Dear Parents/Carers and Grandparents,

We hope you all had a wonderful Easter long weekend and that you will also enjoy the ANZAC long weekend.

Often after a long weekend families will allow their children to take an extra few days off school. We strongly discourage this as children need to learn to get back into their school routines as soon as holidays are finished. We are working hard this term to increase our overall attendance from Preschool to Year 6. Our Preschool, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 are the year levels that are lagging behind the rest of the school. Our Year 5 students are the best attendees! Please help us to help your children become great learners because they are at school on time every day.

At Gray School we teach students through the Five Keys how to be active problem solvers rather than react to issues. Reactive behaviours include tantrums, oppositionalism, whining, impulsivity, fighting and violence. In their development children need to protest what they do not like. However, once they get to four years of age they need to learn that protesting identifies the problem but it does not solve the problem. We need to teach them to be proactive so they can fix what is wrong. Children who are in a reaction state do not take the initiative to solve problems, get their needs met, or help meet the needs of others. They become victims and blame others for everything. They grow up to be victims and blame the government and any authority for their circumstances. Being proactive takes time, energy, consistency, self-reflection, reality check, and taking responsibility for the situation. It is a life skill to learn to be a proactive person and together as parents and staff we can help your children to develop this skill.

The students in Years 3-6 are all learning Japanese and thoroughly enjoying their lessons. They are learning at a great rate not just the words but also the script. As a former Indonesian language teacher, I am delighted to see our students learning another language as this experience broadens their minds, helps them to understand their first language even more and gives them experiences of another culture.

Have a wonderful week.

Sayonara Sue Beynon, Principal and Sharon Chin, Assistant Principal
Anzac Day Assembly

PARCS SOCCER TRY OUT DAY
Let's Read promotes reading with children from 0-5 years across Australia.

Reading with your child is one of the most important things you can do to develop your child’s ability to read, write and build skills for starting school. Let’s Read supports you in reading aloud with your child. It helps you and your child develop a love of books, share rhymes, stories and songs, and spend special time together.

Please see Kylie at The Gray Primary School Family Centre to receive your library bag, book and information sheets.

This is Gus. He loves lazing about and reading a good book. This week his favourite book is ‘I went walking’. Gus loves people visiting him – come visit Gus in the Gray Primary School Family Centre.

Donations are needed for our popular Mother’s Day Stall.

Can you help with some of these items or other items that are suitable as a gift for mum?

- Plants or Flowers
- A tea cup
- Bath Salts
- Scented Candles
- Soap
- A box of Chocolates
- Hand or face creams
- Tea & Coffee wrapped with a ribbon

Our Mother’s Day Stall will be held in week 4 – It’s just around the corner!

Donations can be left at the school office or handed to the class teacher. Thank you for supporting the Gray School Council.

Access to Mathletics and Reading Eggs at the Family Centre

Are you wondering what Mathletics and Reading Eggs are, but don’t have access to the internet at home?

Each Monday and Tuesday from 2:30 – 3:10pm Ipads will be available for parents/carers and students to access these programs. We will show you how to access and use the Apps at your pace. Please feel free to drop in and have a look.

This is a 10 week trial and students must be accompanied by an adult.

Please see the Family Centre for further information.