Dear Parents, Carers and Grandparents

For the next two weeks all classes except Transition will be participating in the “On Task Training”. Transition students will complete this training in term two. The training teaches students to be organized for learning, to think about what they have to do to complete their task, what resources they will need and how to concentrate on the task and not be distracted. Language used is in the form of questions which help the student to take on the responsibility of being organized. The questions are:

What is my task/job/activity?

What do I need? (this helps students to gather all the resources they need to complete the task)

Am I on task? (in other words is the student doing what they are meant to be doing right now)

Am I ignoring others? (this is about focusing on what they need to be doing and not getting caught up in other people’s business)

Have I finished the task/job/activity?

What do I do next?

These simple questions could help parents at home to get your child to complete routines such as getting ready for school, unpacking their bag when they get home, getting ready for bed, doing chores around the house. Try it at home and let us know how you are going.

There are still a number of students riding bikes or scooters to school and not locking them up at the bike racks. If your child does not have a lock for their bike or scooter please do not allow them to bring the bike or scooter to school. It is very distressing for the child if their bike or scooter is stolen.

Parents please also ring the office if your personal details such as address or phone number has changed. Once again it is very distressing for your child if they injure themselves at school or they are sick and need to go home and we are not able to contact you. A simple phone call to give your new phone number to the office ladies is all that is needed.

Have a wonderful week.

Sue Beynon, Principal and Sharon Chin, Assistant Principal
**SOME IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

- **Back to School Vouchers:** Please see the front office staff if you have not already used the $150.00 School Voucher. The Voucher will expire at the end of Term 1.
- **Absences:** If your child is away from school for any reason please notify the front office 89321700.
- **Late Students:** All late students must sign in at the front office before going to class.
- **Canteen:** Lunch orders need to be placed by 9 am to ensure children get the food they want them to eat. **NO CANTEEN ON MONDAY.**
- **Medication:** All medication entering the school needs to be brought into the front office where it will be kept for the day. A consent form needs to be completed by the parent, and the medication brought in its original packaging showing the Name of Medication, and the dose to be given.

**CYCLONE AND STORM SEASON**

The cyclone season runs from 1 November to 30 April. It is vital all parents/guardians are prepared at the start of the season for the possibility of a cyclone, flood or storm striking your area sometime during this period.

On average, there are two to three cyclones each season from the waters surrounding the Northern Territory, including the Timor and Arafura seas and the Gulf of Carpentaria. The number of cyclones that affect coastal areas varies each year and it should also be remembered that the cyclones can vary in intensity.

Details of the outlook for the 2012-13 tropical cyclone season for the Northern Region will be issued by the Bureau of Meteorology at the end of October and will be available on the Bureau of Meteorology website at [http://www.bom.gov.au/nt/](http://www.bom.gov.au/nt/)

When a cyclone watch is declared for your area, the school will be kept fully informed by the department and letters will be sent home with students advising parents/guardians of the latest situation and steps that will be taken if the situation deteriorates.

Parents/guardians are encouraged to monitor radio and TV bulletins for further cyclone information. The ABC is the official media broadcaster for all emergency information.

In the event of a cyclone watch and/or warning being declared, the Counter Disaster Council, in consultation with the Department of Education and Children’s Services, will advise the Chief Minister of the need to close schools and/or offices and advice will be distributed immediately when that step is taken.

**Far more frequently we have severe storms which hit at home time.** If there is a thunderstorm with lightning, students must be collected from their classrooms, they will not walk out to the car park. Students will not be allowed to ride their bikes home until the storm has passed.

Sue Beynon, Principal
PARENTS, FAMILIES AND CARERS.
You are invited to come along to check out your child’s class and meet their teacher.

Preschool—Ms Casey & Barb on Wednesday 13th February 8am

Preschool
Tran/1—Ms Bambridge on Thursday 14th February 8.00am Room 8

Coming soon to Palmerston!
Palmerston Toy Library, operating in various locations across Palmerston, including Gray!
For more information contact Red Cross C4C team on 89243978.

Have a Say Day/ Morning Tea - 7th February @Gray Op Shop. Call Red Cross on 89243948 for more information.

Love shopping on a budget...want to find about babysitting clubs...interested in training courses in Palmerston?? - find out about these things and more by dropping into to Red Cross stall at Oasis, Palmerston Shopping Centre and the Gray Op Shop during month of

Congratulations to Brad Svenfelds on receiving his Australia Day Award.

Autism NT has a new Facebook page.
On our facebook page we will be keeping you informed about upcoming workshops / courses / professional development days / fundraising events / parent support groups and much more...

Autism NT recognises the difficulty we have in reaching our families and professionals in remote locations of the Northern Territory and we hope that our facebook page will help to keep ASD families and community connected, up to date and feeling that little bit less isolated.

So if you are a parent / carer / teacher / inclusion support assistant / allied health care professional or you just care about our ASD community...and you are on facebook then this page is for you.

https://www.facebook.com/AutismNorthernTerritoryInc

Our Vision is – Striving for understanding, opportunities and valuing difference.
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!
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

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.

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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

bdburnell@bigpond.com

St Luke’s Anglican Church, corner of Priest Circuit & Victoria Drive, Gray is organizing an Alpha course starting every Wednesday from 20th Feb until 15th May.

Time: 6.30pm - 8.30pm.

The Course will explore the meaning of life, a practical introduction to the Christian faith.

An Introduction dinner will be held on 15th Feb at 6.30pm.

All are welcome to this free event.

Call Fang Ling 0457863338 for enquiry and registration
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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| RESPECT | Be treated with respect and dignity by all members of the school community. | Respect the rights of all people to be treated with respect and dignity. | • Follow requests given by all members of staff.  
• Use polite language and positive attitude when speaking to others.  
• Be honest at all times.  
• Ask others before using their equipment. | • Time out in class or buddy class  
• Written or face-to-face apology  
• Loss of privileges  
• Lunch time reflection  
• Loss of play at recess or lunch time  
• Replacing stolen or broken equipment  
• Suspension |

| PRIDE IN SELF | To be proud of your culture and family heritage. To learn at your own level and be proud to produce your personal best as a learner. | To respect the diversity of others in our school. To respect the rights of all students to learn and all teachers to teach without disruptions. | • Respect the multi-cultural nature of our students by not teasing, harassing or bullying others.  
• Arrive at school on time and ready to learn with all the appropriate equipment.  
• Do not disrupt teaching and learning in any way for any reason. | • Time out in class or buddy class  
• Written or face-to-face apology to class and teacher  
• Loss of privileges  
• Lunch time reflection  
• Time In office  
• Meeting with teacher and Senior Teacher or AP/Principal about re-entry to class. |

| PRIDE IN SCHOOL | To be proud of your school property, equipment and environment. | To respect the rights of others to a clean and safe environment that is in good working order. | • Place all rubbish in the bins provided.  
• Do not vandalise school property or other people’s property. | • Time out in class or buddy class  
• Loss of play at recess or lunch time  
• Loss of privileges  
• Rubbish duty  
• Repair or replace broken or vandalised property  
• Suspension. |

| TEAMWORK | To feel safe and supported at school at all times. | To respect the rights of all people to feel safe and supported by demonstrating safe and sensible behaviour at all times. | • Use safe and sensible behaviour at all times.  
• Do not stir, tease, humbug, harass, intimidate or threaten others.  
• Do not bully others – Intentional, unjustified and repeated verbal, physical, emotional, sexual or racial bullying.  
• Do not physically or verbally assault others. | • Time out in class or buddy class  
• Written or face-to-face apology  
• Loss of privileges  
• Lunch time reflection  
• Restorative Justice Meeting  
• Suspension  
• Re-entry meeting with parents  
• Involvement of School Based Constable. |

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.