Dear Parents, Carers and Grandparents,

Last week at assembly we talked about school being a “Learning Zone” and what that actually means for students—trying to achieve your best in all learning, never giving up even when the work is hard, trying to improve your academic results, listening to the teacher, tutor and other students, setting yourself goals, keeping the classroom and the playground safe, being a responsible citizen who makes good choices and respecting the right of the teacher to teach and the right of the other students to learn. Being a positive learner will be a focus for the rest of this year and all of next year. We want students to come to school to learn and improve themselves. We want parents to be talking with your children about the great opportunities they have to learn and set themselves up for a good life. Please support us in this endeavour. Students who are positive learners don’t use up their energy disrupting the teaching and learning.

I am sure many of you like me watched the ABC series called “Redfern Now” on a Thursday night at 8.30pm. Last weeks story was titled “Joyride” and one of the main characters was Coral played by Tessa Rose—Josiah’s mum. She did a marvelous job of portraying the character of Coral.

I have had a few complaints from parents about other parents driving dangerously in our car parks and in front of the school. I ask parents to please be respectful of the traffic laws that state 20kph in the car park and 40kph in the school zone.

Some parents have not sent back their note to say they have read the conditions about students earning their right to go on the end of year reward excursion. If you have not sent back your note please do so by the end of this week. Students who are constantly displaying unacceptable behaviour will not be entitled to go on the reward excursion. This excursion is a reward for displaying “The Gray Way” five keys behaviour most of the time.

Mrs Chin unfortunately has broken a bone in her ankle but is bravely at school. However, she is more or less confined to her office! She will be conducting all the Preschool interviews over the next week or so.

Please remember to talk with your child about what you want them to do in the situation of a thunderstorm at the end of the school day. We will keep the students in class until the thunderstorm passes over. If parents want to collect your child you will need to come into the school to do so.

Have a wonderful week.

Sue Beynon, Principal and Sharon Chin, Assistant Principal
Parents, Grandparents & Carers

Gray Primary School Principal
Sue Beynon

Cordially invites you to our
End of Year Extravaganza & Awards Night
at
Palmerston Senior College Gym

To be held
Thursday 29th November
5:30 pm
Classes will do a performance
and receive end of year awards.

RSVP 20th November 2012
Phone: 89321700
Email: admin.graysch@ntschoo ls.net
I was a student at Gray Primary School from Preschool to Year 7 and then in 2007 started Year 8 at Palmerston High School. In 2011 I graduated Year 12 at Palmerston Senior College where I was a member of the Palmerston Clontarf Academy. I am currently studying at the University of Adelaide through an indigenous scholarship program. I am enrolled in a Course called CASM it is short for Centre for Aboriginal Studies in Music which is a music course. I have always liked music and wanted to play in a band since I started playing drums when I was three years old. I am enjoying Uni so far with the theory side of things and the practical side of things which is going out and playing in my band. We have performed at a couple of events this year, performing in front of an audience is what I like doing. My goal during this course is to get my music degree and then go on with further studies to become a music teacher.

I also work at Coles part time as night fill so I have spending money when I come home to Darwin for holidays.

NATHAN MAY

2012 and 2013 School Year Term Dates
URBAN SCHOOLS
This year, all schools will be finishing classes a day earlier - on Thursday 13 December. This will allow teachers to return to work a day earlier to prepare for classes to start on Tuesday 29 January next year (the 28th is the Australia Day public holiday). Therefore:

The last day of school will be Thursday 13 December 2012.

Teachers will return to school on Friday 25 January 2013 for their usual professional development day

Students will return to school on Tuesday 29 January 2013.

The earlier completion and start dates will help ensure a more settled start to 2013.

These dates apply to urban schools only.

If you have any concerns or queries please speak with Sue Beynon

Further details can be found on the Department of Education website: www.det.nt.gov.au

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE
WE ARE RUNNING A Christmas Hamper raffle this year. The raffle will be drawn during the last week of school. We are asking for donations of items suitable for the hampers, and hope each family will support us to make up wonderful hamper prizes. Please treat the table below as suggestions only, all donations are greatly appreciated.

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<td>Around the house – cleaning stuff, sponges, detergent, toilet paper, paper towel, tea towels.</td>
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Reading is as easy as 123

Please join us for fun and interactive workshops that will assist you teaching your child to become a great reader.

Margaret Reid has been working with parents of young children to make learning to read easy and fun. She will show you that teaching children to read is as easy as 123.

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Issue 8 Book Club

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"It was fun and I enjoyed it a lot, knowing what to teach my children" — Parent from 3rd parent yarn

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5.30pm for meal; 6:00pm parent yarn starts

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Let's get ready for School!!

Does your preschool or transition age child:

- Find writing and drawing a challenge?
- Avoid activities such as writing, drawing and puzzles?
- Tire easily when drawing?
- Struggle with everyday tasks: opening containers, buttons, cutlery?
- Have difficulty sitting still for activities?
- Feel like transition might be tricky?

**OT for Kids is here to help!**

Build confidence, self-esteem and help your child to *be the best they can be!*

In Term 1 2018, we are offering a unique opportunity for you to learn strategies for helping your child master the skills they need for school and everyday fine motor activities.

**REGISTER BEFORE DECEMBER 31** for our special early bird rate!

Your investment of only $200 includes:

- One hour individual OT consultation
- Screening assessment for your child
- Tips for helping their areas for development,
- Information about typical development
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REGISTER TODAY BY CONTACTING LUCY ON 89324949 or lucy@otforkidsnt.com.au