Dear Parents/Carers and Grandparents

This is our last newsletter for the year and on behalf of all the wonderful staff at Gray Primary I would like to thank our parents and families for your on going support of the school and your child/ren.

Some of our reflections for this year on the great achievements are listed below:

- The official opening of the Gray Family Centre building
- The success of our first ever Early Years swimming program
- The great improvement in student reading levels
- The great improvement in student achievements through the Mini Lit, Toe by Toe and QuickSmart Literacy and Numeracy programs
- The continuation of our partnerships with our PEGS partners
- The successful Parent Yarns facilitated by The Smith Family
- The beginning of our own After School Care Program
- The winning of a grant to operate an Active After School Sport Program in 2014.

On another note three areas we need to improve on next year are:

- Improving our whole school attendance from 88% to 91%
- Reducing the number of students arriving at school late each day
- Reducing the number of student suspensions.

We hope you will continue to positively partner with us in 2014 so that we can continue to improve our school facilities and programs and academic results for your children.

All the staff join with me in wishing our families a very Merry Christmas and a bright and prosperous and safe New Year.

Sue Beynon, Principal and Sharon Chin, Assistant Principal

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Christmas Hampers Winners!

1st Prize—Rod /Monica

2nd Prize—Selena May

3rd Prize—Jennifer Keightley

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Have a Safe and Happy Holiday
ASSEMBLY AWARDS 6/12/13
MAXI MERIT AWARDS

T/B Kamini Singh T/B Latesha Dunn-Richards
1/2S Angelena Wickremasena 1/2S Annie Mae Rizaldo
1/2S Robert Hampton 2/J Sarita Armstrong
3/w Wasif Khan x2 5/R Michael Driss
5/R Darshan Neupane 5/R Shane Lingatong
5/6S Adrian Richards 5/6S Danielle Sinclair Mason
5/6S Josiah Rose 5/6S Jade Miller
5/6B Lola Coonan-Russell

EARLY YEARS STUDENTS OF THE WEEK AWARDS

TB Conor Fuller Harry Ngo
TF Simon Nelamalli Nicole Bularan
T/1B Dalsanto Lewis Tamsin Hartley
1/2L Kreisha Spicer Zachariah Sharples Gardner
1/2S Angeline Wickremasena Clint Fejo
2J Lachlan Anderson Jennifer Keightley

PRIMARY STUDENTS OF THE WEEK AWARDS

3W Wasif Khan Tahliha Drahm Coggin
3/4B Carlos Garcia Sharmayne Rizaldo
5R Shaune Wright Shaya Jennings
5/6S Brandon Chong Ridley Burnell

QUICKSMART AWARDS

3W Wasif Khan Tahliha Drahm Coggin
3/4B Carlos Garcia Sharmayne Rizaldo
5R Shaune Wright Shaya Jennings
5/6S Brandon Chong Ridley Burnell

OUR LOST PROPERTY BASKET WILL BE ON DISPLAY OUTSIDE THE FRONT OFFICE EACH AFTERNOON.

If you have misplaced something please come and check the basket as all unclaimed property will be donated to the Red Cross at the end of the year.

BORROWED SCHOOL SHIRTS

Due to Mandatory School Uniforms we have a stock of uniforms that can borrowed if needed under certain circumstances. Our stock is currently very low due to shirts not being returned. If your child has borrowed a uniform we would greatly appreciate their return. Thank you.

Vacation Care Starts Soon!!

Outside School Care NT

Book now for vacation care, please remember to complete your enrolment form. 4 weeks jam-packed with fun activities and exciting excursions!!

Dates are from Friday 13th December - Friday 20th December
Monday 6th January - Friday 24th January.
Email Jade on gray@outsideschoolcare.com.au or call on 0499975048 for the programs or for more information.

3/Waters and 3/4Banaga Class Excursion to the Museum
END OF YEAR AWARDS RECIPIENTS

**Book Awards**
- Daniel-Jackson Amez, Rebecca Bachmann
- Dakota Wallace, Dakota Krygger
- Nash Nalzaro, Jennifer Keightley
- Kobi Williams, Hayley Pratt
- Zara Dunn-Richards, Darshan Neupane
- Miguel Baldos, Tamika Varney

**The Gray Way Awards**
- Keith Atkinson, Dylan Archer
- Madison Matthews, Keneesha Lee
- Lamontae Banderson, Blaine Ormsby
- Wasif Khan, Alissa McMah Garling
- Reahana Wilson, Hailee Espie-Baker
- Chaquira Jones, Sayera Abir

**Sylvia Harkin, Leah Power**
- Jadis Noakes, Laquida Banderson
- Janelle Jong, Mataira Aukino
- Nicholas Nguyen, Taylah Ahmat
- Tori Noakes, Kevin Hun
- Josie McGuinness, Lola Coonan-Russell

**The Gray Way Awards**
- Leah Baird, Siddhanta Neupane
- Lucas Birch-Baird, Anthony McMah Garling
- Max Russell, Tory Walsh
- Robert Richards, Zissa Taylor
- Connor Day, Kianne Newton
- Ridley Burnell, Anju Goninon

**Thomas Caldas-Veigas, Codey Dean**
- Dalsanto Lewis, Jainam Parekh
- Jakub Nguyen, Oscar Russell
- D'Shay McCoy, Francine Tagumasi
- Izaiah Aukino, Ethan Varney
- Jett Cordes, Parnia Charkhyan

**Kamini Singh, Hemapriya Devaraj**
- Ani Garg, Alexander Alverez
- Nina Dean, Sarita Armstrong
- Grace Turner, Abigail Tidalgo
- Rose Maree Goninon, NayeMenara
- Jordan Ormsby, Akira Le

**Ricky Nikolaev, Rebel Rodgers**
- Dylan Martin, Robert Hampton
- Daniel Nelamalli, Abbi Williams
- Prince Chiapco, Tomelah Senge-Henda
- Daniel Ross, Ruby Sailor
- Brandon Chong, Nakisha Ahmat
END OF YEAR AWARDS RECIPIENTS

**ESL Awards**
- Richard Baird
- Ricky Nikolaev
- Anne Baldos

**Spec Ed Awards**
- Adam Wilson
- Tahlia Carroll

**Chief Ministers Literacy Awards**
- Natacha R - Improved Reading
- Sarahjane Diaz – Improved oral language
- Scotte Taylor – Improved Reading
- Tyra Fraser - Improved Reading
- Angelena Wickremaesena – Great imaginative writing
- Campbell Walker-Manning - Improved Reading
- Wasif Khan - Improved writing
- Sharmayne Rizaldo - Great imaginative writing
- Bang Tran - Improved writing
- Shane Lingatong – Great imaginative performance
- Alyssa Wrenn – Excellent communication
- Jade Miller - Great imaginative writing

**Indigenous Education Awards**
- Lamontae Banderson
- Thomas McMahon
- Tamika Varney

**Dux of School**
- Ngametua Aukino

**Australia Day Citizen Award**
- Hailee Espie Baker

**Music Award**
- Sayera Abir

**Sports Award**
- Tyrone Fraser
- Josh Martin
- Kyle Nalzaro
- Ryan Warfe

**ICT Awards**
- Shaune Wright
- Raphael Rizaldo
- Skye Nguyen

**Quicksmart Awards**
- Miguel Baldos (Numeracy)
- Linclon (Numeracy)
- Shane Lingatong (Numeracy)
- Ruby Sailor (Literacy)
- Darshan Neupane (Literacy)

**Most Academic**
- Year 3 - Wasif Khan
- Year 4 – Bang Tran
- Year 4 Zissa Taylor
- Year 5 Sayera Abir
YEAR 6 GRADUATION

Early Childhood Water Play Day
Hello from the Goldfishbowl Swim School at Yarrawonga

We have a full swimming program happening over the Christmas school holidays.

If you have a spare half hour each day and would like to improve your child’s swimming skills you might like to sign up for one of our 5 day blocks. It costs $65 for the five days and that is very good value for money.

Block 1: 16 – 20 December 2013 (before Christmas)
Block 2 13 -17 January 2014 (after Christmas )
Block 3 20-24 January 2014 (the week before the New School Term)

Ring us on 8931 1000 or email us on gfish2@bigpond.com to enquire and book.

We are located at 44 Toupein Road, Yarrawonga if you want to drop in to see us.

Casuarina square and Autism NT have joined together to offer Sensitive Santa Session for children with special needs. If you would like a photo with Santa and your child would benefit from a less stimulating Santa environment contact Casuarina Customer Service desk on 8930 2345

Places are limited