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DARWIN
MIDDLE SCHOOL

Parent/ Guardian Notices

24 November 2017, Week 7 Term 4

Northern Territory Young Scientist Awards

Thursday night saw the awarding of the Northern Territory Young Scientists Awards. Many Darwin Middle School students were recognised for the great work they have completed in their Science classes throughout the year. Due to the fantastic achievement of our students, Darwin Middle School was also awarded the Rowe Scientific Middle Years School Award.

Congratulations to the following students for their efforts:

Innovation and Invention Award

1st – Aydar Zarifullin

Scientific Communication Model

1st – Riveen Abeywickrama, William Siviour and Aidan Latz

Scientific Communication Poster

1st – Hannah Lo

2nd – Emily Ross

Scientific Communication Video

1st – Jemma Curran

3rd – Atish Ajaykumar

1st – Fisher Harris, Alexandra Blyton and Rosanna Materazzo

Scientific Communication Web or Computer based

1st – Jackson Richards

2nd – Ashlin Buckley

3rd – Andrew Savvas

Scientific Inquiry

2st – Ben Kievit

2nd – Jessica Lai

3rd – Andrew Savvas

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

STEM in the NT Life individual / group

3rd – Ginger Albers

1st – Lila Campbell, Jennifer Betzel and Polly Hayes

2nd – Riveen, Abeywickrama, William Siviour and Aidan Latz

3rd – Ningali Ward, Tully Vlahovic and Isabelle Dawson

STEM in the NT Investigation

1st – Georgina Roy, Sydnee Fletcher and Celina Choong

2nd – Rosanna Materazzo, Lilli Cowan and Alexandra Blyton

RACI Crystal Growing Competition and National finalist

1st – Riane McColm – Monaghan

Menzies School of Health Middle School Science Encouragement Award

Huw Wiltshire



Tax Talk

This Friday, Christine Steadman from the Australian Tax Office came to our school to talk to Year 9 students about tax and superannuation. Students learned about the importance of having a tax file number and keeping track of their superannuation. The talk was a good introduction for these young adults as they begin or continue their journey into the workforce as young adults.



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 Please note students must have Good Standing to attend.

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.

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

1 December- Students of High Performance: English Testing

4 December- Try Your Timetable Day

If you have any questions regarding these dates please contact Darwin High School on 8999122 or email darwin.high@ntschoools.net

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.

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 8 Lunch Specials:

Monday	Macaroni Cheese
Tuesday	Porcupine Meatballs with rice
Wednesday	Chicken Burgers
Thursday	Thai Stir-fry Chicken 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