Principal’s Report

A good decision was made to have the House Athletics’ Sports spread over two days due to the extreme hot weather we are currently experiencing.

A highlight of the two day program was the strong sense of team work, encouragement and keen competition which was evidenced everywhere. It is always special to see the preps participating they definitely can draw a crowd and never cease to surprise us with their comical little antics. Once again we witnessed wonderful support from our families. Of course the success of an event such as this is only guaranteed by the skilful organisation and hard work of the teachers and parents leading up to and on the day. I would like to thank Sheree McGinley and Carolyn Murray for their fantastic coordination of the Athletics and of course their large band of helpers. I would also like to make special mention of the students from Baimbridge College who came and worked on the events, their help was greatly appreciated. The Jack Waldron shield will be presented to the winning House, tomorrow morning at assembly and the medal presentation to the Age Level Champions will also be done. A great two day program had by all!

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Monday 11th March
Public Holiday
Tuesday 19th March
Hamilton District Ath Sports
Friday 22nd March
Easter Raffle Draw
Thursday 28th March
Last Day Term 1
2.30pm Dismissal
Monday 15th April
First Day Term 2

You Can Do It Winners:

- Emily Hunter
- Jordan-Rose Howard
- Milly Wright
- Maddison Downes
- Chella Biggin
- Jordan Tregeagle

As part of the School Council election process, I formally declare that the following nominations are duly elected to the school council: David Hintum, Brigid Kelly, Hugh Koch and Simon McKinley (Parent members) and Lisa Ferrier and Kerrie McFadden (DEECD members). No election was necessary as the number of vacancies equalled the same number of nominations. Two of the four newly elected members have been returned to council for another term (Hugh and Simon), whilst we welcome Brigid and David as new councillors. All newly elected members (2013) will serve 2 years on council while existing members have one more year to serve in their term.

The 2013 School Council consists of the following members:

Parents: Christine Jeal, Hugh Koch, Simon McKinley, Bonita O’Brien, David Hintum, Brigit Kelly and Leigh Whyte

Staff: Lisa Ferrier, Kerrie McFadden and Raquel Potter

Executive Officer: Helen Freeman
The first School Council meeting will take place on Monday 25th March, where new office bearers (President, Vice president, Treasurer & Minute Secretary) and subcommittee convenors will be elected for 2013.

Parents and staff not elected to School Council still have numerous opportunities to help shape and develop school policies; and to assist with the implementation of various initiatives for 2013, through the subcommittee and project team structure more information regarding this will follow after the first school council meeting.

Again thank you to the families who have already donated eggs for the Super Easter Raffle, to ensure we have lots of prizes we need more eggs. So when you are out shopping if you could pop an egg into the basket to be sent along to school that would be greatly appreciated.

On Tuesday Chella Biggin, Tess Dempsey, Tegan Menz, Nikkly Menzel, Elish MacGillivray, Riley Dark and Jacob Cook represented Gray St at the District Swimming Competition. They all did a great job in their individual events. With the girls joining forces gaining a fourth in their relay. We again congratulate the entire group on their achievements. Still, on the sporting scene all the best to Louis Beaton and Darcey Jackson who are competing in the Divisional Tennis competition tomorrow at Warrnambool.

All the best for an enjoyable long weekend.

Enjoy your week ahead.
Helen
**Young Leaders Day**

Last Friday, Grace, Oscar, Mairéad and myself went to the Young Leaders Day Conference in Melbourne. We had a very early start leaving Hamilton at 5am but it was worth it. We listened to five speakers talk about what Leadership means to them. My favourite was Dan Jackson, an AFL footballer from Richmond. His presentation was very good. He explained his leadership style was about focussing on doing the little things right, so that the bigger things become easier. He also thought in his football team it was important to have good relationships with his team mates so that if they had something wrong they could come to him and tell him.

Jacob Millard

**Artist of the Week**

Artist of the Week for grade Prep-2 was Marissa Rogers and Grace Walker for grades 3-6 for fantastic Picasso style pictures. They have taken the bag of art goodies home for the week and have told me they have had a great time experimenting with the different art materials. Well done girls! Ms Brown.

**Athletic Sports**

A full report on the Athletic Sports will be in next week’s newsletter.
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.

OHSC

Out of Hours School Care requires donations of empty tissue boxes for the holiday program. Please leave donations at the office. Thank you

Hamilton Cycling Club Inc
Free information and experience Day Sunday 17th March
Includes:
10am – 12pm Track Riding
12 – 1pm Lunch
1pm - 2.30pm Road Ride
Bring your own bike and Helmet
Where: Behind HILAC in King St at Club Rooms
All people interested welcome
RSVP – Paul 0437 110 369 or dbast@dodo.com.au by Wednesday 13th March 2013

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

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.

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 have been distributed today to the eldest child in the family. 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.

Demons Hockey Club

Demons Hockey club are looking for any new and/or experienced players for the 2013 season. Ages start from 7 years old and upward. Anyone interested can contact Lisa Kearney on 0429403099 or email sspp@live.com.au or Narelle Pitts on 049719874. The season begins April 19.