Dear Parents/carers,

RE: MISSION AUSTRALIA GRAY CENTRE

I would like to advise you on an important change to the Gray Mission Australia Early Learning Centre.

In 2009 Mission Australia purchased 29 of the unviable ABC learning centres after the company collapsed. Since that time we have worked very hard in an attempt to turn these centres into viable operations that provide both excellence in care and education for your children.

However, unfortunately we have not been able to do this in every location with the resources at our disposal. As such, I regret that Mission Australia is withdrawing from the operations of this service as the operational expenses associated at the Gray site make it too difficult to make the necessary improvements to the centre that would benefit the children and staff.

We were chosen as a preferred provider after an expression of interest process to operate the brand new childcare facility at Wulagi Primary School and will be offering our staff at Gray positions at the new centre. Likewise, for any parents who wish to move their children to the Wulagi site we ask that you complete the attached expression of interest form.

We have not heard from the landlord as to his intentions to lease the service to a new operator but this is a possibility for those families who wish to remain at the centre. As we gain more information we will keep families informed.

Mission Australia's operations at Gray will cease on 22 December 2011.

On behalf on everyone at Mission Australia, we wish your child and your family all the very best.

Yours sincerely

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