Dear Parents, Carers and Grandparents

Mobile Phones are a wonderful invention and we appreciate that some children bring a mobile phone to school so they can use it if an emergency occurs on the way home. However, students must have their mobile phone switched off whilst at school and must take responsibility for the safety of their mobile while at school. Students can hand in their mobile to the office every morning and collect it after school if they want to ensure that it is safe. Otherwise mobiles stay in the student’s bag. Students are not to use their mobile to photograph or record other students or staff. In accordance with the privacy act it is illegal to record either voice or picture without the other person’s permission.

Tomorrow is our Open Day at school where we invite parents/carers to come into the school and your child’s classroom from 7.45am to 9am. This gives you the opportunity to look at the work your child is producing and meet their friends and the school staff that work in that class. Our Parents Engaging Gray School (PEGS) group will be in the outdoor area outside the old Library so make sure you go along and meet them and check out the services they offer to our community.

NT Sunday Territorian will be giving away a free mini book this weekend. They will then have a mini book that you can buy at a greatly reduced rate for the next seven weeks. If you would like to buy these books each Sunday and donate them to the school we would greatly appreciate that.

Monday 11 March 6pm - School Council Annual General Meeting. This is an opportunity to come along and participate as a partner in your child’s education and the decision making of the school. Meetings are held once a month and are efficiently run so they go for no longer than 1 hour. We are looking for parents from across all areas of the school (Preschool, Early Years, Primary Years) as well as representatives from all our culture groups. This is an enjoyable way to serve your community and get to understand school life. If you would like more information please talk with Kylie Grainger, Karen Manning, Sue Beynon or Sharon Chin.

Have a wonderful week.
Sue Beynon, Principal and Sharon Chin, Assistant Principal
**ASSEMBLY AWARDS 15.2.2013**

**GIANT MERIT AWARDS**

**MAXI MERIT AWARDS**

**PRIMARY STUDENTS OF THE WEEK AWARDS**

1/2S  
Dakota Krygger

5/6S  
Ngametua Aukino  Jack Akers

5/6B  
Libby Noakes  Akira Le

5R  
Shane Lingatang  Angela Paeasal

4M  
Letoya McCoy  Izaiah Aukino

3/4B  
Daniel Akers  Zissa Taylor

**EARLY YEARS STUDENTS OF THE WEEK AWARDS**

TB  
Natacha Robaye  Ricky Nikolaev

TF  
Brad Shadforth  Dylan Archer

T/1B  
Geraldine Jacky  Jadis Noakes

1/2L  
Nash Nalzaro  Julianna Kostanjevec-Doyle

1/2S  
Tyrone Fraser  Anthony McMach-Garling

2J  
Umar Mohammed  Abby Williams

3W  
D’Shay McCoy  Robert Richards

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**YEAR 6 T-SHIRTS**

Year 6 T-shirt $20  deposit and note due  27th Feb  
Week 5.  $45 total amount due 12th March Week 7.

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Check out Gray Primary School on the web  
[www.grayprimary.net.edu.au](http://www.grayprimary.net.edu.au)  
A great way to keep up with what is happening here at Gray Primary School.
Gray Primary School and PEGS Open Day
Thursday 21st February
7.45am - 9.00am

Please join us to celebrate the start of the new school year. Each classroom will be open for families to visit. This is a great opportunity to have a look at the great work the students have been doing and meet some of our wonderful Teachers and Staff.

PEGS (Partners Engaging Gray School) comprises of nine organisations working together ‘to encourage, support and empower the Gray School Community to access quality school and community services’.

Please join us on Thursday the 21st to learn more about these organisations. Each organisation will be showcasing the work they do and information will be available on the services they provide.

Scholastic Book Club
Due Date for Issue 1 - Scholastic Book Club - Thursday 21st Feb
Book Club 2013 has started with Issue 1 coming home this week.
Please return your order by the due date above.
Please ensure the student’s name and class is written clearly on the order form and is sent with the money.
All orders and money are to be taken to the Library.
Thank you – Sue Fisher – Library

Meet & Greet with Ms Casey’s Class

Parental, Families and Carers.

You are invited to come along to check out your child’s class and meet their teacher. At 8.00 am
Mon 25 Feb - Ms Smiley Room 11
Tues 26 Feb - Ms Stewart Room 14
Wed 27 Feb - Ms Lake Room 8
Thur 28 Feb - Mrs Waters Room 20
Wed 6 Mar - Mr Banaga Room 21
Mrs Casey’s and Barb’s class have been looking at our emotions and how we feel, and what makes us feel the way we are.

Outcome 1: Children have a strong sense of identity.
Building the **Positive-Values Assets**

All young people need positive values to help guide their choices. Here are ideas on how to build the six Positive-Values assets for children and youth at different ages:

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<td>• Create a caring atmosphere for babies at home, in child-care centers, and in other places.</td>
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<td>• Encourage families to talk about their values while modeling and teaching them as their children grow.</td>
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<td>• Teach children to care for others, such as by sharing or giving hugs.</td>
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<td>• Interact with children in loving, respectful, and caring ways.</td>
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<td>• Teach children how to care for special things, such as toys, outfits, or plants, by themselves.</td>
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<td>• Encourage parents to explain their values simply to children when they see others behaving in ways they value or do not value.</td>
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<td>• Have children write thank-you notes or show their appreciation in some other way whenever they receive gifts.</td>
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<td>• Encourage families to participate in service activities together.</td>
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<td>• Talk to children about specific examples of people acting on their values.</td>
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<td>• Interact in caring, responsible ways with people of all ages. Encourage youth to do the same.</td>
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<td>• Watch television or read books together and discuss the characters’ values.</td>
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<td>• Talk to young people about your values regarding honesty; sexual activity; alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use; and other topics.</td>
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<td>• Encourage teenagers to volunteer with at least one organization.</td>
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<td>• Together write letters to the editor of a local newspaper or to politicians about your views on issues.</td>
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<td>• Talk with teenagers about how their values guide their choices and behaviors. Let them know how your values influence you.</td>
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SIGN ON DAY

When: Sunday 24th February
Time: 10.30 am till 2.00 pm
Where: The Clubhouse at Fred’s Pass


For further information please phone 89884139 or 0428268937.

(We are able to accept the $75 Sport Voucher 2013 towards the cost of membership fees and uniform)

PHOTOS/NAMES IN NEWSLETTER/SCHOOL WEBSITE.

Please return this to the front office regarding the publishing of student photos/names in the newsletter and website.

I do/ do not give consent for my child/ren to have their photo/name published in the Newsletter or the Website.

Please note newsletters are now uploaded to the website each week.

Children’s name and class: ……………………………………………………………………….. …………………………………………………………
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Parent signature: ............................................................ Date: .................................