

"THE STEADFAST LOVE OF THE LORD
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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 Gäwa. We continue to be surprised and amazed at the many ways our faithful Lord is providing for the people of Gäwa. 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 Gäwa



It is with great joy that we are busy getting on with school in Gäwa. 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 Gäwa 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 Gäwa meeting the community.



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



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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.

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 'gatju'yunmirr' (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!



OUR NEW BUILDINGS ALMOST COMPLETE!

Our new Principal's house and visitor accommodation are very close to completion. The new Solar installation has now been commissioned and is completely powering the school site! We are very thankful for the blessings these facilities and resources are providing.

MID YEAR HOLIDAY BREAK
COMMENCES JUNE 20.
STUDENTS RETURN FOR
TERM 3 ON JULY 26!

GÄWA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST - PRINCIPAL

Are you a committed leader who is able to meet the challenges and joys of living out your Christian faith in a remote, indigenous setting?

Do you have a love for Christian education and a desire to enter a rich partnership with the local community? Are you prepared for an adventure and to be embraced by the lifestyle, culture and language of Elcho Island?

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