Dear Parents, Carers and Grandparents

A big congratulations to the following people who have been elected to the Gray Primary School Council for 2013.

Chairperson: Susan Bokelmann
Vice Chair: Tarryn Mc Colley
Treasurer: Jenny Washington
Secretary: Genna Smiley
Staff Representatives: Genna Smiley, Sharon Chin, Yvonne Paterson
Principal: Sue Beynon
Preschool Representative: Vacant
Community Engagement Team: Kylie Grainger, Sue Beynon, Anita Wickremasena, Memlyn Lo, Mel Mead, Phillip Taylor
Fundraising Team: Mel Mead, Anita Wickremasena, Tarryn McColley, Chandrina Tidalgo, Trish Senge
Finance Team: Jenny Washington, Kylie Grainger, Genna Smiley, Susan Bokelmann

Thank you to all the above parents and staff who are willing to support the school to be the best that we can be.

Behaviour:

This is always a focus at our school so that we can ensure that students and staff are happy and safe at school. Sometimes the rough play that may be perfectly acceptable at home filters into the school and we have to speak firmly and fairly to students about what is acceptable behaviour at school where there are 26 children in a class and 300 children in the playground. We would appreciate parents talking with your children around safe, fair and positive behaviour in the classroom and in the playground.

Have a wonderful week.

Sue Beynon, Principal and Sharon Chin, Assistant Principal
NAME: Janelle Lake
WHAT YOU DO: YEAR 1/2 Teacher
WHAT YOU ENJOY: Listening to music, drawing, gardening, spending time with my family and loved ones every chance I get.
WHAT YOU DON’T LIKE: I don’t like creepy crawly animals like spiders and I also don’t enjoy heights.
THE BEST PART ABOUT MY JOB IS: Teaching my students how to learn. Seeing my students light up when they’ve learnt something new for the first time.

NAME: Genna Smiley
WHAT YOU DO: Year 1/2 Teacher
WHAT YOU ENJOY: Family, friends, travelling, cooking, nail polish and rainy weather.
WHAT YOU DON’T LIKE: Bad manners and bugs.
THE BEST PART OF MY JOB: Helping our students become the best that they can be and forming positive relationships with our students so they can be happy and successful in the classroom.

NAME: Kalpana
WHAT YOU DO: Teachers assistant
WHAT YOU ENJOY: I enjoy working with the kids
WHAT YOU DON’T LIKE: Snakes
THE BEST PART OF MY JOB: Learning with the kids

NAME: Brett Johnston
WHAT YOU DO: Year 2 Teacher
WHAT DO YOU ENJOY: gym, netball, shopping, fishing/camping and catching up with friends & family.
WHAT YOU DON’T LIKE: Clowns, snakes, being late and rude people.
THE BEST PART OF MY JOB: Coming to school and seeing my wonderful class everyday and watching them learn and grow.
**WHAT A GOOD LEARNING ZONE LOOKS LIKE TO SOME OF THE STUDENTS IN 5 RUMMERY**

A good learning zone is quiet, no noise, settled, listen, quiet and gentle. Andrew

A good learning zone feels cool and looks like fun, sounds like the five keys. Ruby

A good learning zone is peace and quiet, people working, teachers need to learn so they can teach children. Kevin.

A good learning zone should look fun for everyone. It should feel like peace and quiet. Students need to behave and respect others. Josed.

A good learning zone makes you feel like you are smart, it makes you feel like you are getting smarter. Teachers help you learn, students have to listen. Denzel.

A good learning zone sounds quiet. I want to learn lots in a learning zone. We need to learn, even teachers need to learn. Angela.

A good learning zone looks like the keys and I feels like doing maths and reading and science and writing and spelling. Kianne.

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**Preschool News**

Please make sure your child has a spare set of clean clothes in their bag every day. Some children still need to bring a sheet or towel for rest time. Everyone participates in a short relaxation time at Preschool and a sheet is required to maintain good hygiene on the beds. Don’t forget the ART SHOW in Mrs Carey’s class next week. Families are invited to attend and all children need to bring a special plate of food to share – something that tells us about your family.

Mon, Tue, Wed Group Art Show at 1:15 on the 19th of March  
Wed, Thur, Fri Group Art Show at 1:15 on the 22nd of March

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**5/6 Leadership Conference Excursion**

On the 5th of March a bunch of Year 5 and 6 students went to the Darwin Entertainment Centre to learn about leadership. We learnt about meeting other people, getting along, how to work as a group and thinking about others instead of yourself. We also learnt about working together; by thinking differently when we work in a team we can get better results and you can use different skills. We learnt about respect, pride and team work.

We had fun and we are going to use some of these skills with the SRC members this year.

From Tamika and Lola
On Thursday 14th of March 14 girls from Year 5 and Year 6 went on a bus to the Palmerston netball courts to play other schools in the PARCs Try Day. The girls had lots of fun and showed teamwork, respect and pride. When we finished playing our teacher Ms Stewart received a certificate for umpiring all day. We had a great time and we would love to go again. We won many games!!

By Sarah Momtaz and Nakisha Ahmat

Pania Walker-Manning, Nakisha Ahmat, Ngametua Aukino, Riley McDonald, Sarah Momtaz, Chaquira Jones, Sophie Halse, Tamika Varney, Anju Goninon, Danielle Sinclair-Mason, Naymikah Senge-Henda, Angelina Hunter, Tamara Smith and Josie McGuinness

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GRAY - DROP IN CHILD HEALTH CLINIC
WEDNESDAY 0830 – 1030
0 – 4 year Olds
GRAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

GOOD BEGINNINGS DEMOUNTABLE AT THE BACK OF SCHOOL – Signs placed for directions.

DEVELOPMENTAL ASSESSMENT
CHILD HEALTH INFORMATION
PARENTING SUPPORT

No appointment required – drop in
For more extensive consultations, clinic appointments can be booked.
Phone: 8999334

NB: Gray Drop-In Clinic is available only during school terms – on school holidays the service is NOT available.

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HEALTHY SCHOOL LUNCH - SANDWICH IDEAS

- Different breads add interest – include a variety of bread, especially if children begin to lose interest in sandwiches. Try bread rolls, pita bread, flat bread, bagels, fruit loaf or buns, focaccias, scones, pikelets, muffins, crumpets, crisp breads, rice cakes or corn thins. Grainy (wholegrain), wholemeal and high fibre options are the healthiest choice.

- Vary the fillings – fillings can include vegemite or other yeast extract, peanut butter (check first whether the school allergy policy allows nut foods like peanut butter), cheese (try different types), tuna, egg, sliced cold meats, baked beans, grated carrot and lettuce, chopped roast meat with pickles or chutney, and avocado. Reduced fat dips like caviar (taramosalata), eggplant, chickpea (hommus), cucumber, yoghurt (tzatziki) or spinach also make good spreads. Avoid chocolate spreads, jams and honey, and fatty meats like salami and strasbourg.


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EAST PALMERSTON DEMONS
Under 12’s & 9’s

TRAINING: Rosebery Middle School Wednesdays 5-6pm

SIGN UP: www.thunderjuniors.afltn.com.au
Or call 0459 041 312
Have you used your Back to School Voucher?

Back to school Vouchers are only Valid till the 5th April. If you have not used your voucher or still have money left on it please ensure you come in and use it before this date.

Win Win Win!

Visit the NEW Gray School Website at: http://www.grayprimary.nt.edu.au/ and your student will be in the running to win a $5 canteen voucher.

Click on ‘Bright Ideas’

Enter your student’s name, contact number, and ‘We love the Gray School new website!’

Entries close Sunday 24th March 2013
Winner notified Newsletter 27th March 2013

HOW MANY EGGS IN THE BASKET?

2 GUESSES FOR ONLY 50 CENTS
AT THE OFFICE
Winner announced 27th March

EASTER RAFFLE

1st Prize — Slow cooker 6.5L, 8 cup rice cooker, Kitchen tools, caddy set and yummy Easter Eggs.

2nd Prize — Logitech Stereo System, Kambrook Toastie Maker, Novo stick blender and yummy Easter Eggs.

3rd Prize — Coffee Plunger with Arabica coffee, Set of six mugs, Party-lite candles and yummy Easter Eggs.

Raffle drawn Thursday 28th March. 3 Tickets for $5 or $2 per ticket.

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Building the **Constructive-Use-of-Time Assets**

All children and youth need opportunities to be involved in positive, constructive activities. Here are ideas on how to build the four Constructive-Use-of-Time assets for children and youth at different ages:

| Ages Birth to 1 | • Be flexible with infant schedules, and gradually introduce predictable routines as babies get older.  
|                 | • Have babies spend most of their time with their parents or consistent caregivers. |
| Ages 1 to 2     | • Balance stimulating, structured time with free playtime.  
|                 | • Have consistent times for children to sleep, eat, play, and relax. |
| Ages 3 to 5     | • Take children to museums, theaters, and other cultural events or activities to expose them to new things.  
|                 | • Follow children’s lead in which activities interest them. |
| Ages 6 to 11    | • Allow children to have one or two regular out-of-home activities that are led by caring adults.  
|                 | • Teach children to balance their time so they gradually learn how to avoid getting too busy or too bored.  
|                 | • Volunteer in programs and activities for children, such as sports, clubs, religious activities, music, or others. |
| Ages 12 to 15   | • Have a regular family night to do something fun together, and encourage others to do the same.  
|                 | • Help young people look for positive, stimulating activities that match their talents, interests, and abilities. |
| Ages 16 to 18   | • Encourage teenagers to be involved in at least one activity that may continue into their adult years.  
|                 | • Help teenagers think about how the time they spend on different activities helps or hinders them in reaching their goals.  
|                 | • Volunteer in programs or activities for older teenagers. Take time to get to know the young people involved. |