Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

Welcome back everybody to term two in what will be another very busy and exciting term for our students. We have already had our first main event of the term when we headed down with our school leaders to Mount Gambier for the GRIPs Student Leaders Conference. Mr Fisher, Miss Martin and I took our eight leaders down to join in the conference which was a very worthwhile day. I think our leaders got a lot out of it and have plenty of ideas to bring back to school. We are keen to give our student leaders more of a voice in the school and we will meet next week to get the ball rolling. We have some very able leaders in the school and I am sure they can rise to some new challenges.

The renovation work being completed at school is getting close to completion and has already given that part of the school a new and fresh look. The builders are hoping to finish by tomorrow so hopefully we can be moved back in early next week and get back to normal. Thanks to everyone for their patience and understanding during the disruption and special thanks to our P/1 staff and specialist teachers who have had to move classrooms and work in difficult circumstances. It should all be worthwhile in the end.
At the end of last term we completed our Behaviour Audit for the school for term 1. This is a series of questions the students in Grade 3-6 are asked about behaviour in the school both positive and negative. This will be completed every term and helps us to keep our fingers on the pulse about what is happening in terms of student behaviour, particularly in the yard, so that we can deal with anything that is causing a problem for our students. I am delighted to say the results of this survey are very positive indeed with only a relatively small number of negative issues reported. We had a very large number of students given many mentions by their peers for kind and supportive acts. This was fantastic to see and a real reflection of the values of our school. Those students who received several mentions from their peers will be acknowledged at our assembly next week. It would great to acknowledge their positive contribution to the school and the True North Values.

Our students have been busy preparing and training for the upcoming school cross country running event. The HNPS cross country is coming up on the 4th May and the district cross country is on the following week on 12th May.

Next Wednesday we are taking a large team of athletes to compete in the Warrnambool Regional Athletics Meeting. 25 students have qualified which is a remarkable effort. Good luck to all our students who are taking part.

Please note there is no Assembly tomorrow because the shed is still full of equipment from the classroom moves.

Have a great weekend.
Regards,
Don Beaton

**New School Lunch Menu**

Today, each student has received a copy of the new lunch order list which took effect from the start of Term 2. This menu has been developed with the help of GenR8 Change, Pitstop Café and dietician Jessica Nobes and provides more healthy options for our students. This fits with the school’s curriculum and culture that promotes healthy living especially through diet and exercise.

This menu has been approved by School Council.

If students inadvertently order from the old menu, they will be asked to select an item from the new menu (ie: a sandwich and a piece of fruit) up to the amount included with their order.

**ANZAC Day March**

Monday April 25th - Students from Grades 3 to 6 are invited to march in the ANZAC Day parade. The parade will begin at the corner of Kennedy Street and Gray Street at 10.00am. Students are to meet the school representative (to be confirmed in next week’s newsletter) in front of the Gray Street School gates at least 10 minutes before the parade begins. Student must wear full winter school uniform – no shorts as it is a formal event.

At the conclusion of the march, parents are asked to meet their children at the Melville Oval gates to supervise them during the service. This is to allow the supervising teacher to meet with the School Captains for the wreath laying ceremony. The service is quite long and young children find it difficult to concentrate for the entire service.
School Uniform – Order forms due back by Friday 22nd April
All children are required to wear school uniform every day. Uniform is purchased on an ‘order only’ basis, and order forms for new school uniform will be sent out with the newsletter twice a term. The first order form for Term 2 is attached to this newsletter. Payment can be made either when ordering or upon collection. A reminder that EFTPOS is now available for payment of any school invoices. Please label all items of clothing to enable lost items to be returned to the rightful owner.

State Schools’ Relief Uniform Support
The SSR has received government funding to help families in need. As part of this funding for school uniforms, every Prep government school student who is a CSEF recipient is eligible for a uniform pack. Parents who are ineligible for CSEF, or who have children in other year levels may be able to receive assistance from SSR. An information sheet is attached to this newsletter. If you have any questions please talk to Don, Lesley or Michelle in the office.

Rugby Jumpers
A reminder that rugby jumpers ordered at the end of last year are available for collection from the office.

ANZAC Day Badges
The Junior School Council will be selling ANZAC Day badges (pins $1, white $2, bronze $5), wrist bands ($3), bag tags ($4), and pens ($5) commencing Friday 15th April until sold out. JSC members will sell the items outside the staffroom during the first ten minutes of lunch break. Items will only be sold during these times and won’t be available from the office. Proceeds go to the Hamilton RSL sub-branch.

Asthma Medication
The changeable autumn weather often triggers asthma symptoms and students diagnosed with asthma must have their ventolin and spacer in their school bag at all times. We are equipped to deal with an emergency situation requiring ventolin, however it is not our practice to administer ventolin on a regular basis.

School Community Noticeboard
Have you looked at our Community Noticeboard recently? The noticeboard in the front entrance area is currently full of information about sports, activities and community events happening in the area. Parents and students are invited to visit the foyer regularly to keep up-to-date with these events. Find out about local sport programs starting up, the OSHC and Library programs.

Lost Rugby Jumpers
Please check for the following missing named rugby tops –
Eddie Steele
Nick Robertson-Townshend
Izack Mayfield
Please ensure that your child’s rugby jumper is named clearly and correctly. Too many jumpers are being found and lost property staff are pulling their hair out trying to match jumpers to children.
Grounds Duty Roster 2016

Thank you to the families who have put their names down to work in our Grounds Roster for this year.
This week’s family: Sevior Family. All information will be sent home.
Next week: ANZAC Weekend

Thank you Greg Fisher

Parents’ Club News

5 cent Challenge

The 5c Challenge has commenced and will run until Friday 22nd April. The 5c Challenge encourages everyone to bring in as many 5c pieces as they can find lying around the house, in the car, between the seats in the lounge etc. (with parents/caregivers permission of course!). Each class has their own jar so start searching for those 5c pieces now! The class with the most 5c pieces at the end of the challenge will be rewarded with a BBQ lunch on Friday 29th April!

WHICH CLASS HAS ALMOST FILLED THEIR JAR?

Book Club

Book Club catalogues were distributed this week. Orders are due by 9am on Friday 29th April.

SPORTS NEWS

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 8.30am and 8.50am. 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 Willder

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2/3 A – This term we are studying Italy, here are some of the things we have learnt so far.

- The Italian flag is green, white and red. – Nic
- The Colosseum is where they used to watch people fight. – Isabella
- The capital city of Italy is Rome. – Austin
- There is a Leaning Tower of Pisa in Italy. – Keely
- Venice looks like it is sinking. – Josh
- An earthquake broke parts of the Colosseum. – Hamish
- Italy is one of the oldest countries in the world. – Nic
- Italy is in the shape of a boot. – Jack
- Italy looks like it is kicking Sicily. – Ellen
- The Pope lives in Vatican City in Italy. – Adam
2/3 A – Here are some facts we want to find out about Italy.

What are the names and colours of some horses in Italy and what is the most popular? – Emma

How do you speak full and correct sentences in Italian? – Emily

How do you say basketball in Italian? – Daniel

What types of animals do they have in Italy? – Tyson

What kind of sports do they play in Italy? – Bailey

What clothes do they wear in Italy? – Ethan

How many cities are there in Italy? - Sam

What do they like to eat in Italy? – Jamison

2/3A - What would you choose to visit in Italy?

- Colosseum
- The Leaning Tower of Pisa
- Mt Vesuvius
- Gondolas
- Grand Canal
State Schools’ Relief
Prep CSEF uniform support
Fact sheet for parents

Program background
As part of the Victorian Government’s Affordable Uniform Program, every Prep government school student who is a recipient of the Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) automatically qualifies for a uniform pack voucher. Each year, State Schools’ Relief (SSR) provides tens of thousands of children with school clothing, shoes and other essential items. For the first time SSR has received government funding so that it can help more families needing financial assistance, and ensure no one is left behind.

Eligibility requirements for CSEF can be found at www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

What uniform support is provided?
SSR will provide:
- A basic windcheater and tracksuit pants
- OR one of the following
- A bomber jacket, rugby top, hoodie or zip jacket

How can parents apply for the uniform?
Parents must apply for CSEF by the closing date listed at www.education.vic.gov.au/csef before they approach the school to apply. Primary schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents at www.ssr.net.au/schools.

Once approved, the voucher will be dispatched electronically to the school, uniform shop or uniform supplier. The school will provide the voucher to the parent/student to present at the uniform retailer (and not at SSR).

What if parents have already purchased their child’s uniforms?
Eligible parents who have already purchased their child’s uniforms for the year can select items of a larger size from the retailer.

Can parents who are ineligible for CSEF or, who have children in other year levels receive assistance from SSR?
Yes. Applications for parents requiring financial assistance for uniforms, text books or shoes are encouraged via the regular SSR services – www.ssr.net.au/schools. SSR only responds to requests from schools (not from parents directly). Parents are encouraged to talk to their school principal, assistant principal or student welfare coordinator about their situation and they will assess their eligibility.

Terms and conditions
- Only CSEF recipients are eligible for the uniform packs.
- Each student is eligible for a single uniform pack.
- A voucher is dispatched electronically to the school, uniform shop or uniform supplier on approval. The school will provide the voucher to the parent/student to present at the uniform retailer (and not at SSR).
- The order is valid for 45 days from date of issue.
- Once expired, a new application must be lodged.
- Expired vouchers cannot be redeemed.
- Each voucher specifies the individual items funded by SSR.
- No change to the items can be made unless through the school.
- Changes made in-store will not be honoured by SSR.
- The maximum voucher value is $57 and any short fall will not be covered by SSR.
- The value of the voucher is a maximum value rather than an entitled amount. Should the value of the item be less than $57 the difference will not be credited towards other items.

More information
Parents: For CSEF application details please visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef
Schools: For SSR applications please visit www.education.vic.gov.au/ssr

State Schools’ Relief
Telephone: 03 8760 8400 Email: contact@ssr.net.au Website: www.ssr.net.au
**Uniform Order Form**

This form must be returned to the school office by Friday 22\(^{nd}\) April, 2016
(Term 2, Order #1)

**FAMILY NAME:** ________________  **Student/s:** ________________  **Grade:** ________________

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**TOTAL COST** $ ________________

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For payments via direct deposit:
- BSB: 063513  Account no: 10058747
- Reference: uniform/lastname

☐ Please invoice Alternative Family ________________

☐ Paid via direct deposit on ________ (date)

PAYMENTS OPTIONS: Uniform can be paid for upon ordering or upon collection. Paid orders will be sent home with children when they arrive. Payment by cash, cheque or direct deposit. EFTPOS FACILITY IS NOW AVAILABLE.

This order form will become a Tax Invoice on delivery of goods. All uniform prices are GST inclusive. ABN 78386325528

Receipts issued upon request at time of payment.
FAMILY NAME: ________________  Student/s: ____________  Grade ____________

Students will be measured for correct size/fit.

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