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A Northern Territory Government
Independent Public School

DARWIN
MIDDLE SCHOOL

Parent/ Guardian Notices

13 October 2017, Week 1 Term 4

NAIDOC Week

At the end of last term, Darwin Middle School celebrated NAIDOC Week with special guest performances, activities for students including spear throwing and bush tucker demonstrations and a free BBQ tasting of crocodile, wild boar, kangaroo and buffalo sausages for students and staff.



2018 Darwin High School Enrolments

- 14 October- Centre of Excellence testing
- 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



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

Apple for the Teacher– Help Find the NT’s Favourite Teacher

Charles Darwin University, Hot100FM and Harvey Norman are again teaming up to help find the Northern Territory’s favourite teacher. Nominations will be open from Monday, 16 October via the Hot100FM webpage www.hot100fm.com.au. Not only does the teacher with the most votes claim the 2017 title, there are several prizes to the winning school and classes. Get voting for DMS!

Congratulations

Meg Marker and Bernie Dunn , Year 7 students at DMS represented the Northern Territory for cycling at the National Junior Track Series Round 1 in Melbourne last weekend. After a fantastic weekend of racing by both athletes, Meg Marker is currently in 2nd place overall in Under 15's women's winning finals in the Elimination and Points Races and securing second placings in the Scratch and Keirin Finals. Meg will go on to compete in Sydney, Brisbane and Adelaide over the next three months. Bernie Dunn, in his first year of NJTS in Under 15 Men's, is placed 26th out of 40 athletes. The students' families and Darwin Cycling Club are really proud of their efforts and sportsmanship at this National event.



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.

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.

Student Contact Details

A reminder to parents and carers to ensure all contact details including postal addresses are updated at the school. If you need to update your details please email admin.darwinmiddle@ntschoools.net, use the Skoolbag App or call on 8942 5200.

Student Lockers and Bags

The Office of Good Standing will no longer be looking after bags and other items for students during the school day. There are lockers available throughout the school with students needing to provide their own lock.

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.



U13 MONDAYS
U15 MONDAYS
MEN TUESDAYS
WOMEN THURSDAYS
MIXED FRIDAYS

DARWIN SUPER 7'S
PLAY THE GAME

For more information go to the FFNT website at www.footballnt.com.au or contact our office on 892 81006 or by email: admin@footballnt.com.au

STARTS MONDAY 16 OCTOBER 2017



Banks Bulldogs



Football Club

AFL Football Club
Established 1978

For more information
and to express your
interest please contact

Banks Juniors

Managers

Emma Pick
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PLAY AFL FOR FREE

Join our family Club!

WANTED players for the 2017/18 season

U12 Boys and Girls born 06/07 of all ability welcome

U14 Boys born 04/05

FREE REGISTRATION AND PLAYING UNIFORM

TRAINING

Gardens Oval – Tuesday and Thursdays 4:30-5:30 starting in
September



Week 2 Lunch Specials:

Monday	Vegetarian Pasta Bake
Tuesday	Moroccan Spiced Chicken and Salad Wraps
Wednesday	Creamy Spaghetti Carbonara
Thursday	Beef and Pumpkin Curry with Rice
Friday	Fish and Chips

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.