Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all managed to stay warm during the sudden onset of our cooler weather in the last week or so. There certainly have been numerous students and staff who have been ill recently - no doubt the change in weather has been a contributing factor.

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) is responsible for the development of a national curriculum, a national assessment program and a national data collection and reporting program for all Australian school students. ACARA has recently released draft Australian Curriculum materials for students with disability. Our school is one of 25 schools throughout Australia that are trialing the new materials this term. Families too are welcome to have a look at the information through the ACARA website. If you would like any information regarding this exciting project, please don’t hesitate to contact me (or Elaine Ainslie).

Last Wednesday, approximately 26 students participated in the School Sport Athletics carnival at Marrara. For several students, this carnival will be the start of further representation at a wider and even more competitive level. However, regardless of their individual performances, once again we received extremely positive feedback about the effort, sportsmanship and thoughtfulness shown by all students. This week, several students attended the Aussie T Ball Challenge at Tracey Village. Again, everyone had a go and enjoyed the opportunity to mix with students from many other local schools. Well done students!

At Nemarluk School we believe that it is extremely important that our students learn practical skills that will help them to become as independent as possible – “Education for Life”. Students “learn through doing”. Learning should also be meaningful and enjoyable. This term, our Maths committee has been busily coordinating a “Potato Olympics”. To be held in week 10, this event will be a culmination of lots of learning and practice that students will have experienced within the Maths area - using potatoes, they will be learning so much about measurement, time, size, shapes and lots more. It should be a very enjoyable, different and motivating program for everyone.

This week, our Assistant Principal, Lorraine, commenced a period of Long Service Leave until the end of the term to travel overseas. We welcome Mrs Elaine Ainslie to the position of Acting Assistant Principal during Lorraine’s absence.

Mrs De Boddy has been an extremely enthusiastic member of our teaching and leadership teams at our school. Unfortunately (for us), De has been appointed to a Project Manager position with Student Services and will be providing advice, guidance and mentoring to the Special Education teachers across the NT. De’s appointment commences on Monday 3 September and continues until the end of 2013. We wish De well with her new responsibilities and know that she will keep in touch with us.

I hope families took the opportunity to attend the Children’s Party at Government House last Saturday morning and that you enjoyed the event. Now we’re well into the excitement of the Darwin Festival. Enjoy the weekend and the many wonderful activities that Darwin has to offer.
Our new room between room 10 and the sports shed

Cameron using unifix cubes to help with addition

Dane using chalk to copy his numbers

Latoya using an ipad to create colourful images

Roxanne using the whiteboard to write out numbers

In room nine we do play based learning making our work fun, creative. It lets us explore, take chances, and participate. Our students are awesome.

Siannah is using a puzzle to learn shapes
School Sport City Cluster Athletics

23 students represented Nemarluk at the City Cluster Athletics. 11 of these students will now go on to compete in the NT Championships representing the cluster. WELL DONE EVERYONE WE ARE ALL VERY, VERY PROUD
Whole School Positive Behaviour Support—WSPBS

Nemarluk Gold Award

The Nemarluk Gold Award and trophy will continue to be given to the student who earns the most number of tokens for following the three school rules:-
- I am a learner,
- I am safe,
- I am respectful.

From this term onwards we also include a list of the top 10 students who have claimed tokens for showing these behaviours.

The top 10 students this fortnight are:-

1. Ambrose
2. Amanda
3. Peter C
4. Jack P
5. Leeam
6. Jye N-S
7. William W
8. Gregory C
9. Jeffrey J
10. Kai and Cruz

Congratulations to all of you and well done!

Nemarluk Gold Award.

Awarded to

**Ambrose Burrenjuck**

Who received award nominations in all three categories:

**I am a learner**
**I am safe**
**I am respectful**

Congratulations - you are a respected Nemarluk student

***57 students were nominated for the awards***

Kids Matter 20—Social and Emotional Development

HOW CHILDREN CAN RESOLVE CONFLICT:
Further information on helping children resolve conflict is available in the KidsMatter Primary resource sheet on *Learning to resolve conflict* and on our Kidsmatter website

www.kidsmatter.edu.au/resources/information-resources

Social Media and School Events

These days social media such as facebook, twitter, blogs etc. is one of the ways we all communicate. It’s also a big part of the culture of social media to share photos. Sometimes our families enthusiastically take photos of their children when they are here for special events. However, at times, other children may appear in these photos (especially class photos). Several members of our school community, for many and varied reasons, cannot have their faces and names accessible on the internet. Therefore, we ask that parents do not post photos to their personal social media pages of school events which include other children.

Thank you for your help in keeping all our students cyber safe.

Parents, staff, contractors, visitors

Please ensure you sign in at the office if you need to proceed through to the rest of the school area.

This helps us to keep your child safe.
DENTAL MATTERS: Many Nemarluk parents and carers have already arranged a dental check-up appointment for their children this year. It is very important that your child's has an oral health check every 12 months, as bad teeth and gums can cause other illnesses.

This is an invitation to those families whose child/ren have not had a dental check-up this year, to contact Parap School Dental Clinic on 89822966 to arrange a suitable appointment time. The dental staff will be working at Ludmilla Dental clinic for 10 days in September. If this location suits you better this can be arranged when you ring Parap.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: All children attending dental appointments will be required to be accompanied by a parent or carer. Being present during your child's appointment helps you to understand what treatment is required and how to keep your child's mouth and teeth healthy. Parents can access dental services for their children at any NT Government facility that is convenient to their child/ren's school, home or workplace.

For further information visit the Oral Health Services website: www.health.nt.gov.au/oral_health

For sale - packets of original cards produced by students in the Senior Class.

Send in your order via the office or child's communication book. Each pack contains a variety of 3 cards for all occasions. Xmas cards will also be available in October.

Only $7.50 per pack

Fundraising for Nemarluk School

We are still collecting Paul's Collect a Caps.

Woolworths Earn and Learn stickers collection has now come to an end but we are still collecting any stickers families and friends may have.

Coles Sports for Schools vouchers also ended but still being collected by us.

Thanks for your continued support!

The Potato Olympics—Week 10
Start training now...

Coins for Biniam

We are challenging ourselves to beat last term’s total of $125.00 that was collected for Biniam, our sponsor child in Ethiopia. So far we have $27.00. Thank you!

Please keep your spare 5c and 10c coins and send them in for us to count and tally. We have learnt so much through this worthwhile task such as writing letters, counting and tallying coins, how banks work and much more. Recently we received an update of Biniam’s progress and it is wonderful to see how much our contributions help him and his village. BIG THANKS to those who have already sent in some coins to start the collection this term!

Handmade Cards

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SWIM PANTS

The Togglz Swim Pant is designed to keep urine and faecal matter out of the water enabling the wearer to swim at the pool, attend hydrotherapy or go to the beach. Flexible and comfortable with a built-in brief, toggles at the waist and legs for a secure fit.

Kids sizes: 2-4 to 14-16 years of age
RRP $55.00

Adults sizes: Small through to XXXL
RRP $66.00

CONNECTIONS TO DARWIN
FOR FAMILIES OF CHILDREN WITH AUTISTIC SPECTRUM DISORDER & Better Start Clients

Ann Crane, Occupational Therapist, is returning to Darwin.

24 to 29 September

Ann specialises in:
Sensory integration/modulation, therapeutic listening, hand function, investigating sensory issues which affect behavior.

2 session recommended.
Average Costings: $300 ph, $450 per 1 1/2 hrs.
For further information and bookings, contact Ann on cranes1@bigpond.net.au or phone 0409090014

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Alawa Primary School is situated across the oval from Nemarluk School. We wish to advise the we are currently accepting enrolments for 2013.

Siblings of students enrolled at Nemarluk School may enrol at Alawa Primary. If you are considering this for next year (or earlier), please contact Alawa Primary to discuss enrolment.

Alawa Primary is the NT demonstration school for the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program.

Please feel free to have a look at the school’s website www.schools.nt.edu.au/alawa

Regards,
Fathma Mauger, Principal