28 November 2012
WEEK 8 TERM 4
Current Enrolment = 356
Week 7 Term 4
Attendance = 90.74

Dear Parents, Carers and Grandparents,

Our whole school Gray Extravaganza will be held this Thursday 29th November at Palmerston Senior College Gym starting at 5.30pm. This night is a combination of our whole school performances and the giving out of awards. The program will commence with Transition doing their performance followed by their class awards. We will then work our way through each of the grades.

The evening will finish at 7.30pm. No food or drinks are allowed in the gym and therefore Gray school will not be selling any food or drinks on the night. Please come along and support your child on the night.

This week you will receive information about school reports. These reports will give your child a grade of A, B, C, D, E. for each subject. Students who receive a “C” are working at the level for that grade. These marks are not just school marks but judge your child against all other children in that year level in Australia.

School reports will be sent home on Wednesday 12th December. Included in the report will be an attendance certificate, a music report for those students learning music with School of Music and a letter advising of your child’s class for 2013.

Please ensure that you pay for your child’s end of year reward excursion as soon as possible. Students get quite distressed when they have had excellent behaviour, but mum or dad forget to sign the excursion form and pay for the excursion. If your child has not shown sufficient acceptable behaviour to attend the excursion, the class teacher will phone you a couple of days before the excursion and any money paid will be reimbursed.

Please also remember to contribute to our School Christmas Raffle. This is a major fundraiser for our school and the prizes are exceptional.

Have a wonderful week.

Sue Beynon, Principal and Sharon Chin, Assistant Principal

The school office will be closed from 17th December 2012 until 14th January 2013.
Mrs Casey’s & Barb’s Preschool Class have worked very hard this year, and were rewarded with a visit to the Playshack where they had lots of fun.
One of the baskets to be raffled. To be drawn Wednesday 12

Tickets for Christmas hampers are 3 for $5 or $2 per ticket. Books of tickets to sell are available at the front office.

**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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<th>Year</th>
<th>Items</th>
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<td>Preschool</td>
<td>Crafty items – stickers, glue, tape, colour pencils, colouring in books, simple craft activities, books, play-dough</td>
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<td>Transition</td>
<td>Christmas – bauble, tinsel, cellophane, Christmas paper, shiny things stocking fillers.</td>
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<td>Year One</td>
<td>Around the house – cleaning stuff, sponges, detergent, toilet paper, paper towel, tea towels.</td>
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<td>Year Two</td>
<td>Packets – biscuits, rice crackers, popcorn, cereal, flour, sugar, cake mix, nuts, dried fruit.</td>
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<td>Year Three</td>
<td>Personal care – toothpaste, soap, band-aids, dental floss, sunscreen, deodorant.</td>
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<td>Year Four</td>
<td>Cans - baked beans, spaghetti, veggies, fruit, pet food, spreads, tuna.</td>
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<td>Year Five</td>
<td>Long-life items – Rice, pasta, 2 minute noodles, soup, gravy mix, casserole mix.</td>
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<td>Year Six</td>
<td>Treats – chocolate, sweets, jellybeans, poppers, juice, chips</td>
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I enrolled in university to study teaching then deferred it to have a year off to work, I ended up taking an apprenticeship as a diesel mechanic and I am now half way through my third year. Also for the last three years, I have played for NT Thunder and have won two premierships with them.

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...OVERDUE BOOKS.....

It's that time of year again and all library books need to be returned to their home on the shelves for a well-earned rest over the holiday break.

Sadly, there are still lots of books that are outstanding, especially home readers😊.

Letters will be mailed to parents for the students who haven't been able to return them.

Please help find these books so they too can enjoy the 6 week rest before the action starts again in 2013.

Thank you

Sue Fisher—Library
Gray Primary School (Good Beginnings Building)

Good Beginnings Palmerston is based at Gray Primary School in the green demountable towards the back of the school. We offer a variety of programs, resources, information and support for families in the Palmerston community.

Gray Play 2 Learn

Play 2 learn is a supported play session where play based learning is designed around what the children are interested in, to help their development. The sessions are facilitated by an Early Childhood worker and Family support worker.

At Play 2 Learn we believe that by providing children with a secure and happy environment, where they are supported to develop their intellectual, social, emotional and physical skills, they will become confident and competent individuals.

Children and parents can participate in experiences together, strengthening relationships between children, parents and caregivers.

Good beginnings will support you to build on your existing knowledge, skills and the resources that are available to you. Create connections and relationships in the community, both with other parent and community supports and services.

Tuesday

Play 2 Learn 9am—11am Birth—4yrs
(Please bring a piece of fruit to share)

Wednesday

Baby Play 2 Learn which is run in conjunction with Maternal Health Nurse, who will answer any questions you may have in regards to your Childs health and development

9am —11am Birth—12 months
(Morning tea provided)

Friday

Dreamtime Indigenous Play 2 Learn
9am—11am Birth—4yrs
(Morning tea provided)

GOOD BEGINNINGS HOLIDAY PLAY GROUPS

During the School holidays Good Beginnings will be delivering a Universal Play 2 Learn Group. The group will commence on Tuesday January 8th and finish on Tuesday 25th January 2013.

After this the normal Play 2 Learn groups will commence as usual.

Good Beginnings will also host a Universal Play 2 Learn during the mid year school holiday break.

This will commence Tuesday 25th June and finish Tuesday 16th July 2013.

Play 2 Learn

9-11am A supported playgroup for families with children 0 – 4 yrs
(Older brothers and sister are welcome to attend)

Venue: Good Beginnings Centre, Gray Primary School

Please bring a piece of fruit to share

Come and join us for some holiday fun – art and craft, singing and dancing as well as story time.

All Good Beginnings programs are provided free of charge

For more information please call 08-89327022
Mobile 0417200170

A Good Beginning for Every Child
Recreational Gymnastics Holiday Program Open to Children of All Ages.

Tuesday and Thursday afternoons
8 and 10 January 2013
15 and 17 January 2013
22 and 24 January 2013

Perfect or learn to do a backflip with fully accredited coaches
Trampolines – Springboards – Foam Pits
Awesome Safe Fun
$15.00 per session