



# Gray Gazette

Together, there are no limits to what we can achieve



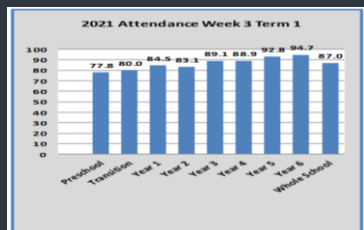
Wednesday 24 February 2021

## IMPORTANT DATES

PARRS Netball  
for year 4/5/6 students  
Fri 26 Feb

AGM & School Council Meeting  
Mon 1 Mar

Assembly – Fri 5 Mar



Current Enrolment = 317  
Whole School Attendance = 87.0

School absentee line  
8932 1700

School Dental Clinic  
8922 6466

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22 Victoria Drive, Gray  
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Email:  
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www.www.grayprimary.nt.edu.au

## Principal Message

Dear Parents/carers,

Our Gray School vision continues to highlight the importance of working together as a community. A positive relationship between home and school is paramount for our children to achieve. We value our parents at Gray, and as such aim to provide you with a positive quality service. If there is anything that we can do to assist or support you and/or your child, please don't hesitate to contact the classroom teacher. If we are aware of issues and concerns, then we can address and resolve them. Of course, we always welcome positive feedback too.

### Attendance

We have achieved an 88% attendance rate for the last 3 weeks! We are very excited with our high attendance and enjoying seeing all our smiling students. This week is our icy pole challenge where every child who attends every day will receive an icypole on Friday.



### School Council

When families, school and the community work together, our children enjoy school and learning. Parent voice is essential to a strong relationship between home and school. Our School Council:

- Supports families to support the school and students
- Assists families to be involved in the education outcomes of all students
- Carry's out fundraising activities and spends the funds on school needs
- Provide input into the strategic direction and vision for the school
- Approve and monitor the school budget
- Assess and advise on the physical needs of the school

There are 8 meetings a year (2 a term) and our first AGM, followed by our first School Council Meeting, is scheduled for Monday, 4pm, 1<sup>st</sup> March in the Gray Family Centre. If you are interested in joining our School Council please come in and have a chat to Ms Tamara Boyd, Mrs Nikki Lee or myself. I encourage new and existing parents to attend and be part of a wonderful school community.



growing  
success  
together

Working with families and communities to  
deliver quality educational services  
to young Territorians



## Our Gray School Priorities

This year we continue our focus on high quality teaching and learning; our core business. As a result of our Term 4, 2020 planning for our Annual Strategic Implementation Plan, we can share our 2021 strategic priorities to be endorsed at our first School Council meeting are:

# 2021 Gray School Improvement Priorities



## MATHEMATICS

By the end of 2021, we will grow our teacher confidence in programming, teaching and assessing in **Maths**.

### Key Actions:

- All teaching staff to work with the Meaningful Maths instructional Coach each week to plan and program
- Maths resources boxes updated and allocated to each classroom teacher to create consistency across the school
- All students will be able to identify which Meaningful Maths stage they are at in addition and subtraction and be able to articulate how to move forward



## ENGLISH

By the end of 2021, grow our teacher confidence in programming, teaching and assessing in the core subjects of **English - writing, spelling & reading**.

### Key Actions:

- Review and revise quality assessment practices that enhance consistency and reliability of teacher judgement across the school
- Teachers engage in high quality professional development, feedback and coaching to improve classroom practice
- Writing toolkits developed for students to use in writing

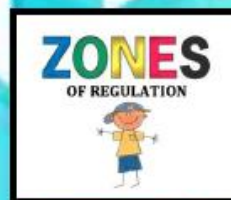


## WELLBEING

By the end of 2021, students will have the ability to adjust and control their energy levels, emotions, behaviours and attention in a school setting with the implementation of the **Zones of Regulation**.  
By the end of 2021 we will have achieved our targets set in the **'Owning our Own' Attendance Strategy**

### Key Actions:

- Teachers engage in high quality professional development on the Zones of Regulation
- Students are taught how to self-regulate their emotions through the Zones of Regulation
- Conduct home visits to encourage students to attend school
- Target Week 4 and 8 attendance of each term with an icy pole for every child who attends 100%



# Meet Our Staff



**Sally Bykowski**

**What is your role at Gray School?**

I am the Senior Teacher of Upper Primary and the Instructional Math Coach .

**3 words that Describe Gray:**

- Positive
- Collaborative
- Supportive

**If I wasn't a teacher... I would be...**

In Sports medicine or coaching sport.

**When I was young I dreamed of...**

Going to the Olympics

**My favourite school subject when I was a child was... why?**

Physical Education and Biology as my life revolved around sport. I liked learning about the body and how it could perform at its highest level.



**Tammy Eade**

**What is your role at Gray School?**

T/1 Classroom teacher

**3 words that Describe Gray:**

- Busy
- Fun
- Enjoyable

**My favourite school subject when I was a child was... why?**

PE, who doesn't.

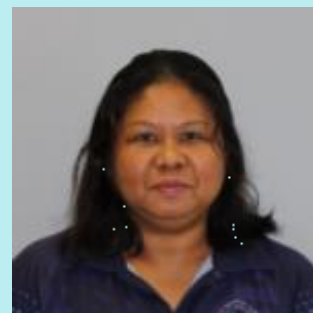
**My favourite thing to cook/eat?**

I am a terrible cook and very much dislike cooking. But I do love to eat!

My favourite food is potato bake.

**My favourite quote...**

"The grass is greener where you water it".



**Joy Embuscado**

**What is your role at Gray School?**

Admin Support Staff

**3 words that Describe Gray:**

- Close knit community
- Diverse
- Multicultural

**On weekends I...**

Like to spend time with family and friends and also working on my veggie garden.

**My favourite quote...**

"Life is like a mirror, smile at it and it smiles back at you." by Peace Pilgrim

**My dream holiday is...**

Hawaii, since I was a teenager I always dreamt of going there.



# Meet our Staff



**Shannen Jansen**

**What is your role at Gray School?**

Relief Teacher / tutor

**3 words that Describe Gray:**

- Encouraging
- Supportive
- Creative

**If I wasn't a teacher/tutor I would be...**

A disabled carer.

**I am really good at...**

Baking and crochet.

**My favourite thing to cook/eat?**

Sticky date pudding because it's delicious.



**Paul Seymour**

**What is your role at Gray School?**

Maintenance Officer

**3 words that Describe Gray:**

- Diverse
- Community
- Team

**My favourite thing to cook/eat?**

Seafood

**My favourite quote...**

"Some mistakes are too much fun to only make once."

- Margaret Mitchell

**What AFL Footy team will win in 2021?**

Brisbane Lions



**Shallu Sharma**

**What is your role at Gray School?**

Tutor

**3 words that Describe Gray:**

- Friendly environment
- Supportive
- Organised

**What is something you enjoy about working at Gray School?**

Friendly and supportive environment.

**On weekend I...**

like to stay with my family.

**My favourite subject when I was a child was... why?**

History because it's a good source to learn about human life in the past.

## MERIT AWARD WINNERS

3/4O Josephine Wheelock  
4/5G Curtis Baird  
4/5G Grace Lo

## MAXI MERIT AWARDS

T/1E Zoe Smith  
1N Sierra Turnbull  
1/2J Cameron Andrews  
1/2J Jahye Caulton  
1/2J Luka Munro  
1/2J Mikenzie Ormsby  
2S Kelsey Stokes  
2S Sharon Isaac  
2/3M Shoniquah Paddy  
2/3M Tahira Johnson  
2/3M Vidushi Sharma  
3/4O Allyah Braun  
3/4O Ann-Louise Richardson  
3/4O Caleb Pallett  
3/4O Cheyne Moore  
3/4O Laieth Fejo  
3/4O Izayah Stewart-Gardiner  
3/4O Josephine Wheelock  
3/4O Normisha Jigili  
4/5G Anh Huynh  
4/5G Ayla McKenzie  
4/5G Bradley Andrews  
4/5G Curtis Baird x2  
4/5G Grace Lo x2  
4/5G Juan Braybon  
4/5G Pania Reid  
4/5G RJ Peace  
4/5G Tahlana Thorne  
4/5G Usher Johnson  
4/5G William Carroll  
4/5G Zahara Lee  
4/5D Cayllem Fejo  
4/5D Emily Martin  
4/5D Eva Hun Parrott  
4/5D Hannah Hawke  
4/5D JamesNguyen

# CONGRATULATIONS

## TO OUR 2021 SCHOOL CAPTAINS



**School Captains:** Shavaughn Flanagan and Xavier Johnson

**School Vice Captains:** Mazaya Simoes Leite and Antwone Darby

**NOW ONLINE**

**SPORT VOUCHER**

Children living in an urban area are eligible to receive two \$100 sport vouchers each year. One in January and one in July, for sport, recreation and cultural activities. Redeeming your child's voucher is now even easier with a new online application form.

Vouchers will not be issued through schools.  
Parents or carers need to apply for vouchers online each semester.

**TO APPLY FOR YOUR VOUCHER**

1. Visit [sportvoucher.nt.gov.au/apply](http://sportvoucher.nt.gov.au/apply)
2. Click apply online
3. Follow the prompts to complete the form

**APPLY TODAY**

If your child's details are in the system, your voucher will be available to print or save immediately. If your child's details are not found in the system, a voucher will be sent to your nominated email address within 7 days.  
Further information is available by calling 1800 817 860 or email [sport.voucher@nt.gov.au](mailto:sport.voucher@nt.gov.au)

[www.sportvoucher.nt.gov.au](http://www.sportvoucher.nt.gov.au)

**NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT**



# CONGRATULATIONS

## TO OUR 2021 HOUSE CAPTAINS

### BILINGIDA

#### CAPTAINS



Sophie



Vinzynt

#### VICE CAPTAINS



Hannah



Muhammad

### KULAMINGI

#### CAPTAINS

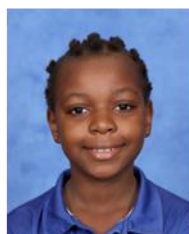


Mellisa



Xavier

#### VICE CAPTAINS



Jessica



Manaia



Connor

### GUTH GUTH

#### CAPTAINS



Rima



George

#### VICE CAPTAINS



Ayla



Zahara

### YUENGI

#### CAPTAINS



Makayla



Aariq

#### VICE CAPTAINS



Cooper



Khy

## PLAYGROUPS

### Gray Family Centre

#### G4GD

Gym 4 Growth & Development

Mondays

9.00am – 10.30am

Please join us for some exercise, movement and music activities promoting healthy growth and development.

A facilitated program for children from Birth to 5 years and their parents.

Morning tea supplied.

#### Deadly Little Learners

Tuesdays

8.15am – 10.30am

during school terms

Please join us for some art and craft, music, play and yarn.

Morning tea supplied.

For families with children aged 0 – 5 years.

#### Crafternoon

Tuesdays

12.30pm – 2.30pm

Please come and join Faft in the Gray Family Centre on a Tuesday afternoon for some art craft and some cooking.

Afternoon tea provided.

Contact Tamara in the Gray Family Centre on 8932 1700 or 0438 470 826 for more information on any of the playgroups above.

# Preschool Buddies

Preschool had their first buddy lesson with 5/6 Loughman.

Children had a great time playing with their 'big' buddies.

This year we will be planting a garden together.



## KISS AND GO

Parents must not leave their vehicles while parked in the Kiss and Go Lane. This is for Drop Off and Pick Up only. If you need to come into the school or front office please park your car in a designated parking space.

Drivers, please move forward in the Kiss and Go Lane so other vehicles can come in safely from behind. It is important to keep the traffic flowing through the car park so you need to drive as far forward as you can in the Kiss and Go Lane. Your children will still be able to find you