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DARWIN
MIDDLE SCHOOL

Parent/ Guardian Notices

3 November 2017, Week 4 Term 4

HMAS Darwin

On Wednesday, a group of defence students travelled to Fort Hill Wharf to commemorate HMAS Darwin's final visit. HMAS Darwin will be decommissioned on 9 December 2017 after 33 years of service in the Royal Australian Navy.

On Sunday 5 November, 4.00-8.00 pm HMAS Darwin will hold an Open Day at Fort Hill Wharf. There will be lots of activities and food stalls. No bags, bikes, skateboards or animals are allowed.



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>

Important Dates

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

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.

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 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.

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.

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.



Northern Territory
HMAS DARWIN
 – Final Darwin Visit

1 – 6 NOVEMBER 2017

Wednesday 1 November, 10:00-11:00am
 HMAS Darwin Arrives – Fort Hill Wharf, public welcome (gates open 9:00am, NO bags, bikes, skateboards & animals)

Saturday 4 November, 9:20-11:00am
 HMAS Darwin exercises Freedom of Entry through the City of Darwin – Rain-tree Park (Smith Street Mall)

Sunday 5 November, 4:00-8:00pm
 HMAS Darwin Open Day - Fort Hill Wharf (gates open 4:00pm, NO bags, bikes, skateboards & animals)

Open day activities include:

- Static displays, giveaways and fun filled activities for all
- Food Stalls

Monday 6 November, 10:00-11:00am
 HMAS Darwin Departs – Fort Hill Wharf, public welcome (gates open 9:00am, NO bags, bikes, skateboards & animals)



Week 5 Lunch Specials:

Monday	Stir fry Vegetables with Noodles
Tuesday	Chicken Stroganoff with pasta
Wednesday	Chicken and Lamb Yiros
Thursday	Thai Beef Massaman with Rice
Friday	Beef 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.

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.