Dear Parents/Carers and Grandparents,

We have rescheduled our Smith Family Parent Meeting to Friday the 14th (This Friday) in The Gray Family Centre. This is to get ideas from parents about what they want their children to learn at school and what parents need help with so they can support their children to achieve their very best at school.

There are still a number of children that are arriving at school late most days. We understand the occasional times when families are running late in the morning. However, when students are arriving late on most days this really does impact their learning and disrupts the other students learning. We would appreciate families making a good effort to be organized so that students do arrive at school by 8am.

A number of students share with the staff what games and TV programs they are watching at home and it is very concerning to us that many of these games and TV/DVD’s are not appropriate to the child’s age. Students often then act out at school in a manner that they think is OK because they believe it is “normal”. However, it is totally not acceptable for 4year olds or 11year olds to be swearing directly at staff using language that starts with the letter “f”. At Gray School we do not accept this type of behaviour and we do suspend students who swear at staff.

On a great note I would like to congratulate the following people who have taken up positions on our Gray School Council.

Chairperson—Merrilyn Lo
Vice Chairperson—Anita Wickremasena
Secretary—Genna Smiley
Preschool Representative—Kylie O’Keefe
Members—Phill Taylor, Cherise Moore, Sarah Schubert, Jodie Speed, Sui Isaako, Kylie Grainger, Karen Manning
Staff Members—Sharon Chin, Yvonne Patterson, Jenny Washington, Sue Beynon

Congratulations to everyone and I look forward to working collaboratively with our new School Council.

Have a wonderful week.

Sayonara—Sue Beynon, Principal and Sharon Chin, Assistant Principal
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EGG-CITING EGGS!

In Science, Year 2 Smiley is learning about life-cycles. To help us get a more in depth look at life-cycles, we are going to hatch our own chickens! Thanks to a very generous donation from Chris and Rose Pegler, the school was given four pregnant hens that provided us with 20 potentially fertilized eggs. These eggs were placed into our incubator on Wednesday, week 5. The incubator needs to stay at 38°C and to keep the correct humidity, we add a small bottle of water every day. Last week we candled the eggs which shows us if an embryo is growing inside. You candle the egg by placing them on a toilet roll and shining a torch into them in a dark room. If an embryo is growing inside, it kind of looks like a spider is inside, but it is really the heart and veins. Out of the 20 eggs, 11 have an embryo! It will take them 21 days to hatch. They are due to hatch next week. Once they hatch, our class will look after them until they are big enough to join the adult chickens at our school.

Week 5 Highest Class Attendance

95%
Well done!
6/Stewart
**Good Beginnings Play Groups 2014**

### Play2Learn Groups

**MONDAY:** 9 - 11am A supported playgroup for families with children 0 – 4 yrs
Venue: Good Beginnings Centre, Gray Primary School Victoria Drive, Gray

*(Please bring a piece of fruit to share)*

**TUESDAY:** 9 - 11am A supported playgroup for families with children 0 – 4 yrs
Venue: Driver Resource Centre Driver Primary School, Driver Avenue Driver

*(Please bring a piece of fruit to share)*

### Play2Learn Baby Group

**WEDNESDAY:** 9 - 11am A supported playgroup specifically for parents with infants up to 12 months. This group is delivered in conjunction with a Maternal Health Nurse.
Venue: Good Beginnings Centre, Gray Primary School Victoria Drive Gray.

*(Morning tea provided)*

### Palmerston Toy Library

**MONDAY:** 9 - 11am Alternate between Danila Dilba, Rolyat Street Palmerston and Palmerston Indigenous Village (PIV) Stuart Highway Howard Springs.

**THURSDAY:** 10 – 12pm The Palmerston Toy Library aims to provide a service to families and children in the Palmerston area, by providing a mobile, outreach support service.
Parents will be able to borrow toys from a mobile toy library that operates from Salvation Hall, Woodroffe Avenue, Woodroffe.

All Good Beginnings programs are provided free of charge

For more information please call

Office: 08-8932 7022  Mobile: 0417 200 170

www.goodbeginnings.org.au

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**Indigenous Parents Group**

Come along and catch up with old friends and meet new friends

Every **Friday** Morning in the Family Centre
8:00am – 10:00am

A light morning tea will be provided

Children Welcome

See Monica or Kylie for more information
We look forward to seeing you!
Palmerston Meditation

Classes

Thursdays: 7pm – 8.30pm

Moulden Park School
103 Bonson Terrace · Moulden

$6 per class

Overcoming Anxiety
Mar 13 · 20 · 27 · Apr 3

Learn how to overcome anxiety and stress. Discover simple meditations that will help you keep a calm and flexible mind throughout your day.

For more information visit: www.meditationindarwin.org or Like “Meditation In Darwin” on Facebook
Fast Facts: Bullying in Schools

The types of bullying

What are the different types of bullying? The types of bullying behaviours are physical, verbal or social. Bullying can be obvious (overt) or hidden (covert). Bullying can take place in person or online. Bullying – verbal or social – that happens online or via a mobile phone is referred to as cyberbullying. Research indicates that the majority of young people who bully online also bully others in person.

What is covert bullying? Covert bullying includes social exclusion and intimidation. The term ‘covert’ highlights the fact that not all bullying is physical or obvious in nature. Covert bullying can have the same harmful impacts as more obvious bullying, as it can be more isolating, can go on for longer before other people become aware of it, and can be more easily denied by the other person.

Covert bullying is a subtle type of non-physical bullying which usually isn’t easily seen by others and is conducted out of sight of, and often unacknowledged by adults. Covert bullying behaviour mostly inflict harm by damaging another’s social reputation, peer relationships and self-esteem. Covert bullying can be carried out in a range of ways (e.g. spreading rumours, conducting a malicious social exclusion campaign and/or through the use of internet or mobile phone technologies).

What is cyberbullying? Cyberbullying is bullying that is carried out through information and communication technology, including the Internet (e.g. on social media sites) and mobile devices. Technology can expand the opportunities for people to bully others.

Communication technologies allow for different ways to bully others, but do not change the fact that the bullying behaviour (and not the technology itself) is the main issue. Technology does create new challenges for dealing with bullying.

How does cyber safety relate to cyberbullying? Cybersafety refers to a broad range of safe, respectful and responsible behaviours as well as ways to guard security and privacy online. Cybersafety is one way to reduce the risk of cyberbullying, identity theft or predatory behaviour by others online.

Cyberbullying is one of the online risks that knowing about cybersafety can prevent. Students need to be taught safe and appropriate online behaviour, which includes recognising when someone’s online behaviour is bullying, how to avoid engaging in or supporting cyberbullying, and being aware of the sort of support that bystanders can provide online.

How is cyberbullying different from trolling? Trolling is intensive verbal abuse of an individual online done anonymously and by strangers. The difference between trolling and cyberbullying is that cyberbullying occurs within the context of an existing social relationship.


Bullying, No Way! is an initiative of all Australian education sectors working together to promote safe and supportive school communities.