

2017 Remembrance Day

The 11th November, 2017 marked the 99th anniversary of the Armistice which ended the First World War. Today, our school held a special assembly to commemorate, to remember, to honour and to give thanks to all our heroes, past and present for their services and sacrifices. We also thanked all the families who have lived through difficult times and for all their sacrifices.

Special thanks to our guest speaker, Warrant Officer Mark Mitchell from the Royal Australian Navy who shared a few words with us. A large number of students assisted with the assembly in their roles as ADF Cadets, wreath layers, dance performers, reciting poetry and organising the running of the program. Special thanks also goes to Mr Manning for playing the Last Post and Rouse, Mr Robinson for assisting with the ADF Cadets, Ms Skeggs and her art students for the amazing art decorations and wreaths, Ms Etherington for organising the music, Ms Jacobs for choreographing the dance performance, Ms Loeliger and Mrs Holt (photographers), Mr Vanderwey (video), Jacklyn Kerr, Angus Johnstone, Dave Dutton and Carolyn Mu (coordinator).

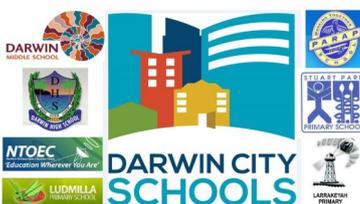
Lest We Forget

Important Dates

Academic Awards Evening
Thursday 30 November

Year 9 Graduation Dinner
Friday 8 December

Last Day of School
Thursday 14 December

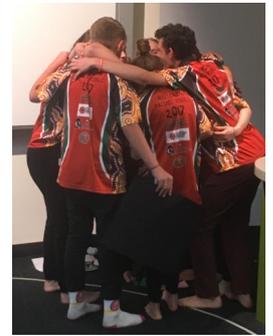


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in partnership with
Darwin High School, Northern Territory Open Education Centre,
Ludmilla Primary, Larrakeyah Primary, Stuart Park Primary and
Parap Primary Schools

Tournament of Minds - Australasian Pacific Final

In week 3, our Tournament of Minds teams travelled to Adelaide to compete in the Australasian Pacific Finals. Our two teams competed in their disciplines of Social Sciences and Language Literature, against teams from around Australia, New Zealand, Vietnam and Thailand.

Our teams did extremely well with strong performances and were extremely competitive against the other teams. A huge congratulations to our Language Literature team who achieved Honours (runners up) in their division. We are very proud of both teams for all of their hard work in the lead up to their trip and their outstanding results in the competition.



Social Sciences team – Alice Neill, Harriet Masters-Jones, Koko Lawton, Bridgette Davies, Vi Nguyen and Elodie Wagon

Language Literature team – Andre Price-Quinter (DHS Year 10), Alanah Hardy (DHS Year 10), Angus Gurry, Lilli Cowan, Brooke Henry, Lauren O'Brien and Tobias Balcombe-Ehrlich

The teams would like to thank the following businesses for their support and valuable contributions to fundraising efforts that allowed the students to travel interstate:

Darwin Trailer Boat Club, All Lights, Officeworks, Fishing & Outdoor World, Fernwood, Parap Fine Foods, Mad About Coffee, Paraphernalia, Parap Newsagency, Moorish Café, Cowan Family/ Don White Framing, Little Miss Flowers, Austin Martial Arts, Titan Diesel Services, Nightcliff Newsagency and Elevated.



ASPIRE Program Scholarship 2018

Congratulations to Year 9 student Georgia Kyranis who has been successful in securing a place on the Charles Darwin University ASPIRE Program for 2018. The process was extremely competitive this year and Georgia is a most deserving recipient.

Apple for the Teacher

Ms Monica Jacobs and Ms Charlee Shone have been nominated in this years 'Apple for the Teacher' competition. Voting can be done via the Hot 100 webpage at

<https://www.hot100fm.com.au/win/apple-for-the-teacher-2017>



Science & Engineering National Finals

On 3 November, 32 of our Year 8 and 9 students participated in the Science and Engineering Challenge National Finals in Dubbo, NSW. The top performing school from each State and Territory that participated in the Regional and Super Finals, were invited to compete in the National Finals. Our students put in a stellar team effort and did exceptionally well to come in 5th place, which is the best result that an NT school has achieved in recent memory. Of particular mention, DMS won the catapult challenge with the farthest distance in 2017. Congratulations to our students who showed perseverance and grit to achieve the results that they did.



EAST POINT AERO MODELERS CLUB

OPEN DAY

Come and join us to have a look at remote control aero models:

- BBQ Breakfast and Lunch
- Flying display from remote control aero planes, helicopters and drones.
- Static display of remote control aircraft, including WWII models to the modern jets



For all generations old and young.

17 December 2017 9am – 2:30pm

LOT 5775 Alec Fong Lim Dr,
East Point NT 0820



**Top End Orienteers
invite you to come and
'Explore the Urban Bush'**

Top End Orienteers are holding a series of orienteering events on Thursday evenings.

Where/When:

26th October: Darwin Esplanade-Bicentennial Park playground

2nd November: Casuarina Reserve- Dripstone Cliffs

9th November: Holmes Jungle- Hilltop picnic area

Friday 17th November - Night Event, Knuckeyes Lagoon Scout Hall (6.45 pm start, Score event, and end of year social.

23rd November - Gunn Escarpment - Reggies Park

Time: Starts available between 5:15 pm and 5.45 pm Courses close 7:00 pm

Cost: \$5 per entry

Courses: Each Thursday there will be four options:

□ Easy course — suitable for novices; approx. 2.5 km

□ Scatter 12* — 12 checkpoints; approx. 3.0km

□ Scatter 15 — 15 checkpoints; approx. 4.0km

□ Scatter 18 — 18 checkpoints; approx. 5.0km

*What is a scatter course?

Scatter maps will have 20 checkpoints marked on them. At the start, competitors will nominate the number of checkpoints they will try to visit based on their ability and fitness. Competitors visit these checkpoints as quickly as possible and be back to the finish by course closure at 7 pm

You can participate individually or in groups, beginners and experienced orienteers welcome.

For more information contact

Email: topendorienteersNT@gmail.com or www.teo.asn.au or Facebook



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Semester 2 School Reports

Semester 2 school reports will be mailed home to parents at the end of the school year. Please ensure you update your postal address with the school if you have moved since July this year by contacting the front office on 8942 5200 or email the updated details to admin.darwinmiddle@ntschoools.net

NT Cogso PareNT Newsletter

The fourth edition of the NT Cogso PareNT newsletter is now available via the following link <http://www.ntcogso.org.au/pages/pareNT.html> or through the DMS Skoolbag App.

Year 9 Graduation Dinner

The 2017 Year 9 Graduation Dinner will be held on Friday, 8 December at Kantillas Function Centre, TIO Stadium, Marrara from 6.30pm until 9.30pm. Permission notes can be collected from the Office of Good Standing. If you have any questions regarding this evening please email Mr Nickolaos Miaris, Year 9 Coordinator at nickolaos.miaris@ntschoools.net

2018 Darwin High School Enrolments

For information on how to enroll in Year 10 at Darwin High School in 2018, please visit <https://darwinhigh.nt.edu.au/enrolment/>

Key Dates

17 November- Register for Students of High Performance: English Testing

1 December- Students of High Performance: English Testing

4 December- Try Your Timetable Day

Please return completed enrolment forms and subject selections to the Office of Good Standing. If you have any questions regarding these dates please contact Darwin High School on 8999122 or email darwin.high@ntschoools.net

Maths Help for Students

Maths help sessions will be held on Thursday afternoons from 2.30pm to 3.15pm. If you have any questions please contact Katelyn Moon katelyn.moon@ntschoools.net. Students who catch school buses home will need to make alternative travel arrangements if attending these sessions.

Afterschool Homework Support

Darwin Middle School will continue to offer an after school Homework Support Program for students for term 4. Students will have the opportunity to work on class assignments and homework in a relaxed and quiet environment. Sessions are conducted every Tuesday and Thursday from 2:30pm until 3:30pm in the school Library and will be fully supervised. If you would like your child to attend, please fill out a permission form and return to the front office. Permission forms can be collected by students from the Office of Good Standing or via the Skoolbag App. 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 via email sue.neal@ntschoools.net should you require any more information.

New School Term Dates

From 2018, term and semester breaks will be in a 1,3,2,6 model compared to the current 1,4,1,6 model. This means a three week break in June/July and a longer two week break before Term 4, with the Christmas break the same at six weeks. Term 1 will run for 11 weeks, Terms 2 and 3 for 10 weeks and Term 4 for nine weeks.

The decision to change the school term dates is a direct result from feedback provided through the three rounds of consultation conducted throughout 2015 and 2016 by the Department of Education.

The new school term dates and holiday breaks have been approved for a five-year period, commencing in 2018. For further information please visit the [Department of Education](http://www.education.nt.gov.au) webpage.

Healthy Eating for Students

Darwin Middle School is promoting health eating for our students in line with the Department of Education's Canteen, Nutrition and Healthy Eating Policy and Guidelines. To help support this students are not allowed to order pizza or other fast food deliveries to the school for themselves. If students do so, the food will be confiscated and parents will be informed. Poor diets which involve eating snack/junk foods that are high in sugars and fats in the short term have a direct negative

effect in student's performance in school and can contribute to lower achievements and behavioral problems in class. Parents who bring their child lunch to school are encouraged to provide them with a healthy option. For further information regarding this policy and guideline please visit the following link

<https://education.nt.gov.au/education/policies/canteen-nutrition-and-healthy-eating>



Week 6 Lunch Specials:

Monday	Creamy Fettuccini Alfredo
Tuesday	Chicken Fried Rice
Wednesday	Spaghetti Bolognese
Thursday	Thai Padkin Curry with Rice
Friday	Chicken Burgers

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.