

## Articles of Interest

### EASTER RAFFLE



Each family should have received a book of 10 raffle tickets with the last newsletter. Could you please ensure all tickets sold, together with proceeds, are returned to the front office by 9am Friday 4th April. Raffle to be drawn at school assembly at 2:15pm on this day.



Next stop is Warrnambool for both Mitch and Jacob, after second placing's in their respective events at the Hamilton District Sports Day. They will proudly represent George Street Primary School next term at the South West Schools Sports Carnival.



Kayla, Cooper and Jye all strive for success as they give their best at the sports day.



The AFL & the North Melbourne Kangaroos conducted a skills clinic at Melville Oval recently. Five different skills stations were set up where we honed our handball skills, Amelia is ready handpass, the boys try a few tricks, the girls make it look easy and you just can't keep the big girls away from a footballer. Ahhhh the memories.



Blake and Jye look very impressed at the work being produced by our visitors from North Hamilton kindergarten.



If the weather becomes wet and cold, our library doubles as a place for a picnic. Just shows how quirky our school can be.



Tara takes centre stage as the pre-schoolers from Mitchell Park, and some of the mums, enjoy her story telling.



The Bank of Melbourne continue to conduct school banking every second Wednesday. For those students currently partaking, please note next banking day is Wednesday 23rd April. Any students wishing to start school banking, kindly see the representative on that date to sign up and begin saving.



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PRIMARY SCHOOL, HAMILTON, VICTORIA

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### Forthcoming Events

#### March/April

Grade 6 students continue visiting local kindergartens.

April 4th

End of term one

April 22nd

Term 2 commences

April 25th

Anzac Day

April 28th

Student Opinion Survey arrives.



Our principal, Tina Walkeden, took time out of her busy day to participate and assist with the activities enjoyed by the pre-schoolers from North Hamilton kindergarten.



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## From the Principal's Desk



This has been a term that has seen a great deal of change for both teachers and students, as we've implemented new curriculum, particularly Italian, from Foundation level up to our Grade 2s, along with inquiry learning at Grade 6. Students have adapted well to their new programs and from all accounts they are enjoying their learning. Students are appreciating the research involved and utilising the iPads to complete their inquiry research.

As narrative writing has been a focus this term across year levels, students focused on fairy-tales, with the senior grades extending their learning further by fracturing their favourite fairy-tale and incorporating their version into a book. I've read many of these stories and they truly are creative, well planned and written.

Considering students were expected to plan, draft and conference their writing with each other, I expected high quality work and this is what they achieved. Please take the time to pop in and read these stories.

A group of our students represented us at the local sports day here in Hamilton. It was pleasing to hear that many of our students were commended for their respect for one another and how they encouraged all participants on the day, not just their friends. We continuously strive to instil social manners, good and respectful behaviour both in and out of the school grounds, so well done to everyone. Congratulations to Mitchell Stone and Jacob Sciascia on coming second in their respective events.

It is with concern that I'm noticing the deterioration of our school uniform and how it is worn by a few students. We are a uniform school and therefore I expect every student to be in full school uniform and this includes BLACK shoes. I'm also concerned when a small number of students continue to wear either dirty or torn uniform. It is important that students present in clean and fresh uniform, as this develops confidence and self-esteem. If there are any concerns with this, or you require assistance with the purchasing of new uniform, please see me.

Parent /teacher interviews were held last week. Thank you to all those parents /carers who made time to participate in such an important event of students' lives. These interviews are set aside to discuss where students are at with their learning and to highlight any achievements /concerns. If for any reason you were unable to attend on the day, please make sure you make another time with your child's teacher.

As this term draws to a close, I'd like to thank everyone for their continued support and sheer hard work. By us all working together to support school initiatives and functions, is leading us into the future and the rebuilding of George Street to its former glory. This was always going to be a team effort, so thank you to everyone involved. We have enrolments already on the system for 2015 which tells me we are turning the corner and the community has recognised our achievements to date and are responding accordingly. I will continue to stand by my commitment to remain a small school, to enable EVERY child to succeed at their own personal best.

Just a reminder that the school term finishes next Friday, April 4th. Please have a safe and restful break.

**Tina Walkeden**  
Principal  
George Street Primary School

Achievers are not only persistent, they are also hard workers who believe in themselves.  
Timothy Griffith



## What our students are working on

### ARTIST OF THE WEEK—WEEK 8



This week in art, students made paper plate Easter baskets. They used paper plates, textas, cardboard, stapler, hole punch, string, cotton balls and pink tissue paper. Well done Ben Hall, a quiet, diligent student always willing to have a go!

### ARTIST OF THE WEEK—WEEK 9



This week students in senior grades started to make garden ornaments. They could choose between a garden gnome, mushroom or flamingo. Students used recycled materials and wire to create the base of their object. Next week we will plaster bandage over the top using modroc. Well done Joseph our Artist of the Week.

### Mrs. Mibus's Class



Two weeks ago, students painted two pieces of card, one warm and one cool. I sliced the cool sheets and students cut slits in their warm sheet. They then weaved the cool strips through their warm piece. Jindarra, Chloe Bradley & Chloe Stott show us how it's done with their very colourful displays.

### Mrs Walkeden's Grade

During the term we have introduced new, 'wow' words to our expanding word-wall so that we increase our vocabulary and word knowledge. By understanding the meaning of new words we are able to better comprehend what we are reading.



Mitchell & Ebony (above) study their spelling words for the week. Hmm... challenging? They should be!



Nicole (left) discusses our, 'wow' word for the day, which is hypothesis and explains the

meaning to the class. This might just be useful on our Science Day next term.



Ebony & Nicole (right) assist a group of younger students in a problem solving exercise. Did they solve it?