It never ceases to amaze me how quickly the students take up the challenges of a new school year.

We have only been back just over two weeks and as I walk around the school there is already a real sense of engagement by the students in their learning.

Next Thursday we look forward to having a visit to Gray St by the Victorian Minister for Education, Mr. Martin Dixon. Minister Dixon will be visiting other schools in the District throughout the day concluding his tour at Gray St arriving at approximately 3.00 p.m. he will be accompanied by Mr Hugh Delahunty. Our student leaders Georgia, Cooper, Sophie and Dylan will then take the Minister on a tour of our great school and will then hopefully have an opportunity to have an informal discussion with him based on some questions the students have devised.

Just a reminder about the rules for the two ‘drop and go zones’. Firstly, that there is no parking in the designated areas during the times specified on the signs. Secondly, if your child is not there ready to be picked up you must leave and then return to the drop off zone, hopefully to have your child/ren waiting there for you. The police are quite vigilant regarding enforcing all the rules because the safety of all our children is of the utmost concern.

The Gray St Learning Community steering group who ran the very successful evening with Michael Grose, last year have this year organised for their first workshop for 2012 a session ‘Know Your Ipad’.
Junior Netball 2012

Hamilton Junior Netball commenced last Saturday with Gray Street entering three U12 teams and two U10 teams. There was great excitement as approximately 50 players took to the court for the first time in 2012 and this included some nine first time year 3 players.

A very special thank you to our coaches Michelle Ahearn, Kym Sparrow, Sally Jones, Darcy Taylor and Belinda Payne for taking on the roles of coaches and to those parents who have already helped out during the first round.

A reminder registrations including payment and medical forms are to be completed by the end of next week at the office at Pedrina Park on Saturday mornings.

Thank you to all those who offered to assist with registrations and to those who assisted last week. The amended roster is below.

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Should anyone have any queries please contact us at school.

Draw for Round 2, Saturday 18th Feb @ Pedrina Park (draw in Spectator is incorrect)

10.30 AM U10 and U12

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On Wednesday 7th March they will go up by bus to Pedrina Park to the Official Athletics Day at 11:10 am to take part in the track events during the afternoon. The children will take their school bags and have their lunch with the other children in their house team.

Zone Swimming Sports

The Southwest Zone Swimming Championships are being held in Hamilton on Thursday 1st March 2011. To be eligible to participate in these championships students in grades 3 – 6 must have an appropriate entry time for the event they are wishing to enter. Due to entry requirements, times will be reviewed before the Gray St team is submitted.

If you would like your child to participate in these championships please complete the form below and return it to school by TOMORROW Friday 17th February.

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**Lost Property**

- 1 pair ROC boots, size 4.
- 1 named windcheater.
- 1 named Rugby jumper from last year.

If you have any of the above please drop them into the office.

Thank you.

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**Meet And Greet Interviews**

The timetable for the Meet and Greet Interviews for students in grades prep to 6 will be handed out tomorrow.

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**Fundraising**

First Fundraising Meeting for the Year.

**TUESDAY 28th February 7PM in the staffroom.**

All Welcome.

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**Giant Easter Raffle**

The Gray St Giant Easter Raffle will be held again this term.

It would be appreciated if each family would donate some Easter Eggs for the raffle.

Please send all donations to the office.  The more donations the more prizes.

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**“Know Your IPAD”**

The Gray St Learning Community event for February “Know Your IPAD” workshop will be held on Monday February 27th from 7pm to 9pm.

This workshop is open to all Gray st parents and staff.

Workshop will be held in the Learning Centre at the school. Please enter via the front door near office.

Bring your ipad along if you have one. Suitable for all levels from beginner to advanced. Experts available. Gold coin entry – door prizes. Come along for a fun and interesting evening.

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**Head Lice**

We have discovered an outbreak of head lice at this school. This is not a cause for serious concern as your child may not be affected, however head lice are extremely contagious.

**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 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 them is to follow these steps:

**Step 1** Comb inexpensive hair conditioner on to dry, brushed (detangled) hair. This makes it difficult for lice to grip the hair or run around;

**Step 2** Wipe the conditioner from the comb onto a paper towel or tissue;

**Step 3** Look on the tissue and on the comb for lice and eggs;

**Step 4** If lice or eggs are found, the child should be treated;

**Treatment**

Head lice treatment products can be purchased from both Chemists and Supermarkets. It is important to follow the directions carefully.

Alternatively, you can use the conditioner method mentioned above. This must be done every second day until there have been no live lice found for ten days.

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**Hamilton Junior Basketball Association Summer 2012 Season**

Registration Night for players already in teams.

Monday 20th February, 2012 at HILAC near court 2 from 4pm to 6pm

Registration form on website at [www.hamilton.basketball.net.au](http://www.hamilton.basketball.net.au) under forms.

Starts Friday 24th February and Monday 27th February, 2012

Preliminary Finals - Friday 25th May

Semi Finals – Monday 28th May

Grand Finals – Friday 1st June,

Player Registration must be paid by 3rd Round.

Registration is $40 includes Club Fee of $5.