Principal’s Report

Our great start to the school year has continued this week, with a real buzz around all the classes.

All students have been involved in building a positive learning environment in their new classroom focusing on two of the You Can Do It! keys to achieving success: Getting Along and Organisation.

Meet & Greet

On Monday 20th February parents again will have the opportunity to meet their child’s class teacher for this year. It will take the same format as the parent teacher interview that will be held at the end of semester two in June. The purpose of the meet and greet interview is to enable you to firstly meet the teacher and then to share information with your child’s teacher which you feel is relevant to his or her learning. It is designed to enhance communication between the school and parents through a discussion focussed on the student’s academic, social, emotional and medical needs. At the interview you will be also given an information sheet that will summarise particular routines, events, curriculum focus specifically related to your child’s grade level.

Thankyou’s

A would like to extend a very big thank you to our wonderful neighbours, the Hamilton Community Baptist Church, who on the Saturday before school returned undertook a working bee in our school yard to ensure that the school grounds were in ‘tip top’ condition for the beginning of the school year. To Trevor Walmsley and the group of volunteers who worked so hard on our behalf, our grateful thanks are extended.

Also a big thank you to three of our Dad’s Jim Bailey, Graham Cooper and Jason Muldoon for the marvellous work they did over the holidays cleaning out gutters and drains in preparation for any heavy down pours.

School Council Membership

Becoming a School Council member is an excellent way to become involved in our school. Much of the work of School Council is achieved through the subcommittees. School Council currently meets at least twice per term on Mondays at 7.00pm. Gray St school community members are welcome to attend sub committee meetings. These meetings are also usually held between School Council meetings dates and times and will be communicated via the newsletter. Membership of school council subcommittees does not require election to school council.

School Council Elections 2012

The Notice of Election and call for nominations for School Council is attached to this newsletter. Interested members of the Hamilton (Gray St) PS community are asked to consider nominating for vacancies on school council for the next two year period. A parent information sheet on school council elections has also been included in this week’s newsletter.

Nomination forms are available from the office. These must be lodged by 4.00 pm on 16 February 2012. In nominating for school council elections, this may be via self nomination or getting someone in your category of nomination to nominate you. In the event that an election is required, it will be conducted immediately, with the ballot closing 4.00 pm Friday 2nd March, 2012.

Finally, I would like to sincerely thank all the families at Gray St for embracing the ‘new book box system’ we had a 100% participation. Thank you to all our families for their patience and understanding when picking up the books it was greatly appreciated.

I would also like to thank Leesa and Maree for their great organisation of the new system and to Wendy Goodman and Vicki Allen for their assistance on the pickup day.

Enjoy the week ahead.

Helen

Naomi and Will with all the items out of their grade 2 book box.
Term Dates For 2012

Term 1: 3rd February (students start) to 30th March
Term 2*: 16th April to 29th June
Term 3: 16th July to 21st September
Term 4: 8th October to 21st December

Newsletter Information

The newsletter is handed out every Thursday to the eldest child at School. You can also find the newsletter on the school website.

Prep Day-Off

Prep students do not attend school on Wednesdays during February.

Sunsmart

Hats must be worn every day during Term 1. Don’t forget to bring them to school.

School Concert DVD

The School concert DVD’s have been handed out this week, if you have not received yours please contact the office.

New Uniform Shop

The new uniform shop is open every TUESDAY between the hours of 9.00am and 3.00pm.

2012 Sports & Art Days

Please note Grade 3A & 3B Sports uniform days are: Wednesday and Friday.

Junior Netball 2012

A reminder the summer competition of Hamilton Junior Netball will commence this Saturday 11th February 2012 and run for approximately 6 weeks.

Team notices and medical indemnity forms for 2012 have been sent home this week. A meeting will be held this Thursday evening 9th February at Pedrina Park at 7.30pm where the draw for Saturday will be finalised (team entries were due in Wednesday 8th February). Times will be announced at assembly on Friday morning.

Registration costs for the summer season are payable before week 3:
U10 - $54 (VNA $30 + HNA $24) (VNA is payable only once per year)
U12 - $64 (VNA $40 + HNA $24)

Gray Street will be assisting with receipting payments and registrations during the first three weeks of netball at Pedrina Park from approximately 8.15am to 10.30am. Thank you to all those who offered to assist with registrations. If your name does not appear on the list below we will keep your name on the emergency list.

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Sheree McGinley & Carolyn Murray

Netball 2012

Volunteers

Children love to have their parents and grandparents involved in their school. It isn’t always possible to have a weekly commitment to the school all the time, but the Meals on Wheels roster and Fresh Fruit Friday roster areas where a small time occasionally is appreciated and manageable. If you are able to volunteer please complete the forms sent out with today’s newsletter and return them to the office by Tuesday 14th February.

If you would like further information about volunteering at the school, please contact Leesa or Maree in the office on 5571 9295.
2012 Meet & Greet Interviews

MONDAY 20th FEBRUARY 2012

On Monday 20th February class teachers will be having Meet and Greet Interviews starting at 3.50pm and finishing at 7.30pm. These interviews will enable you to share information with your child’s teacher which you feel is relevant.

To assist in the timetabling of interview times and to minimise the waiting time between interviews, please complete the form below indicating the interview time-slot that suit you.

Forms must be returned to the office by Tuesday 14th February. It is very difficult to accommodate late requests once the timetable has been drawn up. The time table will be handed out next Thursday with the newsletter.

Meet and Greet interviews are for 10 minutes and take place in your child’s classroom. If at the completion of the 10 minutes you require extra time, please discuss this with the teacher and another time can be arranged.

We understand that it is sometimes best for separated parents to have individual session times. If this applies, please mark the form accordingly.

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2012 Meet & Greet Interviews

MONDAY 20th FEBRUARY 2012

Fill in the details necessary to identify your child/ren (please print) and circle the most suitable timeslot for your interview.

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Please indicate (circle or tick) the timeslot suitable for interview

MONDAY 21st FEBRUARY

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PARENT/GUARDIANS ATTENDING: _____________________________ _____________________________ (please print name) (please print name)

☐ Separate parent interviews required