from the sports, (approximately 3.00pm) the notice was sent home last week with every student and must be returned to the class teacher by Friday 1st March. Students who have not returned their forms will return to school for dismissal at 3.30pm. Arrangements CANNOT be changed on the day. Students are not permitted to leave before the Athletic Sports have concluded.

Students need to bring:
- Morning Tea and Lunch (food to ‘graze’ on)
- Drinks
- School Hat
- Sunscreen
- A coat
- A safety pin for ribbons

Golf Clinic

All children in grades 5 and 6 will be participating in golf clinics held at school on the 1st of March.

Parent Helpers required for Athletic Sports

We require parent assistance for the morning and the afternoon of our Athletic Sports Day on Wednesday 6th March. (Parent volunteers must have a Working With Children Check. If you could assist please complete the form below and return to the office by TOMORROW – Friday 1st March. Thank you

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Athletic Sports – Parent Helpers

Parent Name: .................................................................

Am able to help the morning of the Athletic Sports Day

Am able to help the afternoon of the Athletic Sports Day

Child ........................................ Grade........... Contact Phone Number: .................................................
Gold Coin Donation Entry

Memorial helium Balloon Release

Raffle

Food & Drinks

Kids Entertainment

Local youth Live Performances showcasing our 6pm Friday 1st March concert

Wombat Kids donation at the office. Thank you the holiday program. Please leave donations of empty tissue boxes for Out of Hours School Care re OHSC

CANNOT BE PROCESSED MARCH TOMORROW is returned to school by please ensure the completed form if you are eligible for this allowance Education Maintenance Allowance

If you are eligible for this allowance please ensure the completed form is returned to school by TOMORROW – FRIDAY 1st MARCH. LATE APPLICATIONS CANNOT BE PROCESSED.

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Canteen Specials

Term 1 Special Menu Items

Monday Specials

Chicken Burger - $3.50
Wholemeal Roll - Chicken fillet, lettuce, tomato, cucumber, grated carrot, beetroot & mayonnaise.

Wednesday Specials

Chicken Wrap - $3.00
Crumbed Chicken, Salad & sweet chilli mayonnaise served in a wrap
Salad Boxes (available every day) Lettuce, tomato, cucumber, grated carrot, beetroot, pineapple, cheese & dressing - $3.00
Egg Salad (as above) with hardboiled egg - $3.50
Ham Salad (as above) with sliced Ham - $3.50
Chicken Salad (as above) with diced Chicken - $4.00
Fruit Salad (diced fresh fruit) - $3.00

New Uniform

The Uniform Shop will be open Tuesdays from 8.30 to 9.00am and 3.00 to 3.30p.m. for sizing purposes only.

Please hand Uniform Orders with payment (cash, cheque or credit card) into the office.

Giant Easter Raffle

The Gray St Giant Easter Raffle will be held again this term. It would be appreciated if each family would donate some Easter Eggs for the raffle.

Please send all donations to the office by Friday Wednesday 13th March. The more donations the more prizes. Volunteers are required to help wrap eggs on this day, if you are available please leave your name at the office. Raffle books will be distributed to the eldest child early next week. Raffle tickets are 50c each.

Raffle books and money are due back to the office by Friday 15th March. The raffle will be drawn on Friday 22nd March at assembly.

1-2-3 Magic and Emotion Coaching

A parenting program to create a more peaceful household, less arguing and fewer angry moments.

1-2-3 Magic and Emotion Coaching program is an easy to learn, easy to use, down to earth parenting to help parents gently and firmly manage the behaviour of children in the 2 – 12 year old age range.

Date: Wednesdays: 6th, 13th & 20th March
Time: 12.30pm – 3pm
Venue: St Mary's Primary School, 49 Hiller Lane, Hamilton
Cost: $45 ($25 concession)

For enquiries and bookings phone Linda or Lorri on 5559 3000

Conveyancing Allowance

The transport of students to school is primarily the responsibility of student’s families. The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) provides financial support to some families to assist with the cost of transport to school. Assistance in the form of a conveyance allowance is available to students that are in rural and remote areas and do not have access to a free school bus. If you live more than 4.8km from your nearest government school or bus stop you may be eligible.

For further information please contact Leesa or Maree in the office.

Easter Workshop

Easter Workshop will be held for primary school aged children on Tuesday 26 March from 3.30 - 5.00pm at the Uniting Church, Lonsdale St, Hamilton, cost $5 per child. The session will include afternoon tea, story telling, food and craft. Numbers are strictly limited and children need to book in by ringing Uniting Church on 55724881 or email to unitinghamilton113@bigpond.com by Friday 22 March.

Hamilton Swim Meet & Encouragement Meet

HUGHAN PARK POOL, Hamilton
Sunday 17th March 2013
WARM UPS START 11:30am
MEET STARTS 12:30pm

All Events including Relays are Mixed Age as of Date of Meet
This event is open to all swimmers both registered and non registered.

It is a great entry point for swimmers of all standards from swim clubs, school sports, swim schools, and aquatic lessons.
Enquiries please contact Emma Cush on pandecush@bigpond.com

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