"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."

Lamentations 3:22-23

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Steadfast is a wonderfully rich word. It encompasses all that we would want in a friend—to be reliable, trustworthy, dependable, loyal, devoted, dedicated and faithful. Scripture reminds us that this is what the love of the Lord looks like. What's more, this steadfast love of our Lord never ceases, never gives up, never fails. Our faithful God showers his great mercies on us in new ways every morning.

We are so very thankful to have seen school resume in Gawa. We continue to be surprised and amazed at the many ways our faithful Lord is providing for the people of Gawa. Thank you for continuing to journey with us, for your prayers, support and encouragements. It truly is a blessing to be part of God's continuing plan in this small but precious community.

Karen

School Resumes in Gawa

It is with great joy that we are busy getting on with school in Gawa. This term, we returned to our school buildings and felt an overwhelming sense of God's goodness and faithfulness. We were able to enjoy some of the 'comforts' that we had missed, like air conditioning, sitting at desks for our lessons, lots of room to move about, and the playground!

In Mayawa class, students have been busy learning about the different ways that people and things move. They have experimented with dominoes, seen inside a small plane here at our airstrip, as well as flying their own paper planes. Damala class students have been learning about different forms of energy and have enjoyed experimenting with solar and electronics kits. Our students were also excited to receive lovely new school shirts in traditional Warramiri colours.

We are also excited that we have a new family coming to join us in Gawa next term! Bruce and Cathie Price and family will be joining us in mid-August. Bruce and Cathie will be team teaching in our Damala classroom and recently spent a week in Gawa meeting the community.

Welcome to the Price family who will be joining us next term!
Creating a Vision

“What are the great things about living in Gawa? What makes life difficult? What things would we like to see in the future?” What is the ‘gatjpu’yumnirr’ (hope) for Gawa? Children, community and staff members had the opportunity to discuss these ideas together during a three day workshop. We shared our joys and challenges about living and working in Gawa, and brainstormed goals and possible solutions. From ideas generated we were able to highlight our community’s top priorities for planning ahead for the future.

First barge lands in Gawa

The entire Gawa community gathered excitedly for the first landing of the Seaswift barge! This fortnightly service will bring supplies from Darwin directly to Gawa. What an amazing provision, not only for the school, but the whole community!

To prepare for the re-opening of the school, the Gawa community took part in a dedication and celebration of God’s provision and rule over this place. A memorial rock was placed at the school and prayers were shared for God’s ongoing blessing and renewal of Gawa.

Give thanks for this new season back in our school facilities. We are blessed with a strong partnership of Yolngu and Balanda working alongside one another, and have been spending time together as we plan for a strong future for our children.

Mid Year Holiday Break commences June 20. Students return for Term 3 on July 26!