Dear Parents, Carers and Grandparents,

This is our final newsletter for this year as school finishes on Thursday this week. On behalf of all the staff I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your great support of the school and the staff and for supporting your child to achieve their very best at Gray School. We believe we are a great school and we certainly have very diligent, organized, motivated staff that are willing to go out of their job description to support your children.

We sadly farewell three teachers—Kym Prestwood who is moving to Cairns, Heather Reed who is moving to Rosebery Primary School and Julie Millar who is moving to Innisfail. However, we do wish them the very best in their new positions and we thank them for their wonderful contributions to Gray School, students and staff over the past four years.

Next year the staff will be engaged in some additional learning around supporting programs in the school that will help your child to be really engaged in their learning. We will continue our high expectations for students attendance, English, Maths, Science, Computer Skills and behaviour.

Today you will receive your child’s school report along with a letter that tells you what class your child will be in next year. We are fortunate to have all our staffing for next year.

On Monday night this week we had our Year 6 graduation at Cazaly’s. The students were extremely well behaved, looked proud and beautiful/handsome and we were very proud of them.

The school office will be closed from 17th December 2012 until 14th January 2013. You can buy school uniforms from 14th January 2013.

All the staff at Gray Primary School wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful, prosperous New Year.

School starts on Tuesday 29th January 2013 at 8am.

Regards, Sue Beynon, Principal and Sharon Chin, AP

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Every Child, Every Day - improving student enrolment, attendance and participation is everybody's responsibility and everyone's business.
WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

I attended Gray Primary School from Preschool to Year 7 and went to Palmerston High School from Year 8 to Year 12. In 2009 I graduated Year 12, myself and two other former Gray students were the Inaugural Year 12 Graduates of the Palmerston Clontarf Academy. In my final year of school I completed a school based apprenticeship to gain a Certificate II in Business with the Department of Police, Fire and Emergency Services. This lead to an opportunity to apply for a work based apprenticeship to receive a Certificate III in Business with the same department. In 2011, I worked as a tutor at Gray Primary School while trying to find other employment options. In March 2012 I started a traineeship with AU-SURV (surveying company) as a Surveyor’s Assistant. This job has given me the opportunity to travel and work at remote places like Mt Bundy and Borroloola and also Alice Springs. I am enjoying my job and hope to continue and learn more skills in this field of work. If given the opportunity I would like to study to be a Surveyor.

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ASSEMBLY AWARDS WEEK 9 TERM 4

GIANT MERIT AWARD

Ryan Warfe x 2 4/5S

MAXI MERIT AWARDS

T/F Mosemalie Keresoma T/F Janelle Jong
T/F Ella Hamilton-Mead T/B Lamontae Banderson
T/B Dakota Wallace 1J Lalitha Ahmat
4S Angelina Hunter 4/5S Ashanti Berry
4/5S Marquell Parry 4/5S Tamara Smith
4/5S Ryan Warfe x 9

PRIMARY YEARS STUDENT OF THE WEEK

5/6R Tullalah Ormsby Kiayla Newton
5/6W Josephine Miller Layla Coonan-Russell Reshma Matta
4/5S Lucille Birch-Baird A.J Richards
3/4S Kianne Newton Anne Baldos
3/4P Craig Mills Hailee Espie-Baker

EARLY YEARS STUDENT OF THE WEEK

TB Lamontae Banderson Elizabeth Kogler
TF Latesha Dunn Richards Dylan Martin
T/1B Zoey Prance Keneesha Lee
1/2B Mataira Aukino Xavier Sohn
2/3M Hayden Newton Misteeq Quinn
2/3R Dyvondre Banderson Abigail Tidalgo

QUICK SMART LITERACY

Ryan Warfe, Tamara Smith, Nakisha Ahmat, Jacob Egan
Lola Coonan-Russell, Sophie Halse, Miguel Baldos, Anh Tran,
Vijittra Phuangprasert, Scott Wilson.

QUICK SMART NUMERACY

Jason James, Tamika Varney, Ryan Warfe
Ngamentua Aukino, Lola Coonan-Russell, Scott Wilson,
Jacob Egan, Nakisha Ahmat, Sophie Halse.

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
We had a presentation from Neighborhood Watch NT come to assembly last Friday. The students learnt about the 4 R’s Recognise, Refuse, Run and Report. They also talked about the Safety House Program and discussed how children can find Safety Houses with street signage, letter box placards and decal stickers on business windows.

Do you work from home or are you a stay-at-home parent. Safety House Members provide a safe place for children to go, if they are feeling scared, are lost, being bullied or frightened by dogs, before and after school.

If you are interested in providing a safe house, contact Sue Seears, Safety House Co-ordinator on 89990843 or email safetyhouse@nt.gov.au for more information

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YEAR 7 ENROLMENTS 2013

Please submit enrolment forms for Year 7 to Rosebery Middle School as soon as possible to ensure your child is enrolled for 2013. The Rosebery Middle School office will be open until Friday 21 December 2012. For any enquiries please phone 89305200.

Front Office Opening Hours for January 2013

The front office will be open from 9 January 2013 onwards for uniform and stationery sales. The office hours will be as follows:

- Jan 9 to Jan 11: 9am to 3pm – Wednesday to Friday
- Jan 14 to Jan 18: 9am to 3pm – Monday to Friday
  10am to 6pm - Tuesday
- Jan 21 to Jan 25: 9am to 3pm – Monday to Friday
  10am to 6pm - Tuesday

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Transition/Fawcett students made a branch Christmas Tree for residents at Terrace Gardens
Gray Primary School (Good Beginnings Building)

Good Beginnings Palmerston is based at Gray Primary School in the green demountable towards the back of the school. We offer a variety of programs, resources, information and support for families in the Palmerston community.

Gray Play 2 Learn

Play 2 learn is a supported play session where play based learning is designed around what the children are interested in, to help their development. The sessions are facilitated by an Early Childhood worker and Family support worker.

At Play 2 Learn we believe that by providing children with a secure and happy environment, where they are supported to develop their intellectual, social, emotional and physical skills, they will become confident and competent individuals.

Children and parents can participate in experiences together, strengthening relationships between children, parents and caregivers.

Good beginnings will support you to build on your existing knowledge, skills and the resources that are available to you. Create connections and relationships in the community, both with other parent and community supports and services.

Tuesday
Play 2 Learn 9am—11am Birth—4yrs
(Please bring a piece of fruit to share)

Wednesday
Baby Play 2 Learn which is run in conjunction with Maternal Health Nurse, who will answer any questions you may have in regards to your Childs health and development

9am — 11am Birth—12 months
(Morning tea provided)

Friday
Dreamtime Indigenous Play 2 Learn
9am—11am Birth—4yrs
(Morning tea provided)

GOOD BEGINNINGS HOLIDAY PLAY GROUPS

During the School holidays Good Beginnings will be delivering a Universal Play 2 Learn Group. The group will commence on Tuesday January 8th and finish on Tuesday 25th January 2013.

After this the normal Play 2 Learn groups will commence as usual.

Good Beginnings will also host a Universal Play 2 Learn during the mid year school holiday break.
This will commence Tuesday 25th June and finish Tuesday 16th July 2013.

Play 2 Learn

9-11am A supported playgroup for families with children 0 – 4 yrs
(Older brothers and sister are welcome to attend)

Venue: Good Beginnings Centre, Gray Primary School

Please bring a piece of fruit to share

Come and join us for some holiday fun – art and craft, singing and dancing as well as story time.

All Good Beginnings programs are provided free of charge

For more information please call 08-89327022
Mobile 0417200170

LIBRARY

Overdue notice.

Some parents may receive notices/bills in the mail for your children’s overdue books. If your child has returned the books in the meantime, please disregard the notice.

Christmas Craft Club “The Gift of Giving”

17–20 December 2012
ST LUKES ANGLICAN CHURCH, VICTORIA ST, GRAY
9.00am—12.30pm

FOR CHILDREN IN PRIMARY SCHOOL

MORNING TEA PROVIDED: PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN WATER BOTTLE

COST $20.00 FULL TIME OR $6.00 FOR INDIVIDUAL DAYS

REGISTER ON-LINE www.sunt.org.au
OR Telephone 0417 840 611
MARRARA INDOOR STADIUM
SUNDAY 9 DECEMBER 2012
9.00 AM—12.00 NOON

Jumping Castles
Face Painting
Territory Wildlife
Arts and Craft
Life Be In it
Fairies
Balloon Sculptures
Rock Climbing
Zumba

Christmas for Kids
Free Family Fun Day

Lindyloo
≈ Santa ≈

UNTAngLED TALES
Holiday Program
10 December – 25 January

Collect your free Holiday Program
calendar of events at
any of the City of Darwin Libraries

St. Luke's Anglican Church Palmerston
Cordially invites you to our

CHRISTMAS SERVICES
Monday, December 24
5.30pm Family Service
&
11.00pm Mid-Night Service
&
Tuesday, December 25
9.00am Christmas Day Service

Cnr of Plessis Cct and Victoria St., Gray

All Most Welcome
Contact: 89222102; 0457853388

School Holiday Program
2013
Palmerston Library

For information about children's programs and
events in the Palmerston Library contact us:

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