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DARWIN
MIDDLE SCHOOL

Parent/ Guardian Notices

27 October 2017, Week 3 Term 4

World Teachers Day

To help celebrate World Teachers Day, a group of Year 7 students and Mr Vanderwey visited our feeder primary schools as well as the Chief Executive's office to deliver a basket of scones as a thank you for all their hard work for the teachers and Department of Education Executives.



Road Works– Atkins Drive

Parent and guardians are advised there will be road resurfacing along Atkins Drive commencing next week. It is envisaged, weather permitting the work will take two days to complete. Please be patient, and cautious of the machinery, road workers other road users and allow extra travel time when in this area.

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, 23 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.

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

Important Dates

Science & Engineering
National Finals– Dubbo

1– 5 November

Academic Awards Evening

Thursday 30 November

Year 9 Graduation Dinner

Friday 8 December

:Last Day of School

Thursday 14 December



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

Wet Season Netball Competition

The netball competition has commenced on Wednesday nights at the Darwin Netball Association courts at Marrara. Games start at 7:15pm and conclude at approximately 8:00pm. If you are dropping off and picking up your child from the courts please endeavor to be there at this time.

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 were given to students today. If your child did not receive a note, they can collect one 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

Congratulations Pumper Jumpers

Three talented Year 7 DMS students have been selected to represent Australia at the World Skipping Championships in Shanghai, China in July 2018. Rory Ker, Olivia Browne and Sammy George competed as a team, which also includes Sammy's sister Abbey, at the Australia Skipping Championships held on the Gold Coast in September. They won a swag of bronze medals and a gold medal for a double dutch speed skipping event. Skipping Championships are run according to a strict set of rules, similar to gymnastic competitions. Judges assess the skipping elements included in the routines such as crosses, multiples and releases and the group's presentation skills, including the use of music, body form and execution. Participants also compete in speed and endurance skipping assessments. Rory, Olivia and Sammy train as part of the NT Pumper Jumpers squad. A total of nine NT skippers were selected to be a part of Australian team. Congratulations on your selection.



Congratulations

Maneeza Rahmany, Year 9 was recently awarded the Australia's Young Designer of the Year for 2017 at the Apex Australia Teenage Fashion and Arts Youth Festival. Maneeza has been designing and entering her fashion range at the NTeen Fashion Festival s for the last three years and we congratulate her for her recent win and hard work



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.

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.

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](#) webpage.

ROUTE 100

Changes start 30 October 2017

Students, parents and carers are advised that a change to school bus route **100** will commence on **Monday 30 October 2017**.

Route **100** is being extended to Vanderlin Drive Berrimah.

Route **100** will now depart opposite Pets Village at 6:50 am at bus stop 196 and finish at 3:45 pm at bus stop 283 on Vanderlin Drive Berrimah. This extension should not affect the arrival and departure times from Darwin Middle and High Schools.

Please refer to the updated map attached to this flyer.

This change should not negatively affect any student travel.

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



NT Bus Tracker



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Week 4 Lunch Specials:

Monday	Homemade Sweet Potato and Feta Sausage Rolls
Tuesday	Beef Stroganoff with Pasta
Wednesday	Chicken Drumsticks, Vegetables and Gravy
Thursday	Thai Beef Massaman Curry with Rice
Friday	Chicken Parmigiana Rolls

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.

TRIVIA NIGHT!



Please come and join us at the Trailer Boat Club for a Trivia Night to support the Pumper Jumpers on their journey to Worlds!!

When: 9th Nov

Time: 6:30 start

Where: Trailer Boat Club

Entry Cost: \$20 per person

Raffle tickets will be sold on the night.

Please contact Kim Rowe

kim.rowe@ntschoools.net to book tickets.

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