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Yesterday, we had another great turn up to our Prep Discovery Day. Ms Brown took a large group of pre schoolers for some engaging art activities which all the children enjoyed. Our next special day is on Wednesday 22nd August when the children will be heading to the Music room for some marvellous music activities with Miss Robb. Again I would like to thank our Grade five helpers who did such a great job assisting with this activity.

Finally, a couple of reminders that all visitors, parents and family members must report to the office before going to classrooms or the playground during the school day so that they can sign in and receive an appropriate badge. The drop and go zones are still causing a problem with people still choosing to park in them instead of allowing the traffic to flow, hindering drivers who are trying to do the correct thing. So please no parking in the drop and go zone during identified times. The purpose for the drop and go zones are that our students can be dropped off and picked up safely from school.

No assembly tomorrow morning due to an incursion for the students in Years 4 to 6.

Enjoy your week ahead.

Helen

“Stop Motion” with Grade 3

No. 23–9th August 2012

Dates to remember

Friday 10th August
"Ghana Beat My Drum"
Grades 4 – 6

Monday 13th August to Friday 24th August
Grade 5 & 6 Swimming

Thursday 23rd August
Fundraising – Ladies Night

Tuesday September 4th
School Photo Day

Monday September 17th to Thursday 20th September
Grade 5 & 6 Melbourne Camp

Special Notices
“You Can Do It” winners for last week – Getting Along.

• Issy Murray
• Baili King
• Miles Rau
• Leidy Kenny
• Dalton Barby
• Harry Harms

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This year we have 21 Gray St students (3 teams of 7 students) representing Gray St at the regional level, of a state wide competition of the Tournament of Minds.

This competition is open to both primary and secondary students where they compete in teams of 7 to solve problems. They nominate to compete in different categories such as language literature, maths engineering and social sciences and applied technology. Students are given a long term challenge in one of the above categories which they have to prepare over many weeks before they present on competition day. They are also required to respond to an unseen, spontaneous challenge on the day of competition. This year’s competition will be held on the 26th August at Deakin University, Geelong. Teams will be participating in the social science category with Sandra Jacobson, Danah Clark and Cindy Dorman as facilitators.

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“Stop Motion” with Grade 3
Grade 3 Report

In Grade 3 we have been busy working on our Explanation texts. We have covered a diverse range of topics from ‘How Egyptian Mummies are made’ to The lifecycle of a mosquito’. We are now completing our final piece which focuses on ‘How plants live’.

In Mathematics the main focus has been on division with the fair sharing of jellybeans a popular activity!

Healthy eating, is our Health focus for the next two weeks. Students are filling in daily food diaries, recording their fruit and vegetable intake each day.

3B would like to thank Miss Dorman for all her great help over the past three weeks.

Kerrie McFadden and Ben Sexton

Art Information

In the Art room this term……..

This term the students will be focusing on the Olympics then Art from around the world. Students have used cardboard manikins to pose in a sporting position and trace around then colour using oil pastels and watercolour paints. Rubbing plates of Olympians and sporting templates have also been popular. Plasticine and air drying clay are being used to create 3D sporting people. Art from India, China, Mexico and Egypt will be our focus for the second half of this term, with students creating traditional forms of artwork from these countries. I look forward to seeing the colourful, inspiring artworks from the students each lesson. Emma Brown.

Above: Grade 3 have been using white daffodils to follow the movement of coloured water.

Above: Troy has been busy explaining how a trolley works!
Artist of the Week

Miss Louise Howman  2B

What is your earliest childhood memory of school?
Being in Grade 1 and 2 and singing songs form the ‘Sing’ song book as the teacher played the guitar.

What would your last meal be?
Thai Green Curry

Name five people in history or current date that you would like to meet?
1. Hamish Blake
2. Andy Lee
3. The Queen
4. Ellen DeGeneres
5. Manu Feildel

What do you do when you are not working?
I enjoy cooking.

What is the most interesting trip you have ever taken and why?
A trip to Turkey with my family. I got to see Gallipoli and where the ANZACS landed.

Gray Street’s Got Talent 2012!
The Grade 6 judges and Music captains have been busily auditioning acts in the last two weeks. They have already put through some acts into the Semi final but need more people to audition! Some of the successful contestants demonstrated confidence and outstanding talent in dance, comedy and music.

There has been a lot of talented girls audition so far, but I'm sure there are a lot of talented boys out there who have got what it takes! Don't forget our junior winners last year were Oliver and Carter!! So come on boys!

GGGT auditions will run on Thursday and Friday this week and next week.

Artist of the Week

Last week’s Artist of the week was Izaac Ewing in grade 5. Izaac created an Olympic runner using oil pastel and watercolour paints.

Needed
The following items are required for grade 5 & 6 students participating in Tournament of the Minds - Sheets, cardboard, wool, string, twine, buttons, beads, fabric, fishing line, hessian, paddle pop sticks, butchers paper, tissue paper, ribbon and drinking straws.

Book Week Dress Up Day

Students in grades Prep to 4 will be participating in Book Week Dress Up Day on Friday 24th August. Students can come to school dressed as their favorite book character.

Cyber Safety Tip

Teach your child that there are ways they can deal with material that worries or frightens them—they should immediately tell a trusted adult if they feel uncomfortable about something they have found on the internet or received in an email. Teach them how to close a web page or turn off a monitor if they are worried.

Swimming – Grade 5 & 6

A reminder that the swimming program for students in grades 5 & 6 will start on Monday 13th August and continue until Friday 24th August. Please ensure all permission forms are returned tomorrow.
Father’s Day Stall Friday 31st August
The Father’s Day presents have arrived and only need to be made pretty! The wrapping of these will take place tomorrow - Friday 10th August after assembly. It will be great to see lots of people help, as many hands make light work. If you are able to help in either the wrapping or help sell pressies at the stall please leave your name in the office.

Let’s get ready to raffle!!
Our School Raffle tickets were handed out last week.

For every $2 ticket sold, $1.50 will come back to our school.
All money raised, plus ticket stubs must be returned to school by Monday 13 August 2012. Please return all ticket stubbs and money raised in the envelope provided.
The winners will be announced on 14 September 2012.
So remember, as the Scouts say, ‘Be Prepared’!

Safeway Earn & Learn
Safeway Earn and learn program finishes Sunday 12th August.
Please get all your stickers to school on Monday 13th August.
Remember each grade will be "spending" their stickers!!

Canteen
Canteen operates on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
Mon 13th July
Bridget Kelly
Wed 15th August
10.45 – 2pm – Hiedi Cutchie
Friday 17th August
10.45 – 1pm – Shelley Muldoon
12.00 – 2pm – Bron Duncan
Specials:
Monday – Hamburgers $3
Wednesday – Fried Rice $2.50

Coles Sports for Schools Vouchers
This year Coles want to give even more sports gear to our Aussie schools. Students are encouraged to collect vouchers from all their family and friends. The more vouchers our school collects, the more sports gear our school will receive!
Collect vouchers from Coles!
Every member of your school’s community will earn one voucher for every $10 spent.
Promotion finishes 14th August.
Get your vouchers into school so we can start tallying them up!!

Pauls Collect a Cap
Keep collecting caps over the holidays. The grade with the most caps at the end of term 3 will win a fantastic morning tea.
All caps sent back to Pauls in September are worth double!!

School Photos
All children have received an order form for school photos. If you would like to order a family photo please collect an envelope from the office.
All photo envelopes must be returned with the correct money enclosed by Friday 31st August.
Family photo discounts - Parents who order and pay for two children’s photo packages, will receive the third, fourth and so on FREE. Parents need only tick the “Family Discount” box on the back on the envelopes, to receive this discount.
All children will require their own envelopes, although payment may be submitted in one envelope.
School photos will be taken Tuesday 4th September, starting at 9.00am.
All students must be wearing:
- full winter school uniform (long pants for boys)
- maroon school windcheater or jumper
- black polished school shoes or boots
- Grade 6 students are to wear rugby jumpers

Meals on Wheels Drivers
10th August
Danni Sarena & Bron Duncan