Principal’s Report

Happy Easter!!

We have had a fun final day to a very busy term with students supporting the very important Royal Children’s Hospital Appeal, participating in the ‘Patient in Casual Clothes Day’ for a gold coin donation.

The week started on an exciting note with the Prep students and their Grade six buddies and families enjoying an Easter Egg Hunt at school on Sunday afternoon, from all accounts it was a huge success.

Yesterday students from Years 3 and 4 walked to Lake Hamilton to lend a hand by planting some grasses along the newly constructed ‘Swales’ at the lake near Tyers St. Thank you to Mr Skott Stark, Natural Resource Management Officer from the Shire for organising this for the students.

As part of integrated studies this term the prep children have been learning about themselves, our families and people who help in our community. Yesterday they were lucky enough to have Peter, Peter and Andrew from the fire brigade come to school to teach them about fire safety. They learnt how to ‘Stop, Drop and Roll’ and how to ‘Get Low and Go, Go, Go!’ They also got to see the fire truck, hear the sirens and have a turn at using the fire hose! Their homework was to find out where they would go if there was a fire at their home.

Where do your family meet if there’s a fire in your house?

Finally, I would like to wish all children a safe and happy holiday and to those who acknowledge Easter an enjoyable celebration spending some special time with friends and family.

Helen

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Music News

Any students interested in performing **recorder** in the Eisteddfod need to return the permission slip to Miss Robb as soon as possible. New notes can be collected from Miss Robb if you have not received a note. The Eisteddfod is a fantastic opportunity to perform and get involved in Music outside of school, as well as representing Gray Street Primary School!

Email Addresses

The newsletter has been emailed to all parents that have supplied their email addresses to school. If you do not receive the newsletter today, please let Leesa in the office know.

If you would like to receive the newsletter via email, please leave your email address at the office.

Thanks

Head Lice

We currently have an outbreak of headlice at school.

Please carefully check your child’s hair this weekend and if necessary treat their hair over the holidays.

Bus Travellers

CASUAL AND PERMANENT BUS PASSES.

Students who wish to travel on a school bus on a casual basis, **MUST** have a bus pass issued which **MUST** be given to the bus driver. Parents of the child wishing to travel are required to write a request to their child’s school office clearly noting the students name, bus destination name/number, date of travel, parents name and signature.

On receiving this request, the school office will issue the student with a bus pass for that travel.

Where possible, requests for bus passes should be made well in advance so that other arrangements are able to be made if the bus in question is full.

Students who require bus passes for a longer period must have this clearly noted on the request/pass.

Students will be refused travel if they do not have a valid bus pass issued. Bus drivers cannot legally permit a child to travel who does not have a bus pass.

Canteen Lunchtime Specials for Term 2 & 3

**Monday** - Hamburgers
Plain – $3.00
Beef patty, lettuce, Mayo, tomato sauce in a bread roll

Deluxe - $3.50
Beef patty, lettuce, tomato, cheese, mayo, tomato sauce in bread roll

**Wednesday** – Fried Rice - $3.00
Rice, bacon, spring onions, peas, corn, egg & soy sauce

Please note: That fruit salad, salad boxes, chicken burgers & sweet chilli chicken wraps will not be available again till Term 4.

Thank-you to the new mums who have put their names down to do canteen duty, but we need more as the roster is only half full for this coming term. It a service that most families use so it would be appreciated if more families could help (this includes dad’s & grandparents). It’s not hard or for any length of time, and the kids really enjoy seeing their mum etc in the canteen, the cooler months also means the volume of food required is increased. Please think about it, and pop in and see Lyn at the canteen if you are able to assist.

Volunteers – URGENT

More volunteers are required for the Canteen and Meals on Wheels roster. Without more volunteers, these activities will not be able to go ahead.

If you are able to volunteer to work in the **Canteen** or to help with **Meals on wheels**, please contact Leesa in the office. Thanks

Safeway Earn & Learn

Safeway will be running the Earn and Learn promotion in 2013. Stickers will be available from Safeway from Monday 8th April, so please start collecting!!

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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.

If you require uniform for term 2 as the weather will be a little colder, please consider ordering these the first week of term 2 as uniforms take approximately 2 – 3 weeks to arrive at school.

Old School Uniforms

As mentioned in Helen’s newsletter piece last week, it has been suggested by parents that it would be a great idea to forward any of our old school uniform no longer in use to a charity organisation – YWAM (Youth with a Mission).

The uniform will be forwarded to villages in Papua New Guinea and Ethiopia. Jules Thomson has volunteered to store and pack the uniform up as it is donated.

If you have any uniform no longer in use please leave it at the Office.

Junior Netball

Due to a small amount of teams entered in the Saturday Competition the Committee of the Hamilton Junior Netball Association are forced to postpone the competition at this time. The Committee will meet in the first week of Term 2 to try and organise a season for your child(ren). If you are interested in helping out please call/text Jill Robinson on 0427 536 931. If you have already put your hand up to help we thank you for giving your time to help our kids play.

Jill Robinson
Junior Netball Co-ordinator

Giant Easter Raffle

The Gray St Giant Easter Raffle was drawn last Friday. Congratulations to all our prize winners. This raffle raised $1610.

Gardening Club

The gardening club are looking for some donations of manure to use in the vegie garden as we prepare the beds for the winter vegetables.

U/12 Football

Anyone who is currently in Grade 5 or 6 and would like to play U12 Football and missed the registration night may register and pay the $25 registration fee at Hamilton Real Estate. The first game will be Sunday 12th May.

Auskick

Hamilton Auskick will commence in 2013 at Pedrina Park on Saturday April 20th at 9:00am concluding Saturday June 22nd. Excluding the Queen’s Birthday weekend Saturday 8th June.

All registrations must be online this season and the cost is $65.00 plus credit card fees. All participants that register and pay online before Monday 15th April 2013, are eligible for the AFL Gameday Club Connect offer of four free tickets to selected AFL games. Go to www.aflauskick.com.au. Auskick packs available on Friday 19th April from 4pm to 6pm at Pedrina Park or Saturday April 20th after 10.30am at the completion of Auskick.

Lake Hamilton

The Lake Hamilton All Abilities Playground Official opening is happening next Thursday 28th March. Southern Grampians Shire Council would like to invite all children and families to attend an afternoon of activities at the new facility from 3.30pm to 6.00pm.

City of Hamilton Eisteddfod

The City of Hamilton Eisteddfod is looking for a secretary. This position involves a knowledge of computer skills, meeting procedures and the ability to learn quickly about the many different tasks. Please contact the committee via email enquiries@hamiltoneisteddfod.org.au or Denise Fenwick on 0418 538 716.

Hamilton Swimming Club

The 2013-14 season for swimming commences next term and the Hamilton Olympic Swimming Club is having an assessment session for new swimmers on Saturday 13th April at HILAC pool at 10am. Those who are interested in joining the swim club or would like to find out more about what is involved in a training session are encouraged to come along. Our wonderful head coach, Maxine Baring will be available to answer any questions you may have about the club or what is involved as well as guide you as to which squad may be suitable for you as a swimmer. To register your interest please contact Maxine on 0407 302 744 or email the swimmers name; date of birth and phone number to mbswimming@bigpond.com. Please note no new enrolments will be taken during the term so if you are interested in swimming come on Saturday 13th April to become part of our team!