Newsletter No. 28 – Thursday 03 September 2015

- Friday 4th September School Assembly
  Lead By: Bronson & Ella K Items By: Grades 1/2A & 3/4P
- Friday 4th September Father’s Day Stall
- Monday 7th September “What Style” Performance Grades Prep-2
- Tuesday 8th September Chess Competition Grades 4-6 Gray Street PS
- Thursday 10th September Grade 2 Sleepover
- Friday 11th September Sports Supporters Day
- Friday 18th September Last day of Term 3 – Early Dismissal 2.30pm
- Monday 5th October Term 4 commences - 9am start
- Thursday 15th October School Photos

Principal’s Message
Thanks to parents who supported the students last Friday with some creative costumes to add to the excitement of book day. It was a great day which saw the students not only enjoy some award winning literature and creative activities, but also have the opportunity to socialise in cross age groupings.

Extra curricula activities this week have brought the wider community into our school with the Dunkeld Pastoral Company showing off the quolls to the Prep students and Casterton Secondary College inspiring our grade 6 students with their science experiments.

This week we also welcome two new students and their families, Ebony in grade 6 and her mother Debra; and Nehal in grade 2 and her parents Rajesh and Indu. We look forward to their involvement in our school community.

Next week will see the commencement of the swimming program for grades 3/4M and the 5/6’s and the highlight of the year for grade 2’s – The Sleepover on Thursday night! Thanks to the Gr 2 staff for giving their personal time to enable the students to have this experience.

We are pleased to report that Hamilton North will be receiving $145,000 in State Government funding for 2015/16 planned maintenance to our main building. This funding is in line with a 2012 Condition Report and details as to the extent of work and timelines will be made available when we know more!

Don’t forget, we have scheduled next week, September 7th-11th to providing dedicated time after school for any parent-teacher interviews that may be required as we near the end of term 3. Any parents, who wish to meet with a teacher and have not yet made contact, please do so before the end of this week.
Thanks to the Parent’s Club for organising the Father’s Day stall this Friday and we trust that all the fathers out there enjoy their special day on Sunday.

This week’s feature page comes from 1/2F – enjoy.

Regards Heather

**Father’s Day Stall**
Tomorrow, Friday 4th September, the Parents’ Club will hold its annual Father’s Day Stall. This year the Parents’ Club has purchased all the gifts and will sell them on to the children. Gifts will be priced at $2, $3, $4 and $5. Helpers will be needed to run the stall so if you are able to volunteer please be at school by 9.00am. The stall will be finished by 11.00am.

**Legacy Badges**
Junior School Council will be selling Legacy Badges in the shade cloth area during lunchtimes this week. Students who wish to purchase a badge will need to line up at 1.45pm. Badges will only be available for purchase at this time, and will not be available before, during or after school. Legacy badges are available at $2.00 and $5.00 and we have limited supply of wrist bands and pens for $3.00 each. These will be on sale until we sell out.

**Sports Supporters Day**
The Junior School Council, along with the Parents’ Club will be holding a Sports Supporters Day on Friday 11th September. This is a chance to dress up in your favourite sports team colours and celebrate by being a proud supporter and it coincides with the football finals! The Parents’ Club is organising lunch on this day. Order forms have already been sent home with each child. Helpers are needed to assist with preparing and serving the lunches from 11.30am onwards. If you are able to assist please RSVP to the office by Monday 7th September. We also require large pots to cook the hot dogs in, so please contact the office staff if you have one you can loan.

**Grade 2 Sleepover**
The Grade 2 sleepover will take place on Thursday 10th September. Notes have been sent home. Students are to arrive at school NO EARLIER than 6pm. Parents may come to school after 8am the next morning to collect bedding. Remember that Friday 11th is Sports Supporters Day.

**Chess Competition**
Gray Street Primary School is hosting the annual “Chess Kids” Chess Club Tournament. This will be held at Gray Street PS on Tuesday 8th September. If you require any further information please see Mrs Riley.

**Friday Treats**
The Parents’ Club will be selling the following treats after the second lunch bell on Fridays from the PE shed:

- Smith’s salt & vinegar and barbeque chips (27gms) $1.00
- Red Rock Deli sea salt chips (28gms) $1.00
- Grain Waves sour cream & chives chips (28gms) $1.00
- Butter flavoured popcorn (30gms) $1.00
- Freddo Frogs 50 cents
- Bag of sun fruits (glucose sweets) 50 cents

**Students are strictly limited to one item each**
Earn & Learn – 10,000 points

There are only 5 days left to collect your Earn and Learn stickers. Once you complete a sticker card, please place them in the collection boxes either in the school foyer or at Woolies.

Runners Club has been developed as a general fitness program to help keep our school community fit. It is held on Monday and Wednesday mornings between 8.40am and 8.55am. Children can join in at any time. Parents who would like to help mark the runners passports would be most welcome. Just turn up on the day. Leanne Wilder

100 Lappers

150 Lappers
Landon S, Harrison K, Zak V, Gina R, Izzy McC

200 Lappers
Ella S, Holly M, Lukas Y, Ryan McG

250 Lappers
Bella C, Ryan A

300 Lappers
Stormy M, Diesel S, Allie B

400 Lapper
Levi T

700 Lapper
Todd D

750 Lapper
Chester W

Swimming Times
Grades 5/6M & 5/6R - 12pm -1pm each day - last day of term 11:30-12:30pm.
Grades 3/4M & 5/6F - 1pm-2pm each day - last day of term 12:30-1:30pm.

Hamilton Junior Netball Competition 2015
This year’s competition will commence on Saturday 10th October and conclude on Saturday 5th December – players must commit to playing the entire season.
The age groups for our teams will be Under 10 and Under 12. To be eligible players must have turned 8 years old by 31.12.2015. All teams are required to supply a scorer and umpire every week.
If interested, please complete the Expression of Interest form and return it to the office Friday 4th September. Janette McCallum (1/2M)

Expression of Interest for Junior Netball in Term 4 – 2015
I am interested in my child: _____________________________________________________________

playing in the following netball age group: ☐ Under 10 ☐ Under 12

Parent/Guardian: _____________________________________________________________

I am: ☐ willing to assist ☐ not able to assist

Signed: ___________________________________________________________________________
Garden Duty
Thank you to the McCallum Family for their work last weekend.
Duty this week: Its Father’s Day! – Enjoy the weekend!
If you have any queries regarding the Garden Roster please speak with Julie in the office.

WOOLWORTHS HANDBALL

COMPETITION

Every Saturday during September you have the chance to enter our Footy Handball Competition!

Under 12's from 11-12 Over 12 from 12-1
Top 3 scores weekly play off in the final
on Saturday 26th September @ 10 am!!!!

Prize includes AFL Sherrin Footy & $200 Wish Gift Card

Positive Behaviour Support Workshop

For Parents and Carers of Children and Young Adults with Autism
(see eligibility criteria below)

Aspect Victoria is pleased to offer our highly successful, contemporary, evidence-based three (3) day Autism specific Positive Behaviour Support Workshop in Warmambool.

More than 2000 families have participated in Aspect’s Positive Behaviour Support workshops across Australia. Post workshop evaluations showed an effectiveness of the workshops, with participants reporting decreases in challenging behaviours and increases in confidence and capacity to support their children and young adults.

When: 16th, 17th & 18th September 2015
Where: Warmambool Football Netball Club, Cramer St, Warmambool VIC 3280
Time: 9:30am-2:30pm (9:15am for registration)
Cost: FREE (Tea, coffee & biscuits provided – participants to bring own lunch)
Registration: Register via the “Events & Workshops” section of our website www.autismspectrum.org.au
Where did all the birds go?

In the beginning…

The brolgas danced happily and gracefully as the wind blew very softly.
Maddison A

The small birds flew really fast in the light blue sky, squawking, “Chirp, chirp,” as they flew.
Murray L

Frogs croaked loudly at noon in the summer loving heat.
Maddison B

They were hopping along joyfully, trying to find some flies for food.
Alicia W

Then…

Foxes ate the birds as they tried hard to stay away.
Emma S

Trees got cut down and the people built cities.
Kyle K

Goats ate the good tasty bushes which were the birds’ homes.
Mikayla B

Now…

We look after the bush. The men learnt to look after it.
Liam T

Then the trees came back to protect the birds from predators.
Jamison M