Dear Parents, Carers and Grandparents,

Last Friday was World Teachers’ Day. At Gray School we celebrated this on Thursday last week as that meant we could include all our tutors who mostly do not work on Friday. Our staff do an amazing job as they are all committed to ensuring that students wellbeing is looked after, that they are striving to ensure they get the best academic results from all students and that the staff work collaboratively with all students and families. We are blessed to have such awesome staff at Gray Primary School.

Thank you to Mr Banaga’s class who wrote very special poems and appreciations for all the teachers. This was a lovely gesture and very much appreciated. Thank you also to Lia Finochiarro who supplied a delicious cake for the staff for morning tea.

With the recent events of attempted child abduction in Palmerston it is timely to remind students and parents of the stranger danger awareness. We would appreciate if parents spoke with your children about the Three R’s – **recognise** the danger of speaking with someone you do not know, and the signs in your body when you believe you are in a dangerous situation, **react** to the danger by refusing to go with the person no matter what they tell you and run to a safe house, home, or back to school and **report** what has happened to an adult who can call the police. All children need to understand the Three R’s so if they are in danger they will be able to respond quickly and appropriately.

For the next three weeks I will be Principal at Moulden Park Primary School as their Principal has a family emergency. Sharon Chin will be Principal at Gray and ably supported by the Leadership Team and the staff. I am sure that parents will also be supportive of Sharon and the Team.

Remember every Thursday is our Kindness Boomerang Day. Please encourage your children by reminding them on Thursday mornings and then asking them what acts of kindness they did when they come home on Thursday after school.

As the weather is heating up please ensure your child has a school hat and a water bottle at school. This will help them to stay hydrated and not get headaches.

Have a wonderful week from Sue Beynon, Principal and Sharon Chin, AP

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**WHAT’S HAPPENING**

**Family Yarn Date Change**

Nov Tues 5th 5pm–7.30pm

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**REMININDERS**

**EXCURSIONS**

5/6S Sleepover — Thursday 5th Dec

4/M — Friday 6th Dec

**TERM DATES**

Last Day 2013 — Thursday 12th Dec

First Day 2014 — Tuesday 28th Jan

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**WINNERS**

Congratulations to

Puthi & Peter Giles

For winning the Target and Hog’s Breath Vouchers

From attending the Student Engagement Workshops

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**BANDANA WEEK 29th – 31st Oct**

Please purchase a bandana to help support young people affected by cancer.
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>Crafty items - rice crackers, popcorn, cereal, flour, sugar, cake mix, nuts, dried fruit.</td>
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This 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 $3.00.

EARLY YEARS STUDENTS OF THE WEEK AWARDS

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PRIME STUDENTS OF THE WEEK AWARDS

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OUR LOST PROPERTY IS OVER FLOWING IF YOU HAVE LOST SOMETHING PLEASE COME INTO THE OFFICE AND CHECK OUR BASKET
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 afterschool 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 0499994158 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.

NEW DATE: NOVEMBER 5TH
Vacation Care Program
16th—20th Dec 2013 13th—17th Jan 2013
6th—10th Jan 2014 20th—24th Jan 2014
Check out pages 7 & 8 in our Newsletter for the Programs.
* Subject to whether there are enough numbers.
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 next 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.

Gray Primary School (Family Centre Building)

Good Beginnings Australia is a National charity, building better outcomes for families in the community through a range of early intervention programs

These programs include: **Play2 Learn, Toy Library Family Support, and Community Connections**

All Good Beginnings programs are provided free of charge.

For more information please contact the office on

08-89327022 Mobile 0417200170
FASTworks Celebration

Last Wednesday we had a FAST celebration. The Families who completed our 2012 and 2013 FAST Programs got together to celebrate Halloween and catch up with each other again. A big Thank you to Merrilyn, Louise and Jaycie for making us dinner—It was delicious!

If you are interested in your family participating in the next FAST program please contact Kylie at the Family Centre
Are you interested in learning about PEGS (Partners Engaging Gray School)?

Do you have suggestions that could inform PEGS in 2014?

Encouraging, supporting and empowering the Gray School Community to access quality school and community services

We would love to hear your thoughts and ideas!

Joanne Forrest (Good Beginnings) and Kylie Grainger (Gray Family Centre) invite you to join us for lunch and participate in an informal focus group to have your say and assist the PEGS Partnership plan for 2014.

Friday 8th November 2013

Gray Family Centre

12:00pm – 1:30pm

Lunch Supplied

Places are limited - You must RSVP for catering and child minding.

RSVP to Kylie at the Gray Family Centre or call/text 0427 113 071
**Christmas Celebrations**  
16th-20th Dec 2013

**Vacation Care**

**Outside Activities**
- Water play fun!
- Cricket
- Dodgeball
- Christmas Mural Using Chalk

**Team Games**
- What's the time
- Mr. Elf?
- Group Challenges
- Board Games

**Inside Activities**
- Candle Decorating
- Painted Jars filled with homemade pot pouri.
- Letters to Santa..

**Masterchef**
- Gingerbread Creating and Decorating.

**Key Information**
- Children MUST be signed IN and OUT
- Morning & Afternoon tea will be provided
- **PLEASE provide a LUNCH for your child (NO NUTS!!)**
- Please provide a change of clothes

**WE START 7.30am**

**WE CLOSE: 6:00pm**

This Week's Mr Big Ticket: 21/12 Christmas Disco- At Gray Come dressed up in Christmas clothes.

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**Fun In The Sun**  
6th-10th Jan 2014

**Vacation Care**

**Outside Activities**
- Volleyball-with a beach ball
- Test Cricket
- Relay Races

**Team Games**
- Sun Safety Activities
- Charades
- Circle Games

**Inside Activities**
- Pet Rocks
- Box Construction
- Hamma Beads
- **AND MUCH MORE!!!**

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This Week's Mr Big Ticket: 9/1  
4-7 year olds- Playshack  
8+ Year olds-Mini Golf
Vacation Care: Our Natural World
13th-17th Jan 2014

Inside Activities
* Clay Creatures
* Grow your own egg
* Lego city building
* Pet Rocks

Team Games
* Scavenger Hunt
* Amazing Race (created by children)

Activities not limited to those mentioned on program as spontaneous activities occur.

Outside Activities
* Nature Walk & Picnic at Marlows Lagoon 14/1
* Recycling activity
* Vegetable Garden

WE START 7.30am
WE CLOSE: 6:00pm

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This Week's Mr Big Ticket Event:
16/1 - Trip to the movie Theatre. Choose 1 of 3 movies. Goody Bag Provided.

Vacation Care: Our History
20th-24th Jan 2014

Inside Activities
* Word Games
* Board Games
* Our History - Famous Australians
* Why is living in Australia special?

Team Games
* Celebrity Heads - Famous Australians
* Why is living in Australia special?

Activities not limited to those mentioned on program as spontaneous activities occur.

Outside Activities
* Chalk Drawings
* AFL Match
* Water Activities
* Parachute Games

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This Week's Mr Big Ticket Event:
23/12 Oil Tunnels & Military Museum. Picnic lunch at waterfront on lawn.

Outside School Care NT