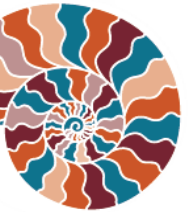


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Parent/ Guardian Notices

16 February 2018, Week 3 Term 1

Pupil Free Day

Wednesday, 7 March will be a pupil free day at Darwin Middle School to allow for a professional development course for teachers. There will be no supervision for students and alternative arrangements will need to be made.

Parent Teacher Interviews– Term 1

Parent teacher interviews will be held across two evenings at Darwin Middle School:

Year 7 students: Tuesday, 27 March from 3pm until 7pm

Year 8 and 9 students: Wednesday, 28 March from 3pm to 7pm

Access to the online booking system is through the Darwin Middle School website (<http://www.darwinmiddle.nt.edu.au/>) and will be available **from 9am, Tuesday, 20 March**. Select the **Parent Tools** tab and select Parent Teacher Interviews.

Click 'Obtain PIN/Password' and enter your email address. Your PIN will be emailed to you. If you do not receive an email please contact the school on 8942 5200 to check your details.

Parents can log in and book appointments **until 9 pm Monday, 26 March**. Students from our Welcoming Committee will be available on both evenings to assist you in finding your way around school; they can be identified by the bright orange clipboards. We look forward to seeing you.

Important Dates

School Photos

Tuesday & Wednesday

27 & 28 February

(Catch up: Thursday, 22 March)

Pupil Free Day

Wednesday 7 March

Year 7 Immunisations

Week 6

DMS AGM

Wednesday 14 March



Board Members trying out the new DMS Varsity Jacket and Crumpler school bag, now available for purchase at the Administration Office



Darwin Middle School is a member of the Darwin City Schools, in partnership with Darwin High School, Northern Territory Open Education Centre, Ludmilla Primary, Larrakeyah Primary, Stuart Park Primary and Parap Primary Schools

DMS Skoolbag App

Please note the Darwin Middle School Skoolbag App is no longer active. For student absence notification or to update your details, please use the new Darwin Middle School webpage or email the school directly.

Darwin Middle School Uniforms

Parents are advised the previous emulsion print school shirt will no longer be accepted as part of the Darwin Middle School uniform from the beginning of Semester 2, 2018. This is for safety reasons. Uniform shirts and shorts can be purchased throughout the year from the front office or online through the DMS webpage.

Year 7 Immunisation– Week 6

Immunisations for all Year 7 students will be administered during Week 6. The two vaccinations provided are Boostrix which protects against diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (or whooping cough), and Gardasil that protects against Human Papillomavirus. Further details can be found on the consent forms and on the link to a Government website below

We strongly recommend students receive these two vaccines and have sent consent forms home with students this week. Could parents/carers please sign and return these forms as quickly as possible. Spare copies are held at the front office. If you do not wish for your child to receive these vaccines or they have had these recently, could you please indicate this on the form. For further information regarding immunisations, please visit the following link:

<https://nt.gov.au/wellbeing/healthy-living/immunisation/child-vaccinations>

School Photos

School photos will take place at the school in Week 5 on Tuesday, 27 February and Wednesday, 28 February. A catch up day will be held in Week 8, Thursday, 22 March.

Spare payment envelopes are available from the Office of Good Standing for students to collect. Please note only one envelope per household needs to be completed. Orders can also be made online at www.ntschoolorportraits.com.au with the pre paid discount code **DMS2018** valid until Friday, 16 March. If you have any questions please contact NT School Portraits on 8914 0000.

School Buses

If your child will be catching a school bus to and from school, please visit the following link to find the best bus route and timetable.

<https://nt.gov.au/driving/public-transport-cycling/school-bus-darwin/darwin-high-school-darwin-middle-school>. School buses drop off and collect students at the back of the school. Students in school uniform can use school and public buses free for travel.

NT Government Sports Vouchers

The distribution of Semester 1, 2018 sports vouchers for returning Darwin Middle School students is now complete. If your child did not receive a voucher, is in Year 7 or new to the Northern Territory, you will need to apply online at www.sportvoucher.nt.gov.au or contact the Sport Voucher Team on 1800 817 860 to have a voucher issued directly to you.



Maths Help– Day Change

There will be a Maths Help group running on **Wednesday afternoons from 2:30pm to 3:15pm in 3F**. Mrs Moon (katelyn.moon@ntschoools.net) will be available for Year 9 students and Mr Ehrlich (luke.ehrlich@ntschoools.net) will be available for Year 7 students.

Afterschool Homework Support

Darwin Middle School will be offering an after school Homework Support Program in 2018. Students will have the opportunity to work on class assignments and homework in a relaxed and quiet environment. Sessions began in Week 2, Tuesday, 6 February and are conducted every Tuesday and Thursday from 2:30pm until 3:30pm in the school Library. These sessions are fully supervised. If you would like your child to attend, please fill out a permission form and return it to the front office. Permission forms can be collected by students from the Office of Good Standing or Administration Office. Alternatively you can contact the office to request a form be emailed to you. Students who would normally catch a school bus home will need to make alternative arrangements as no school buses will be available. Please contact Sue Neal (sue.neal@ntschoools.net) should you require any more information.



School Bus Routes 100 & 203 – bus stop 424 Darwin High / Middle Schools

Teachers, students, parents and carers are advised that due to safety concerns created by extra traffic flow from Muirhead, bus stop 424 on **Lee Point Road** will not be used for school bus routes 100 and 203 as of **Monday 19 February 2018**.

Students board at bus stop 424 are advised to use school bus stop 614 on Yanyula Drive or 531 on Moil Crescent.

For more information, please contact Public Transport on 8924 7666 or email: public.transport@nt.gov.au

Year 8 and 9 Singapore STEM Tour

This year Darwin Middle School will be offering 40 students from Year 8 and 9 the opportunity to travel to Singapore to engage in STEM activities and experiences. The purpose of this notification is to give advance notice to parents and guardians that this experience is on offer this year. Formal information and permission notes will be provided to parents/guardians on Monday 26 February.

The tour will take place from 16-23 August 2018 (week 4, term 3) and will cost \$2650.00. A deposit of \$500 will be required to nominate your child's interest in the tour and will not be accepted until Thursday 8 March.

We are excited to be able to offer this experience to our students this year and are in the midst of finalising the details for this trip. We look forward to providing parents and students more information in the coming weeks and answering any queries you may have in Week 5.

Staff Contact List

An updated Teacher and Staff email list for Term 1 is now available. A copy can be obtained from the front office, on the [Darwin Middle School](http://www.darwinmiddle.nt.edu.au) webpage or by emailing at admin.darwinmiddle@ntschoools.net.



Week 4 Lunch Specials:

Monday:	Singapore Noodle & Vegetables
Tuesday:	Beef Hamburgers
Wednesday:	Chicken Parmigiana & Oven Baked Chips
Thursday:	Thai Red Curry & Rice
Friday:	Chicken Nachos

Gluten free options now available

The café now stocks gluten free pies and sausage rolls. Orders must be placed at the café during Roll Group.

Please ensure your child has the correct currency in coins and notes. No foreign currency will be accepted.