This term in Blue House we have been kept busy with many exciting activities.

On Thursday the 11th of August, Jarvis, Kaden, Tanisha and Tara participated in Crazy Ideas College. This was where students from all year levels around the Southern Grampians came together to create new, innovative, crazy ideas for the community and had to pitch them to all involved. The students had a fantastic day and loved sharing their ideas with others.

This term students are also increasing an inquiry unit on sustainability. During this unit students are going out into the community to interview local businesses and community members of Hamilton to find out what sustainability means to them. Students have conducted themselves professionally and have loved engaging with the community. Community members have also loved interacting with the students and sharing their thoughts.

A few weeks ago Blue House participated in a visit to the Hamilton Spectator to conduct research for our unit on how Newspapers and created. Students enjoyed a personalised tour of the printing press and offices and were able to talk to everyone at the office including the owner Richard Peeks.

To celebrate Book Week, students and teachers were invited to dress up as a character from their favourite book. As you can see, many varied characters turned up and what a great success the day was. Always knew the children would go all out to dress up but must say the teachers looked awesome. Well done everybody.
From the Principal’s Desk

BOOK WEEK
This week saw the celebration of our favourite authors and books. The week ended with students dressing up in their favourite characters. What a fabulous group of students, and how creative their costumes were.

STUDENT ATTITUDES TO SCHOOL SURVEY
Our student survey that was undertaken last term came back last week and wow, what an amazing achievement. Our students marked our school so highly that we are sitting well above like schools and the state. We are sitting in the 90% percentile across every band. This tells us that our students are happy here and love the teaching and learning that is happening across the school.

SWIMMING
I’d just like to remind parents that our swimming program gets underway on Monday, please remember to pack swimming costumes and a towel. This is part of our health program and children are expected to participate. This program runs all week.

WORKING BEE
As many of you are aware, we have gradually been doing up the classrooms and school grounds. Our next venture is to re-vamp our tired looking Art room. We are seeking parents that are willing to help with this make-over, so if you have any handy skills, or would like to be part of a working bee please, please send a note in with your child, as we’d love your help.

SUSTAINABILITY
It was with great pleasure to see our students out and about in the community yesterday interviewing the public about their sustainable practices. Our students were commented on about how smart they looked in their uniform.

Tina Walkeden

Term dates 2016
Term 3: 11th July – 16th September
Term 4: 3rd October – 20th December

FATHERS DAY STALL
This Sunday, 4th September, is Fathers Day. To help you celebrate and appreciate your dad, the Mothers Club will be holding a Fathers Day stall this Wednesday 31st August. Assorted gifts, ranging in price from 50c—$5, will be available for purchase. If you would like your child to purchase a gift, could you please put their money in a named envelope.

What’s happening at GSPS.
Red House has been working hard the last fortnight. They have begun to look at narratives focusing on how to lay their stories out and make them flow. They are working on a narrative, based on an enchanted forest picture. The students were placed into pairs and had to brainstorm who, where, when and what occurred. They have started to use these ideas to write their own stories, which are already very creative! In maths, students have been working with division and ways to share objects evenly between groups. They have been breaking up numbers in as many different ways as they can and hunting for 2D and 3D shapes in the classroom and out in the yard.

MORE BLUE HOUSE ACTION
Makayla, Xavier, Jindarra, Chloe & Lily learn how the local newspaper is produced or as I like to call it “being a spectator at The Spectator”.

Jarvis, Tanisha, Tara & Kaden, under the watchful eye of Miss Cooper, look mighty proud of their Crazy Idea of school on Saturday. What were they thinking?????

ENROLMENTS 2017
We are currently accepting enrolments for 2017. Therefore, if you know of parents/families interested in enrolling their child/children in 2017, please ask that they enrol ASAP. Parents are showing a great deal of interest, particularly for our prep class.

I am committed, as you know, to retaining small class sizes and keeping our school small.