Dear Parents, Carers and Grandparents

On behalf of all the staff at Gray Primary School we welcome you to our great school for another exciting and successful year in 2013. If your family is new to our school we especially give you a big welcome and encourage you to get involved in school life. Gray Primary School is a small, family, multicultural school. We have many parents who actually attended Gray School when they were in primary school, as well as parents who were taught in primary school by Mrs Chin or Mrs Beynon (that makes us look old doesn't it!). We are blessed to have lots of students from many other countries as well as our Indigenous, Torres Strait Islander and other Australian students. This means that students are very tolerant and understanding of other cultures and have a great acceptance of other cultures.

Whole School assemblies are held every Friday of an odd week – ie this Friday – at 8.10am and we welcome parents, carers and grandparents to participate in the assembly.

Attached to this newsletter is a copy of the Behaviour Expectations at Gray School. We would appreciate parents taking the time to go through this with your children. We have high expectations in behavior as we know if students’ energies are used up in displaying unacceptable behaviour they are not learning and they are disrupting the teaching and learning environment. The expectation at Gray School is that you come to school to learn because Gray School is a Learning Zone.

Please remember that our school canteen is not open on Mondays. A canteen list is provided with this newsletter.

This year we have two new staff members—Marie Waters is returning to Gray from Middle Point School and will be teaching Year 3 and Sarah Cox will be teaching intervention groups across the school. A full list of teachers is on the next page.

Please do not hesitate to discuss any concerns with the class teacher.

Have a wonderful week.

Regards

Sue Beynon, Principal and Sharon Chin, Assistant Principal

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Our teaching staff are

Mrs Cindy Carey Preschool
Mrs Trudy Casey Preschool
Mrs Janine Fawcett Transition
Mrs Louise Blume Transition
Ms Naomi Bambridge Transition/Year 1
Ms Genna Smiley Year 1 / 2
Mrs Jannelle Lake Year 1 / 2
Ms Brett Johnston Year 2
Mrs Marie Waters Year 3
Mr Aris Banaga Year 3 / 4
Mrs Ester Modoh Year 4
Ms Elissa Rummery Year 5
Ms Laura Branton Year 5 / 6
Ms Keira Stewart Year 5 / 6
Ms Sarah Cox Intervention
Mr Jonno Brunton Computer Teacher
Mr Samuel Sailor Health and Sport Teacher
Mr Jordan Goldberg Special Needs Teacher
Mrs Yvonne Patterson ESL teacher
Mrs Sharon Chin Assistant Principal
Mrs Sue Beynon Principal

There is some vital research that tells us children need three things to thrive in this modern world—Confidence, Character and Resilience. These three traits best develop in an environment where parents and teachers purposefully adopt principles that will grow these qualities. They will not develop independent of each other. The development of one impacts on the others. When children develop a greater sense of self-confidence, they behave better and they are more likely to bounce back from setbacks, particularly social injustices. Confident children take more learning risks and are likely to challenge themselves more than children who are not confident. They are less likely to place limits on their learning and their achievements. Confidence is so crucial to children who are anxious and fear failure. Character refers to the positive attitudes and behaviours a child develops that maximize his or her success. They are able to do what is right not what is easy! Resilience is the ability to be able to bounce back from life’s bigger and smaller setbacks. It is linked with good mental health habits and also with a child’s success.

Term Dates 2013

Term One
Friday 25th January – Friday 5th April

Tuesday 29th January — Students resume

Easter Public Holidays
Friday 29th March – Monday 1st April

Term Break
Monday 8th April – Friday 12th April

Term Two
Monday 15th April – Friday 21st June

Mid Semester Break
Monday 24th June – Friday 19th July

Term Three
Monday 22nd July – Friday 27th September

Term Break
Monday 30th September – Friday 4th October

Term Four
Mon 7th October – Thurs 12th Dec - Students last day

SCHOOL UNIFORM

School T-Shirts and Black Shorts are compulsory wear for Gray Primary School.

The Government Voucher enables you to purchase the school book pack which is all the resources that your child will need. There is an amount left over to purchase T-Shirts and black shorts. Extra shorts may be purchased from the front office for $12.50
DO YOU NEED TO UPDATE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS?

IT'S EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT THE SCHOOL CAN CONTACT YOU IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY.

BIKES & SCOOTERS IN 2013
PARENTS/GUARDIANS NEED TO PROVIDE THEIR OWN LOCKS FOR STUDENTS TO SECURE THEIR BIKES & SCOOTERS IN THE BIKE RACK.

NO RESPONSIBILITY WILL BE ACCEPTED BY THE SCHOOL FOR UNSECURE BIKES & SCOOTERS.

ARE YOU ‘SCHOOL READY’?

☐ HAVE YOU UPDATED YOUR CONTACT DETAILS AT THE SCHOOL?
☐ DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE A SUN SAFE HAT?
☐ HAVE YOU PROVIDED A LOCK FOR YOUR CHILD'S BIKE/SCOOTER?
☐ DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE ADEQUATE FOOTWEAR?
☐ DO YOU NEED TO PROVIDE ANY SPECIFIC MEDICAL DETAILS FOR YOUR CHILD?
☐ BLACK SHORTS ARE COMPULSORY IN 2013, HAVE YOU GOT YOURS?
☐ HAVE YOU ADVISED US OF YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS FOR THE NEWSLETTER?
☐ HAVE YOU PLANNED HEALTHY FOODS FOR RECESS & LUNCH?

School starts at eight – don’t be late!
The Northern Territory Government has introduced the $75 Sport Voucher Scheme to assist families with the cost of their child’s sporting activities. In 2013, every enrolled, school-aged child across the Northern Territory will receive up to $75 of assistance to help cover the costs of playing an organised sport.

Under the Scheme, the Department of Sport and Recreation has identified schools and their students as either urban or remote based on their access to suitable sporting clubs. You are encouraged to visit www.sportvoucher.nt.gov.au/schools to confirm if your school and students are considered urban or remote, and to learn more about the Sport Voucher Scheme.

Remote schools will receive voucher funding equivalent to $75 per enrolled student to support school council-endorsed sporting activities. Voucher funding will be distributed in Term 1 2013 and must be committed and acquitted by 30 November 2013, following approval from the Department of Sport and Recreation. The acquittal process is simple and will require only minor administrative support.

Parents or guardians of students enrolled in an urban school will receive their child’s Sport Voucher in January 2013. Sport Vouchers can be used for registration, equipment and uniform costs at any registered sporting club.

The $75 Sport Voucher Scheme is enabling sport for all young Territorians.

Thank you for supporting this Scheme.

Phillip Leslie
Chief Executive Officer
Department of Sport and Recreation

YMCA After School Care

The daily cost is $21.00 per child.

Enrolment forms are available in the office at Gray Primary School or further information may be obtained at childcare.darwin@ymca.org.au or phone 89818377.

Details of transport are listed below.

Bus Transport Available.

Do you require transport from Gray Primary School to YMCA Driver Afterschool Care?

A group of Gray Primary School Parents have started a permanent school bus run which goes from Gray Primary School and drops the children off at the YMCA Driver OSHC.

This bus run is through a professional organisation and costs are to be shared amongst the parents utilising the bus service.

If you are interested then please contact Gray Primary School or Bindi Burnell for further details.

Some of our new transition students checking out the office on their first day.

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Territory Children OSHC

Currently Territory Children has vacancy’s in after school care and vacation care. We offer a personal family feel for you and your child. The team at Territory Children pride themselves in their personal approach catering for your families individual needs.

We currently collect children from Gray School, Woodroffe School, Bakewell School, and Palmerston Christian School.

In the last few weeks we have been contacted by a few parents asking if we pick up from Gray school. We are located on the grounds of Woodroffe Primary School (55 Woodroffe Ave Woodroffe) To express interest or if you require any further information, please contact Samantha or Linda on 89313 533 or 0457 047 079
GRAY PRIMARY SCHOOL - STUDENT CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

Gray Primary School community takes pride in providing a safe, non-threatening environment for students to learn and achieve, and teachers to teach and support students in achieving their very best. The Code of Behaviour is based on “responsible citizenship” and the school motto of “Respect, Pride and Teamwork.” All non-acceptable behaviour is dealt with promptly, fairly and respectfully. Retaliation and Pay Back behaviour is totally unacceptable at Gray Primary School.

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SAFETY EXPECTATIONS:
It is expected that students will:
- Stay within the school grounds
- Wear hats, sun safe clothing and appropriate foot wear
- Walk their skateboards, scooters and skates to the bike rack and lock them up
- Walk their bikes in the school grounds and lock their bikes in the bike rack
- Play safely at all times
- Walk inside buildings and on concrete areas.

EXCURSIONS:
- In some instances students may not participate in an excursion / sporting exchange due to constant inappropriate behaviour and/or safety issues.
- In the case of a student being banned from an educational excursion, parents must be notified by the classroom teacher and given the opportunity to discuss other options with the teacher. The parent may elect to participate in the excursion and take full duty of care for their child. This must be negotiated with the classroom teacher.
WEDNESDAY
Burger Day

- Hamburger—Plain $4.50
- Hamburger—the Lot $6.50
- Chicken Burger $4.50

Burgers available. Lunch orders only.

Drinks & snacks available.

THURSDAY
Pie Day

- Party Pies $1.70
- Pies (Beef, Potato Top, Beef & Cheese) $3.70
- Sausage Rolls $3.50
- Hot Dog & Sauce $3.20
- Chicken Nuggets $9.70
- Corn Cobs $2.20

Drinks & snacks available.

FRIDAY
Home Cooking Day
$4.00 each

- Spaghetti Bolognese
- Chicken & Veg Noodles
- Curry Chicken & Rice

Drinks & snacks available.

CANTEEN MENU

EATING OUR WAY TO A HEALTHIER FUTURE AT GRAY SCHOOL

CANTEEN CLOSED ON MONDAYS

Ph: 89321700

CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you have an Ochre Card and a spare hour or two during the hours of 8am—1.30pm any day of the week, whether it is once a week, or once a month, please contact our Canteen Manager, Lisa McCaffin on 89321700.

All help is greatly appreciated.

MONDAY - CLOSED

TUESDAY
Sandwich Day

Veggie $2.00
Egg/Curried Egg $3.00
Egg & Lettuce $2.20
Cheese $2.40
Ham & Cheese $3.00
Ham/Cheddar/Tomato $3.40
Ham Chicken or Tuna $3.20
Mint & Salad $4.20
Salad Only $4.00
Salad Platter $4.40
Salad & Meat Platter $5.00

Extra Fillings:
- Rolls—extra $0.20
- Toasted—extra $0.20
- Mayonnaise, pickles $0.20
- Cheese $0.30
- Eggs $1.00
- All other fillings $0.20

- Chicken Wrap Roll
- (Chicken tender, lettuce & mayonnaise rolled in a tortilla wrap)
- Sushi Hand Roll
  (Tuna & Caviar or California)

Snacks & Drinks available.