School Disco
Please note that this event will be held on Friday 12th December in the school stadium, not on Wednesday 17th December as stated in the last newsletter. Drinks, lollies, chips, glow sticks, headbands, wristbands etc. will be available at an additional cost.

Soccer Carnival
for Primary Schools
Years 1 & 2
at Pedrina Park, Hamilton
Monday 23 March, 2015
10am to 12pm

Five a side games (mixed)
10 minute halves
Emphasis on fun and skills
No cost to enter

Contact Ken Cameron asap to register your school for this fun activity with approximate number of students participating.
Ph: 5573 0423 (bus) or handkcameron@blogpond.com

Bank of Melbourne continue to conduct school banking every second Wednesday. For those students currently partaking, please note next banking day is Wednesday 17th December. Any students wishing to start school banking kindly see the representative on that date to sign up and begin saving.

The Bank of Melbourne

WANTED
Boys & girls to join us at the Hamilton Gymnastics Club. Tumbling, trampoline, bars, bungee, vault and plenty of floor activities and exercises. We have classes available each week to suit toddlers thru to teenagers, both recreational and competition. Registrations classes will be held Wednesday 28th January & Friday 30th between 4-6 pm. Contact 0457 719 431.

After months and months of planning, the muchanticipated school camp to Port Fairy was here and what a success it was. After leaving Hamilton in rain and grey skies, we arrived at Port Fairy in rain and grey skies. However this did not dampen our spirits as planned activities still proceeded. The next day we awoke to more rain which was then followed by brilliant sunshine and all beach/water functions were able to be held. Swimming, surfing and fishing brought smiles to lots of faces. Friday we all walked off our pancakes by heading to the lighthouse, the perfect place for a group photo. Now, has anyone spotted a kangaroo last seen wearing boxing gloves??????

GRADUATION/PRESENTATION NIGHT
As a farewell/celebration for our grade 6ers, there will be a dinner held for them on Wednesday 17th December in the school library. Dinner will commence at 5:30pm followed by a whole school presentations/speeches at 6:30pm. Any family members wishing to attend the presentation, should be at the school by 6:30.

Forthcoming Events
December
December 12th—School disco
December 17th—Final assembly at 2:30 Parents welcome
December 17th—School Council Meeting/Dinner
December 17th—Graduation Dinner/Presentation Night
December 18th—School BBQ/end of year party
December 19th—School’s out 12:00 Woohoo. See you in 2015.

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From the Principal’s Desk

Our students have just returned from school camp. This was a whole school event and wow, what an amazing time we all had. Although it was busy, the weather on the first day storms and cold, our students still managed to enjoy the activities. I must admit my heart went into palpitations at the surfing. I wanted to call our students back in from the ocean, but I was assured they were in very safe hands. We do need to congratulate and thank Mrs Lee for all her hard work.

This is our very last report for the 2014 school year. It is hard to believe that the year has finally come to an end. It’s also time to farewell our Grade 6 students and wish them well for the rest of their schooling as they head into secondary. What a lively bunch they’ve been. They’ll be sadly missed.

I’m sure you’ll celebrate with me the many achievements and successes we’ve had this year, for example;

- LOTE (Italian) was introduced this year.
- A strong transition program lead by Tracy, Kaylene & Merrilyn. Not only have our students visited many kinders throughout the year, but our school has been the host to many pre-school children.
- Our yearly overview of curriculum is updated on our website for transparency.
- We held outstanding curriculum events such as Science Day, Indigenous Week where students either went out on field excursions or conducted experiments.
- Student Led Interviews were held for the first time in Term 3. This initiative allows students to take ownership of their learning. And of course we held our swimming and sporting events also for those students who excel in health and fitness.
- An amazing camp to Port Fairy where students were able to participate in a variety of activities such as fishing and surfing, kite-making and picture collages.
- These events wouldn’t have been possible without the dedication and sheer hard work from the staff here. Thank you to my wonderful team of staff. We have achieved so much in 12 months. Also a big thank you to school council for their hard-work throughout 2014.

Next year we will continue to build on the changes we have seen introduced. Thanks for your positive feedback, we will continue to deliver our Student Led Interviews, LOTE will be extended across all year levels and Science, Art & History will continue to be strong focuses along with our Literacy & Numeracy.

I would like to extend a warm thank you to you all (our parents) for your ongoing support as we continue to rebuild the school. Have a lovely Christmas and stay safe. I look forward to working with you all in 2015.

Tina Walkeden
Principal

PLEASE NOTE—SCHOOL FINISHES 12:00 ON FRIDAY 19TH.

What’s happening at GSPS

ARTIST OF THE WEEK—WEEK 8

This week, junior students made a sea/fish tank themed picture. They used two paper plates, tissue paper, glitter paper and coloured paper. We discussed what we see in fish tanks, rock pools and the ocean and they included some of these things in their picture. Well done Hayley, our Artist of the Week. Hayley worked well independently and helped others during the art session.

ARTIST OF THE WEEK—WEEK 10

We finished our last art session of the year by making Christmas decorations and cards. Students used paper mache balls and adhesive squares to decorate their baubles with a mosaic pattern. We then used an iris folding skill to put a design on blank cards. Cards came with a Christmas shape cut out and we used masking tape and folded strips of paper to create a pattern. Well done Tara, our Artist of the Week.

December 8th—Lincon Baker
December 10th—Jaden Turner & Amalia McKenzie
December 15th—Zeek Quartermaine
December 17th—Jye Irving
December 22nd—Zoe-Leigh Sciascia
December 31st—Jindarra Geebung-Couzens

To everyone who has contributed to our newsletter this year, I say thanks. Your input and the activities you create, always make for an entertaining read. Looking back over our front pages, makes me realise how much we do at this hidden treasure of a school.

A—Local kindergarten visits
B—Anzac Day march with Ebony and Cooper
C—BBQ at Bubs & Teens market
D—Subzero visit (my favourite)
E—Hosting Principals Induction Forum
F—Melissa Tapper visit (Olympian)
G—Hoogtime & T20Blast
H—Award winning photographers (Kayla & Ben.H)
I—Father’s Day competition winners
J—Dinosaur bone discovery

Just a few highlights of 2014. To our students off to secondary school next year, enjoy, have fun and don’t forget us. Good Luck.

Take care and have a safe Xmas everybody.

Cheers

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