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www.grayprimary.nt.edu.au
NEW DATE: NOVEMBER 5TH
5.00—7.30pm

Gray Primary School
Family Centre

Child-minding
Delicious food
Fun activities
Transport available
Everyone welcome

Contact: Kylie Grainger
8932 1700 or 0412 465 071

Fundied by the Commonwealth Department of Employment, Education and Workplace Relations

Family Yarn—Learning Together

Come and join us for a fun small group workshop
Parents learn about helping your children with school

“ Harper Yarn 2012

“Everyone had a say about the topic and everyone’s voice was heard.” Parent Yarn 2012

Next week it’s “Bandana Week” from the 29th Oct-31st Oct.
Support Young People living with Cancer by buying a Bandana for $4.00, pens & pins

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

WE ARE RUNNING our Christmas Hamper raffle again 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 a suggestion only: all donations will be greatly appreciated. Donations can be given to the class teacher or left at the front office.

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<td>Treats - chocolate, sweets, jellybeans, peperami, juice, chips, muesli bars, family size pockets of lollies.</td>
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School Wide Positive Behaviour Support – Team Report

To ensure positive data is being recorded for students displaying the Gray Way, the School Wide Positive Behaviour Team has changed the process of handing in mini-mers. Please refer below and contact classroom teachers if there are any issues.

Regards
SWPBS Team
Keira Stewart, Elissa Rummery, Naomi Bambridge, Jonno Brunton and Lauren Howell.

Students
- Hand 5 mini-mers to the teacher.

Classroom teachers
- Receive 5 mini-mers from the student
- Records data and hand to office

Administration
- Maxi and giant awards are processed for assembly
- The mini-mers are stamped on the back to ensure no re-usage

Scholastic Book Club
Issue 7 orders are due back Friday 25th October.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS
School uniforms are compulsory in line with the Department of Education Uniform Policy.

Polo Shirt $25.00
Shorts $12.50
Hats $10.00

A hat is required for outside play
Invites you to attend

Magic & Mayhem
On
Maluka!

Halloween Disco
Fancy Dress  Prizes

This is a family event catering for children aged 1-12 yrs.

When: Thursday 31st October
Time: 6pm - 9pm
Cost (per child): Presale $8 (Playshack or Goodstart Moulden)
At the door $10

A proud supporter of Ovarian Cancer Australia

All profits donated to Ovarian Cancer Research

YOU can help your CHILD at SCHOOL

Gray Primary School and The Smith Family are offering free sessions to help you teach your child to read.

COME ALONG and JOIN IN THE FUN of READING

- Make a 'tea party'
- Free ice cream and healthy bar
- Stories read aloud
- Live children welcome
- Meet other parents at the school

Phone Kyle Grainger on 8932 1700 or 0412 476 071

The NT branch of Speech Pathology Australia is pleased to host:

A fundraising movie night at the Deckchair Cinema!

Disney•PIXAR

MONSTERS UNIVERSITY
Thurs 24 Oct 2013

All proceeds donated!

All proceeds from ticket sales and food stalls will go towards purchasing resources for the Good Beginnings Australia “Play and Learn” group (Families).

To learn more about how Good Beginnings is building better outcomes for children in the NT go to:

www.goodbeginnings.org.au

I HAVE MOVED
step in and say hi

Hair

Viktoria’s Hair Design

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NEW After School & Vacation Care SERVICE

OPENED—Mon 07 Oct 2013
Together with the Outside School Care NT—Gray Primary School will offer its own on-site after-school and vacation care services from the start of the new term (subject to regulatory approvals)

WHAT IS OFFERED?
High quality after school care program and snack menu from 2.30pm—6.00pm each school day. Vacation care from 7.30am—6.00pm through the school holidays.

HOW DO I ENROL MY CHILDREN?
Pick up an Enrolment Pack from reception or download from the Website: www.outsideschoolcare.com
OR CALL JANET on 049994158 or JADE on 0409976228
OR email: Gray@outsideschoolcare.com.au

WHAT DOES IT COST?
From less than $9.00 per day depending upon your CCB/CCR entitlements. Full session daily fee is $23 - but every family will be entitled to discounts and CCB/CCR credits.

LOST PROPERTY IS OVER FLOWING

Enjoy Breakfast with:

Somerville Community Services on Wednesday 23rd October
The Smith Family on Wednesday 30th October
Healthy Palmerston on Wednesday 6th November
Good Beginnings on Wednesday 13th November
Early Childhood Australia on Wednesday 20th November
FAST – Families and Schools Together on Wednesday 27th November
COPAL – City of Palmerston on Wednesday 4th December

Please see attached dates for each organisation.

Toasted bacon and egg sandwich
Pancakes with berries and cream
Fruit smoothies and fresh tropical fruit
Scrambled eggs, grilled tomatoes and mushrooms on toast
Bacon, egg and cheese muffins
French toast with a twist
Fresh fruit compote with yoghurt and honey

Contact the Family Centre for further information

A Delicious breakfast each week.

Children Welcome
KEEP IT FRESH! TIPS FOR PACKING A SAFE AND HEALTHY LUNCHBOX

A lunchbox with a variety of healthy foods is important for your child’s growth and learning. It’s also really important to keep any foods that might spoil as safe and as cold as possible, especially meats, eggs, dairy (milk, yoghurt, custard, cheese), dips, pasta and rice dishes especially as we head towards our warmer weather.

Here are some tips -

- Before making your child’s lunch, remember to wash your hands with soap and water and keep lunch containers, knives, chopping boards, benches etc clean.
- Wash and dry the lunchbox every day, this way you can discard any uneaten food as well.
- Include a small food-safe freezer brick or freeze a bottle of water and pop it into the lunchbox to keep food cool.
- Make sure the reduced-fat dairy and lean meat products are either frozen the night before or kept near to a frozen ice brick or water bottle in the lunchbox.
- If you pack the lunchbox the night before, keep it in the fridge overnight to keep the foods fresh.
- An insulated lunch bag with an ice brick or frozen water bottle can help to keep their lunch cold and safer from any harmful bacteria and spoilage.
FREE FAMILY FUN EVENTS
“The right to play & participate freely in cultural life & the arts”
18 - 27 October

Friday 18
WHAT: Launch of National Children’s Week at the Opening of the Celebrating Childhood Art Exhibition
WHEN: 3.30pm - 5.30pm
WHERE: First Floor, Civic Centre, Harry Chan Avenue

Tuesday 22
WHAT: Animation Storytelling Make your own story and take it home!
WHEN: 3.30pm - 5.30pm
WHERE: Digital Hub, Civic Centre, Harry Chan Avenue

Wednesday 23
WHAT: Pot and plant and tending caterpillars
WHEN: 9.00am - 11.00am
WHERE: Bullock Point, Atkins Drive

Thursday 24
WHAT: Playgroup with the Darwin High Child Studies class. Indoor and outdoor play, coffee and snacks for sale.
WHEN: 9.00am - 11.00am
WHERE: Bullock Point, Atkins Drive

Friday 25
WHAT: International Dinner and Dance
WHERE: Ken Ishi Life Learning & Care,
77 Ross Smith Ave, Persp
For more information: 8932 2457
WHAT: Art and Craft Activities
WHEN: 9.00am - 8.30pm
WHERE: Darwin Christian Outreach, Palmerston Market, Voyager Square

Saturday 26
WHAT: Breakfast with Books
WHEN: 10.00am - 12.00pm
WHERE: City Library Civic Centre, Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin

WHAT: Halloween Family Fun at Dock
Costume & pumpkin decorating competitions, haunted house & mini golf
WHEN: 5.30pm - 8.00pm
WHERE: Gardens Park Golf Links, Chin Quan Road, the Gardens

Sunday 27
WHAT: East Point Treasure Hunt Walk/Wide
With Hector the Safety Cat and Smoothie Bikes
WHEN: 9.00am - 11.00am
WHERE: East Point Reserve, Opposite Lake Alexander Playground, beach side.

MORE INFORMATION
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