Principal’s Report

Time is marching on with the end of term quickly approaching.

Unfortunately for the keen athletes at Gray St the HPSSA Athletics Day was postponed yesterday due to the inclement weather, but luckily today the sports have been able to go ahead and we look forward to sharing the results with you next week.

Well, I can’t quite believe that a year has passed since our last Giant Easter Raffle took place but we are all looking forward once again in anticipation that our name is called out for one of the great Easter prizes in the raffle draw tomorrow morning at assembly. A huge thank you to all our families for supplying the eggs and of course selling a fantastic amount of tickets. A final total of the money raised and a list of major prize winners including the family who sold the most tickets will be included in next week’s newsletter.

On Tuesday students enjoyed a very exciting live interactive music performance called the ‘The Big Samba’. The students enjoyed learning about the many instruments that the performer used during his one man show.

Tomorrow we have our annual ‘Patient Dress Up Day’ for our new families this is when the children are encouraged to come to school dressed up as a patient or a medical staff member and we ask for a gold coin donation. The money raised will be forwarded to the Good Friday Royal Children’s Hospital Appeal.

During next week students will experience some slight changes to their normal program. There will be no specialist programs running instead the specialist teachers will be taking classes with the assistance of some of our regular casual relief teachers to allow for our class teachers to have some valuable time together in teams to plan their Literacy and Numeracy programs for Term Two.

Enjoy the week ahead.

Helen
Hamilton District Athletic Sports

Due to inclement yesterday the Hamilton District Athletic Sports are being held today.

A full report will be in next week’s newsletter.

AFL Football Clinic

On Thursday, 90 Grade 5/6 children attended an AFL clinic at Melville Oval. This year’s host club was Collingwood and the children enjoyed hearing tips and advice from the six players in attendance. Unfortunately there weren’t any big name stars but the players attending showed a lot of enthusiasm and encouragement to the children. The players each ran a station to instruct the children on the skills of marking, kicking and handpassing. A highlight of the session was the opportunity to use the tackle dummies and bumping bags. Thanks to Jock Whiting for organising this wonderful clinic.

Netball News

The last game of the summer season is scheduled for Saturday and each team is playing off in a “final” for a final ladder position. It would be terrific to see as many spectators at Pedrina Park to encourage our young players.

Please note the U12s and U10s all play at 8.30am this week and not the usual 10.30am (see the draw herewith).

The junior committee acknowledges that the season’s draw unfortunately did not always allow for each team to play each other and some teams played each other more than once. This was simply human error and the committee will endeavour to avoid the same happening next season and apologises for any adverse outcomes.

The committee would like to thank all players for a very successful season and parents and families for their help and support throughout the season.

We would like to congratulate our players for the way they have played and represented Gray Street. We would also like to thank our fabulous coaches Kym Sparrow, Michelle Ahearn, Sally Jones, Belinda Payne and Darcy and Sally Taylor for their support of our netball teams and their commitment to matches and training. A big thank you also goes to the parents who assisted with registrations and to those who have scored and assisted in other ways over the last six weeks.

We hope as many students as possible sign up for the season commencing in term 4.

Carolynn Murray & Sheree McGinley
Netball 2012

Final Round Summer Comp 2012
Pedrina Park Saturday 24th March 2012.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF TIMES!!!!!!!

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Patient In Casual Clothes Day”

To support the Royal Children’s Hospital Good Friday Appeal the Social Service Committee is holding a “Patient in Casual Clothes Day” on Friday 23rd March.

For a gold coin donation students may wear casual clothes along with “Patient” attire - sling, bandage, bandaid, crutches etc.

Please return all donations for the Royal Children Hospital tomorrow. The total will be announced in next week’s newsletter.

Young Leaders Day

On Thursday 15th March Cooper, Georgia, Sophie and Dylan went to Melbourne for the Young Leaders Day. It was a great day listening and learning about inspiring stories. We took in some overwhelming stories by Joy Smithers (Actress), Lorin Nicholson (Blind Guitarist), Marita Cheng (Robotics Engineer), Andrew Swallow (Kangaroos Captain) and Mike Martin (Left Lieutenant in the Army).

Thanks to the parents that took us down to Melbourne and also to the teachers that organised it.

By Cooper, Georgia, Sophie and Dylan.

Fundraising

Tubes

Frozen tubes will be for sale for $1 from the canteen every Friday. Please remember to bring your dollar.

Giant Easter Raffle

The Gray St Giant Easter Raffle will be drawn TOMORROW – Friday 23rd March at assembly.

Please ensure all raffle books and money are returned to the office by tomorrow morning 8.45am to ensure they go into the draw.

GSLC - “BBQ Meat Masterclass”

Gray Street Learning Community: Only a few days left now to join the BBQ Masterclass next Mon. 26th March, 6:00 – 7.70pm. This is a rare opportunity to tap into the talents of one of the district’s most renowned chefs. Afton and Hugh will guide you through some very helpful ways to make your next BBQ an outstanding success, and you’ll have a chance to practice some of the techniques and of course, sample the delectable results!

Bring yourself, bring your spouse, bring your kids who are interested in cooking, and have a great night out. Book now at the school front desk, or pick up another flyer for more info. For more details, call Hugh 0409 797 446 or Rosanna 5572 5574.

Further to our recent whole school trial of Intrepica, Hamilton Gray Street Primary School would like to offer parents the opportunity to purchase an annual subscription via the school at a saving of more than 80% off the usual home user subscription price of $120 per year. Special annual subscription price organised via the school is $22 per student.

Intrepica has the ability to capture student attention for hours at a time through interactive exercises, competitive learning, positive feedback and reward systems. This means that students not only develop a more positive attitude towards literacy, but experience the satisfaction of knowing their achievements are acknowledged.

Students can log on anywhere in the world, at any time.

Teachers are equipped with a powerful, yet flexible tool designed to enhance the way in which literacy is delivered in the classroom. Life is made easier for teachers by providing diagnostic capabilities, results and progress reporting, and the ability to set tasks and homework.

To take advantage of this exciting offer, please complete your child’s name and class details below and return to the office by Friday March 23rd with payment.

Intrepica Subscription-
Hamilton Gray Street Primary School

Students Name: _________________________________
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Payment Type: CASH / EFTPOS / CHEQUE

*Get half back!

The Australian Tax Office has advised that the fees associated with gaining access to the Intrepica program are regarded as the acquisition of computer software. Therefore, your subscription to Intrepica is an eligible expense for the purpose of the Education Tax Refund (ETR), entitling you to apply for a refund on your subscription fees of up to 50%.
Pauls Collect a Cap

Next term we will be holding a competition to see which grade can collect the most caps in 10 weeks. The grade with the most caps per students will win a fantastic morning tea!!

If you have any caps at home please bring them to your classroom in a plastic bag, marked clearly with the student’s name, grade and how many caps.

Monivae Mustangs Hockey Preseason Competition

Preseason competition to encourage young players/potential players and of course our present players. Competition will involve push only, scratch match for both juniors & seniors. Comp starts Thursday the third week in March. March 15th, 22nd & 29th.

Ages 8 and up welcome!!
Juniors start at 4pm, seniors 4.45pm
Invitation to all primary school student to join the fun. Contact Jo Tully 55758273 or 0407 042 701

New mouth guards will be supplied to new players and sticks provided.

Auskick Starts 21st April, 2012 – Register and pay online and receive Four Free AFL Tickets!!

Hamilton Auskick will commence in 2012 at Pedrina Park between 9:00am and 10:30 am on Saturday April 21 and concluding Saturday June 23. Online registration is preferred however if this is not possible please contact the centre coordinator Malcolm Sharp on 0419 874535. Cost $55.00 plus credit card fees. Auskick packs available on Saturday April 21 between 8:00am and 9:00am or after 10:30am at the completion of Auskick. Auskick is open to ages between Prep and Grade 6 inclusive.

All participants that register and pay online by Friday, March 30, are eligible for the AFL Gameday Club Connect offer of four free tickets to selected AFL games. Go to www aflauskick.com.au

Swimming Program

As part of our Physical Education program, all students from Prep to year 6 are expected to participate in the 10 session swimming program during terms 2, 3 & 4.

The cost of the swimming program for 2012 is $75.00. Payment for the 2012 swimming program is due by 19th April 2012.

A notice was sent home today with the eldest child in the family.

Any questions please see Leesa or Maree in the office. Thank you

Tissue Boxes

The prep grades are collecting empty tissue boxes, if you have any at home please send them to school.

Thank you