Dear Parents/Carers and Grandparents,

Last Friday we held a “Bullying No Way! Take a Stand Together” day at the school where all students learnt about bullying behaviour, why it is not acceptable, how to stand up to bullies and report them. The students who worked with country and western star Sara Storer, created a fantastic song which we will sing regularly at assemblies. We very much appreciate the time and effort that Sara put into the students to write this song.

Can I please ask parents to remind their children that when they wear the Gray School uniform they need to be on their best behaviour—this means not just at school but on the bus, at the YMCA, up at the shopping centres. It is very disappointing to hear that a few of our students were causing disruption at the shopping centre last Friday and were identified by their school shirt.

It is very important for our children to develop healthy social skills not just at school but at home and in the community also. Social skills includes:

- Conversational skills—greetings, listening, awareness of personal space, turn taking
- Play skills—joining in play appropriately, turn taking, sharing, compromising, coping with ‘no’, coping with losing
- Understanding emotions—reading facial expressions, reading body language, voice quality as in level of noise and speed, awareness of own body language
- Dealing with conflict—learning to self-regulate their behaviour
- Friendship skills—knowing what a friend is, being a good friend, choosing appropriate friends, dealing with peer pressure.

The development of these skills takes place every day in every class through the teaching of pastoral care and the You Can Do It program.

Please remember that all parents are expected to attend an interview for your child.

Have a wonderful week.

Sue Beynon, Principal and Sharon Chin, Assistant Principal

Gray Gazette
Learning with Respect, Pride and Teamwork

WHATS HAPPENING
Parent, Teacher Interviews—Week 10
Harmony Day— Fri 4th April

Change in School Dental Clinic Number
New number on 8922 6466

Absences contact number
89 321700

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EASTER EGG GUESSING COMPETITION
$0.50 Per guess

Every Child, Every Day - improving student enrolment, attendance and participation is everybody's responsibility and everyone’s business.
Thank you to all parents and students that volunteered on Sunday at Yr 5/6 BBQ fundraiser. There will be another BBQ this Sunday out the front of Woolworths Coolalinga. Please come along and support Yr 5/6. If you would like to volunteer your time for 2 hours please contact Miss Stewart.

EGG-CITING NEWS

On Tuesday last week, one of the eggs started to hatch! We watched it all day try to get out of its egg. So we could still do our work, we watched the egg hatching on the Smart-Board. Unfortunately, it died before it could hatch. When we got to school on Wednesday, there were TWO chicks hatched and waiting in the incubator. They need to stay in the incubator until they are dry and fluffy. When we came back from assembly on Wednesday, another chick had hatched! We moved the first two into a box with a light, called a Brooding Box and left the new one in the incubator to dry. When we got to school this morning, there were FOUR chicks waiting in the incubator that had hatched overnight.

On Friday, we got to hold them and cuddle them while Miss Smiley cleaned their Brooding Boxes. We aren’t sure if the other eggs in the incubator will hatch, but we are very excited to have SEVEN chicks hatch. On Friday afternoon, we moved the chicks into the coop that Mr Mark and the Gardening Group had made. Unfortunately, we mysteriously lost two of our baby chicks on Friday night. We think maybe a cat or a rat took them. Mr Mark fixed up the coop so that no other animals can get in and our five remaining chicks are growing strong and fast. They are already starting to grow real feathers on their wings.
Five students from Yrs 1-3 participate in a mentoring program with senior boys from Kormilda’s Clontarf Academy. Alfred, Desmond, Rushan, Warwick have been working with Patrick, Raymond, Dunto, Ty and Lane and they have had a great time.

MENTORING
Things we like..

Our buddies help us learn

My big buddy Desmond

Going to the beach, we looked at the water and played on the playground

Playing games and learn to share and take turns

Strong Tree - we learned things that make us happy and strong

We get to go on excursions but we have to be good.

“You learn to do good stuff like writing, the Strong Tree and writing about what makes us happy”

“I like playing footy we learn to be friendly and pass the ball”

“We learn to stay on task and I like meeting new people like Alfred and Desmond.”

“I like playing games and learning to be nice”

“We don’t learn anything just do fun stuff like playing footy with the big kids”
2014 National Day Against Bullying
‘TAKE A STAND TOGETHER’

On Friday 21st March Gray Primary School held a special assembly to acknowledge the 2014 National Day Against Bullying.

Throughout the week, leading up to the assembly, all classes were involved in Anti Bullying activities and discussions. We also welcomed a special guest into our school: Country music superstar SARA STORER!! Sara worked with ten of our students to create a song about bullying. The students held a brainstorming session and Sara helped them to put their words into a song format.

Sara then returned to Gray for the Friday assembly where the group performed their song. All classes had been practising the song and the whole assembly became a choir!!

At Gray Primary we say:

NO WAY to BULLYING!!
TAKE A STAND TOGETHER - Written by Team Gray with Sara Storer

Come on kids, we’ve got something to say
Bullying hurts, it’s selfish and mean
Don’t be a spectator, be a good friend
Never walk away, trust your team

Chorus
Everyone deserves Respect
Everyone’s unique
SMILE UP, STAND UP, LIVE YOUR DREAM
We all deserve to speak
Laugh out loud, yeh just like me
Don’t worry, I’m there forever
Grab a hand and side by side
Let’s take a stand together

Verse Two
Stand out in the crowd, different is ME!
Come on kids, we got something to say
Bullies are out and friends are in
WE DO IT HERE, IT’S CALLED THE GRAY WAY!

Chorus
Everyone deserves Respect
Everyone’s unique
SMILE UP, STAND UP, LIVE YOUR DREAM
We all deserve to speak
Laugh out loud, yeh just like me
Don’t worry, I’m there forever
Grab a hand and side by side
Let’s take a stand together
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SPONSOR: Miss Rumley
NO PREFIX & SP#: A-541402
SPONSORED CHILD: Bamzi Baya
FO PREFIX & SC#: 151-217276

January 2014

Hello how are you. My name is Brian Kumbush.

Baya lam a brother to Barns Baya lam. Writing on his be half because he can not write well. Thank you for choosing Barns as your sponsor child. your welcome at home. Bye yours, Brian.

Pictures drawn by Barns

- Pot
- Quilt
- Ball
- Fish
- Orange
- Cup
- Hen
Hello Everyone,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new Health and Physical Education Specialist Teacher for 2014. My name is Marie Roe and I taught Year 3 in 2013 at Gray Primary School. I have always shared a passionate interest in Health and Physical Education as I believe it is the core essence for us to learn effectively and function to the best of our ability. It is imperative that healthy habits and a positive attitude towards physical activity is created during these developing years in order for individuals to live a healthy and active lifestyle throughout their teenage, adolescence and into adulthood. The Physical Education program has been planned around the outcomes outline in the Northern Territory Curriculum Framework.

Health and Physical Education Program

Term 1

Transition to Year 1

Students will engage in a range of play based activities that focus on movement and spatial awareness. Students will develop object control skills such as throwing, catching, passing and kicking.

Year 2 to Year 6

Students will focus on Aussie Hoops (Basketball) and Rooball (Soccer). Every lesson the students focus on the Health curriculum, learning the importance about the various safety precautions, friendships and discovering their values and beliefs about themselves.

Year 5 Rummery and Year 6 Stewart boys had the opportunity to work with the NT Rugby League Development Officer, Trent Gorrie, week 8 Friday.

I would like to say a huge thank you also to Gary Wrenn for his support and assistance with attending the PARCS AFL Cluster day with me and the supervision of Gray students. Thank you also to Miss Keira Stewart for supporting and coaching the Gray Primary Netball team for PARCS Cluster day and also to Miss Lauren Howell for supporting and coaching the Gray Primary Basketball team for the PARCS Cluster Day. Without the support of the Teachers of Gray Primary the parents and students we would not be able to attend these events. THANKYOU!

If you have any questions or concerns about your child’s progress in the specialist Health and Physical Education program please contact me at the school.

Kind Regards,

Marie Roe

Health and Physical Education Teacher
Way’s to encourage your school age child to read

- Continue being a good role model/let your child see you read.
- Encourage your child to read on their own at home.
- Keep a variety of reading materials in the house.
- Encourage your child to read out aloud.
- Write short notes for your child to read.
- Encourage activities that require reading.
- Establish a reading time.
- Talk with your child.
- Give your child writing materials (reading and writing go hand in hand).
- Restrict television time.

Street Party @ St Luke's

Great FREE Family Fun

When? Sun 13th April 4 - 6 pm.
Where? St Luke’s carpark, Grey
Why? Just for fun!
Who? Everyone
What does it cost? FREE!