Monday 6th February 2016

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Principal’s Report

Dear Parents,

WELCOME BACK TO ALL

Welcome back to all students and parents and especially to those starting with us for the first time. It was lovely to meet lots of parents and students in the first week and I hope to meet and chat to everyone in the coming days.

Thank you to the Grey Street school community for the warm welcome I have received since commencing as Principal this year. I have taught and been a School Leader in both Primary and Secondary Schools. I am passionate about every child having access to a high quality education in a safe, collaborative and inclusive environment and am excited and proud to be Grey Street’s Principal.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

School Council Elections

School Council is responsible for determining the policy framework for our school and provides an excellent opportunity for parents to participate in planning for the future of our young people. There are ten elected parents on our Council, each holding the position for a two-year term. This year, two-year terms expire for Corrina, Denis, Joel, Alyson and Wayne. On behalf of the school community I wish to thank these parents for their service and contribution to our school throughout their last term. The commitment and support these parents have shown for all our students is very much appreciated.

Our school is now seeking the nominations of six parent representatives to fill vacated positions. Later in this newsletter, I have included details of the elections for Parent and Department of Education employee members of the College Council. Please note that nominations close Friday 19th February at 4pm. Nomination forms available at the School Administration Office or via email traralgon.ps.grey@edumail.vic.gov.au. Please call me on 51761650 if you are interested as I would be pleased to discuss your possible participation on the Council in more detail.

Have a great week
Kay Frost

Dates to Remember

7th - 21st Feb Yrs 3-6 Outdoor Swimming at Traralgon Pool
15th Feb - Welcome Pool Party at Traralgon Outdoor Pool 5:30pm—7pm, entry is free
20th - 24th Feb - Parent Teacher Interviews
20th Feb - District Swimming
21st Feb - Swimming Carnival
22nd Feb - Hot Diggity Dog
3rd March - Whole School Incursion—Starlab Mobile Planetarium
13th March - Labour Day No School
14th - 17 March - Book Fair and ComicCon to celebrate our new Library
31st March - last day of school 2.25pm finish

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to all those children who had birthdays over the holidays and happy birthday this week - Rhys W and James X
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Principal’s Report Cont..

COMMUNICATION

FACEBOOK – We have a very active Facebook site at ‘Grey Street Primary School’. It is coordinated by Erin, the Librarian at our school and will contain information from the newsletter, student learning, important dates and school activities.

TIQBIZ- Is an App that is available for smart phones. It will have daily school information and specific information for your child’s grade. It is free and very useful for keeping in touch.

NEWSLETTER- Is produced each Monday and is uploaded to our school website. Hard copies are not sent home but a few are available at the office. Erin will place items on Facebook and Tiqbiz as well.

Have a great week
Kay Frost
Acting Principal

What’s On This Week?
Pool Party - Wednesday 15th Feb 5:30—7pm
free of charge
### Playground Awards

Playground Awards are for showing respect for Self, Others, Learning or the Planet while in the playground.

### Star of the Week Awards

Star of the Week Awards are given for great learning, good attitude, accomplishment, persistence and effort in the classroom.

Congratulations to these students:
- Rm 1
- Rm 2
- Rm 3
- Rm 4 Olivia, Jacinta, Nicole
- Rm 5 Alex, Ella B
- Rm 6 Jack S
- Rm 7 Harvey L, Ellie G, Logan B
- Rm 8 Gavina, Toby
- Rm 9
- Rm 10
- Rm 11
- Rm 12 Poppy S, Katie-Lee B
- Rm 13 Luke C
- Rm 14 Remmy
- Rm 15
- Rm 16
- Rm 17
- Rm 18
- Rm 19
- Rm 20
- Rm 21
- Rm 22 Elise, Lucas, Kalan
- Rm 23

### Kindness awards

Kindness awards are nominated each week by students in each grade. They have witnessed someone being kind and written it on a note for the teacher. The teacher discusses with the students these nominations and they choose one for each week at assembly.

Jordan H, Mason, Lara E, Noah B, Sara D, Georgia
Student Welfare and Engagement Cont.

Stars of the Week

Kindness Awards
Can you help?
Below is the Education Department’s letter to inform parents about School Council-

However, you just need to be interested in education and contribute to discussions about the direction the school is moving in, to be the very best it can be!!

If this sounds like you, ask for a form at the office to nominate yourself or if you have a friend you would like to nominate.

We need FIVE new parents for 2017. The positions are a two year term. Altogether there are 15 of us- 10 parents, 5 teachers. There is also a one year casual vacancy term.

Ask us if you have any questions!!

School Council Elections – Information for Parents

School Council Elections 2017

What is a school council and what does it do?
All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council?
There are three possible categories of membership:

- A mandated elected Parent category. More than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) employees can be Parent members at their child’s school as long as they are not employed at the school.
- A mandated elected DEECD employee category. Members of this category may make up no more than one third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
- An optional Community member category. Its members are appointed by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DEECD employees are not eligible to be Community members.

The term of office for all members is two years. Half the members must retire each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.
Why is Parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

How can you become involved?

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might seriously consider

- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?

No. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school’s future.

What do you need to do to stand for election?

The principal will issue a notice and call for nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.

DEECD employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not employed are eligible to nominate as parents for the school council where their child is enrolled.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the notice of election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination.

If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Remember

- Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do
- Consider standing for election to council this year
- Be sure to vote in the elections
- Nomination forms must be lodged by 4pm on Friday 19th February 2017
- The ballot will close at 4pm on Friday 4th March 2016.

Contact the principal for further information.

You know what? I think I can do it, I'm going to give it a try!

Call and talk today!
PARENT HELPERS

At Grey St we love parent helpers, **BUT** as children’s safety is our number one priority, the Child safe Standards now mandates that **EVERY** person that helps in our school (in any capacity) needs to have a Working with Children check.

![Working with Children Check Card](image)

It’s online now and it’s easy to do...


Once you have completed the online forms and visit the Post Office, then show the Office staff here at Grey St either your card or application receipt and you are good to go! It’s that simple and it lasts for 7 years.
We invite our School Community to a pool party at the Traralgon outdoor pool on **Wednesday 15th February** from 5:30pm to 7pm, free of charge!

Bring your picnic tea, bathers and have a good time. Students will not be admitted unless accompanied by an adult. This is not a school supervised event but rather a nice way to get together as a community at the beginning of the year. Life guards will be in attendance as usual at the pool. See you there!
Head Lice

While children are at school many families will have contact with head lice. They are spread very easily in a school setting but with thorough treatment (as described below) they can be controlled.

**About head lice**

![Enlarged image of head louse. Actual size 2 to 4 mm.](image)

Head lice have been around for many thousands of years. Anyone can get head lice. Head lice are small, wingless, blood sucking insects. Their colour varies from whitish-brown to reddish-brown. Head lice only survive on humans. If isolated from the head they die very quickly (usually within 24 hours).

**People get head lice from direct hair to hair contact with another person who has head lice. Head lice do not have wings or jumping legs so they cannot fly or jump from head to head. They can only crawl. Please inform school if you suspect or know that your child has head lice.**

**Finding head lice**

Many lice do not cause an itch, so you have to look carefully to find them. Head lice are found on the hair itself and move to the scalp to feed. They have six legs which end in a claw and they rarely fall from the head. Louse eggs (also called nits) are laid within 1.5 cm of the scalp and are firmly attached to the hair. They resemble dandruff, but can’t be brushed off.

Lice can crawl and hide. The easiest and most effective way to find and treat them is to follow these steps:

**Step 1** Comb any type of hair conditioner on to dry, brushed (detangled) hair. This stuns the lice and makes it difficult for them to grip the hair or crawl around.

**Step 2** Now comb sections of the hair with a fine tooth, head lice comb.

**Step 3** Wipe the conditioner from the comb onto a paper towel or tissue.

**Step 4** Look on the tissue and on the comb for lice and eggs.

**Step 5** Repeat the combing for every part of the head at least four or five times. This should be continued until no lice or eggs are showing on the paper towel, then be repeated every day for the next three days. Follow up treatments should be done once every week for the next 4 weeks.
Year 3-6 Water Safety Program
This starts tomorrow, Tuesday 7th February. Permission forms were distributed last Wednesday, spare forms can be found at the main office. It would be great to have as many parent helpers as possible, so please come along to help and support your child.

Swimming Carnival - Tuesday 21st February 2017
Years 5 - 6: 9:15am - 12:30pm. Years 3 - 4: 12:30 - 3:00pm

Please note that we have had to change the date for this. It will now be on Tuesday 21st February. If you indicated on your child’s swimming permission form you can help with this day, would you mind filling out and returning the form below for the new date, thank you.

There will be a separate program for the year 5/6’s and 3/4’s. I am seeking at least 10 parents to help out for half a day or maybe a whole day for those who are keen. If you are able to assist then please fill out the form below and return to school by Friday 17th February. A help roster with your job allocation will be sent home on Monday 20th February.

Students have already paid for this event with the Water Safety program that has already been operating. The permission form for the Water Safety Program also covers the carnival day. Please return this form by Friday 17th February and a roster will be sent home with your child on Monday 20th February.

Swimming Carnival - Parent Help Return

Parent Name(s) ________________________ Phone ____________

Child’s Name ________________________ Child’s Room No._____

I am able to assist with the Swimming Carnival on Tuesday 21st February.
I am able to help for the following times (please indicate time by ticking):

(set up) 8:30-9:30 ☐ 9:30-12:30 ☐ 12:30-3:00 ☐ all day ☐

Year 5 & 6 Carnival Year 3 & 4 Carnival Both Carnivals

signed_____________________________________

Sporting Dates to Remember
Year 3-6 Water Safety Program sessions –
Tuesday 7th Feb, Years 5&6 - 12:15-1:45, Years 3&4 - 1:15-3:15
Thursday 9th Feb, Years 5&6 - 12:15-1:45, Years 3&4 - 1:15-3:15
Monday 13th Feb, Years 5&6 - 12:15-1:45, Years 3&4 - 1:15-3:15
Traralgon School District Swimming – Monday 20th February (for selected students)
Years 3-6 Swimming Carnivals – Tuesday 21st February, Year 5&6 – am, Year 3&4 – pm
Year 3-6 Athletics Day – Friday 10th March
Physical Education and shoes
Each student has a one hour lesson per week in P. E. I would like to encourage students to have appropriate footwear to do their activities in. Runners or a type of running shoe is best. Please check with your child’s classroom teacher as to when their session is each week. It can be difficult for students to do the activity properly with inappropriate footwear and could even cause an injury. Thank you for your cooperation.

Ride2School
Working to get more students walking and riding to school more often.

About the Ride2School Program
The Ride2School Program is designed to make walking and riding normal for kids by offering guidance, advice and tailored solutions.

We are unique in creating tailored, measurable solutions by school and community and by being able to join the dots on active travel, road safety and healthy living programs.

Benefits of Riding to School
Cycling regularly will improve your fitness and can help you live a long and healthy life. Riding a bike can also help you maintain a healthy weight.

To find out more about riding to school go to www.ride2school.com.au
To all girls aged 6 to 14 years

Come and try Girl Guides for a Day

Gippsland Girl Guides are having a celebration on the 19th February 2017
At Burnet Park Guide Camp, Glengarry West

And you are invited!

As a member of a team you will be ‘visiting’ the five Girl Guide World Centres and at each there will be fun games and activities for you to do.

The cost is only $15 with BYO lunch.

This is a great opportunity to learn what fun you can have in Girl Guides

You’ll go home with a badge!

You will need to send us forms and money and get all the details before the 11/2/17,

so contact your local Girl Guide representative or Chris Oliver at coliver@guidesvic.org.au

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Grey St Primary School Fundraising Committee Presents

HOT DIGGITY DOG DAY
Wednesday 22nd February 2017

Meal deal $5.00 incl. Hot Dog in roll, drink and Donut.
Extra Hot Dogs $2.50 each

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My order is as follows:

Meal deal @ $5.00  Yes / No  Inc. 1 Hot Dog  Sauce: Yes / No  1 Drink and 1 Donut

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Sealed envelopes please  NO LATE ORDERS  Money to office  Change given if required  $
Want your kids to enjoy fun and fitness at Gippsland’s largest family-friendly soccer club?

New to the game or strapping on the boots again? Traralgon City Soccer Club is excited to announce that we’re kicking off training and introductory lessons on Thursday 9th Feb for a season start in March. Teams available for boys and girls of any age!

Under 6, Under 8 and Under 10 train Thurs 4.30 – 5.30pm

Under 12s train Tues and Thurs 4.30 – 5.30pm

Under 14 and Under 16 train Tues and Thurs 5.30 – 6.30pm

Located on Davidson Street Traralgon behind the Table Tennis building. Please make any enquiries via email address tsc1968@bigpond.com or find us on Facebook!

FREE Come and Try Tennis day at the Traralgon Tennis Club.

When, Saturday morning 18th February from 10-1130, on the corner of Franklin and Davidson Streets (on the clay courts). For Tiny Tackers/ Hot Shots (4yo-10yo), or if your older there is a tennis program for you. There’s no charge. It’s just a chance to have some fun. Rackets supplied. 4-6 year olds can come at 10 and go to 1045. 7 years and older can come at 1045 to 1130. It’s never too early to try! If this time doesn’t suit, let me know and I will organise something else.

Call Graham Charlton on 0417532351 for all enquires, see you there
Welcome back to SCHOOL

Parents & Friends Team are refreshed after our Summer Break and SUPER EXCITED to start planning events for this year for the school community. We are looking forward to a FANTASTIC year ahead and we can’t wait to announce what’s on the cards for this year.

Our 1st Meeting of the year is on MONDAY 13TH FEBRUARY @ 9am in the Staff Room. We would LOVE to see you there as the MORE THE MERRIER on the Parents and Friends Team.

This meeting will plan the events for the year – although we have a SNEAK PEAK of some upcoming ones below so SAVE THE DATE!

We have a Parents & Friends Event Page on Facebook!

If you search for Grey Street in your Facebook Search and ‘like’ the Events Page to keep up to date with all the different activities planned through the year.

Join now to stay in the loop!

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**Term 1 Events**

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Stay tuned for further details on these events in future newsletters, Grey Street Facebook Page, the new Parents & Friends Event Page & the Grey Street Smart Phone App “tiqbiz”.

LUNCH MENU
McNairn Rd Convenience Store

HOT FOOD
Party Pies $1.30
Pies (4n20) $3.80
Pasties $3.80
Sausage Rolls (Large) $3.00
Hot Dogs $3.50
Hot Dogs Grated Cheese $3.80
Steamed Dim Sims $1.00
Sauce $0.30
Lasagne $4.90
Spag Bolognaise $4.90

SANDWICHES/WRAPS/ROLLS
Vegemite $2.30
Cheese $2.50
Ham $3.00
Tomato $3.00
Salami $3.00
Egg $2.50
Chicken $3.00
All Extra Toppings (Lettuce, Tomato, Onion,
Carrot, Beetroot, Cucumber, Avocado, Mayonnaise,
Chicken, Ham, Salami) $0.40 ea
Toasted $0.30
Rolls $0.30

SNACKS
Boiled Egg $1.00
Popcorn $1.30
Smiths Chips (Small) Plain, Salt Vinegar $1.40
Go Natural Bars $2.70
Yoghurt Pop $1.00

DRINKS
Water $2.60
Small Big M $2.40
Large Big M $3.40
Prima Tropical, Apple, Orange $2.00
Pop Tops Apple, Orange, Blackcurrant $2.20

If an item is not listed on this menu we cannot provide it, whether you order through the school or the shop.
Dear Parents and Guardians,

On behalf of St. Michael’s Parish Community we warmly welcome you to the preparation program for the Sacrament of Eucharist.

The first information session is for Parents/Guardians only and will be held on:

**Wednesday 15th February at 6.45pm at St Mary MacKillop Hall.**

A parent or representative from each family must attend this meeting as you will be given important documentation to help prepare your child for First Communion.

The program requires your commitment to attend **two workshops and to attend Parish Masses** during the five week preparation period. These dates have been emailed out to you so please mark them in your diary as soon as possible. If you feel your family cannot fully commit to the program this year due to family holidays, sporting commitments etc. you may wish to consider waiting until next year.

We have included a **First Communion Celebration Preference form** with this letter. Due to lower numbers enrolled this year we are only offering 3 Mass’s. Number’s of First Communicants will be spread evenly over the 3 Mass dates.

This form must be handed in at the **Parent Meeting**. Families who have provided their email address will be advised of their allocated celebration time prior to our next meeting. Families who do not return their form at the meeting will be allocated a time.

If you or your child would like to volunteer to do the offertory procession, please indicate this on the form.

**First Eucharist Celebrations will take place during the weekend Masses on:**

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We have also included a stole order form, if you would like to have First Communion added to your child’s stole.

**It is essential that these be handed in at the Parent Meeting, with the correct money in a sealed envelope or zip lock bag.** If stole orders are not handed in at this meeting, it is not guaranteed that stoles will be ready in time for the First Communion Celebrations.

We hope that by coming along to share these sessions with other families, you will experience support and feel confident about sharing your faith during this significant time in your child’s life.

Yours sincerely,

St Michael’s Parish Sacrament Team