Dear families

Term 2 is progressing well. We welcome Virg Hughes to the school as the second Assistant Principal. I will get Virg to write a short introduction next newsletter.

This term we are trialling the newsletter coming to you in weeks 3, 6 and 9. This will work better for the school as it will help us get information such as assembly programs to families in a more timely manner. We have assembly on Thursday morning (8.45) next week. Teachers will let you know if your child is receiving an award or participating in a performance. This assembly will be a little different as the senior students, who lead assembly, will be at camp in Batchelor. The ‘campers’ are excited—they always have fun but also learn a lot about themselves and their peers.

Some families would have received their child’s program review report. These reviews continue over term 2 and 3 so we can have individual meetings with families. Please contact the office to confirm the meeting time/date when you get the appointment letter. There is some flexibility but hopefully with good notice families can arrange to attend at the time suggested. In such a big school it is a tight logistical exercise to get all the meetings in the time available.

I encourage families to read the reports and the plans carefully and bring to their child’s meeting any questions, plans and ideas for the future.

The new School Council will meet on Monday May 13, 7.00pm, in the school staffroom. I look forward to working with the Council. There are some exciting activities planned for this term including the school athletics carnival and the quiz night on Saturday 25 May (see info in this edition).

Lorraine, Principal
This term, Ludmilla 2 students studied a variety of neighbouring countries as a part of their Unit Work.

The students wrote reports on an African animal and made mosaics on the animal studied. They helped to break tiles and to grout. The mosaics are a great accomplishment and they were all proud of their efforts.
Rooms 5 and 6 have started 2013 with some new friends and had some great new experiences. We have worked together to do a range of programs, including a unit of work on ‘Humpty Dumpty’ and other nursery rhymes. Students have particularly enjoyed sensory play where they have had the chance to play with ‘messy’ materials such as water, rice, goop and sand. Not only has this been relaxing and fun, but it has helped students get their bodies and minds ready for work! We have also had weekly visits to Alawa Primary’s excellent farm and garden, and looked at ways to be safe in the local community.
Ludmilla 1 class is doing a unit on gardening and recycling this term. We made our first trip to the Envirobank to do “cash for containers” for the drink containers we had been collecting — we got $44!! We will gladly accept any donations of drink containers that have the 10c refund.

Ludmilla Primary School is kindly letting us share their garden beds for our gardening this term. So far we have planted zucchini, cherry tomatoes, carrots, cucumbers, parsley and beans. Our plants need watering every day. We are also learning about composting, and adding to the school’s compost bin. Other activities in this unit will be going to the Shoal Bay Waste Disposal site and the dump shop and also visiting Henbury School’s Op Shop in Aralia St, Nightcliff. Thanks to Avanti Landscaping for their generous support with soil for our garden beds.

School Hats
Available from Nemarluk School office — in red or green
$6 each

Coins for Biniam
Room 13’s Senior Students collect, count and tally coins for Nemarluk’s sponsored child in Ethiopia.

Coin collecting continues again this term — we’ve had a great start with a bag of coins being dropped off last week and $33 already!! So please help again and keep those coins coming in …… Thank You
Hi, my name is Grant the green ant. I am the school mascot.

Whole School Positive Behaviour Support - WSPBS

**Nemarluk Gold Award**

The Nemarluk Gold Award and trophy is given to the student who earns the most number of tokens each fortnight for following the three school rules:

- I am a learner
- I am safe
- I am respectful

The top 10 students who have claimed tokens for showing these behaviours for this fortnight are:

1. Brandon K & Daniel R
2. Cameron S & Tiler A
3. Dominic P
4. Thomas H & Roanin S
5. Nadia K
6. Andrew K-N
7. Alex A & Shaun S
8. Nicole C & Ethan L-G
9. Emily E & Jason M
10. Jeffrey J

Congratulations to all of you and well done!

**Nemarluk Gold Award**

Awarded to **Brandon K & Daniel R**

Who received award nominations in all three categories:

- I am a learner
- I am safe
- I am respectful

Congratulations **Brandon & Daniel** you are a respected Nemarluk students

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Mother’s Day Raffle …

Thanks for supporting the Mother’s Day Raffle. There are more tickets available from the office if you would like a chance to win some fantastic prizes.

**Nemarluk School Quiz Night Fundraiser**

Where: Nemarluk Assembly Hall, 30 Styles St, Alawa.
Date: Saturday, 25th May
Time: 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start
Cost: $10 per seat (can pay prior, or payment accepted on the night)
Tables: up to 8 people per table
RSVP: Essential for numbers, please ring Nemarluk office on 8985 0400
Bring: A plate of food to share!! And a sense of fun ….

We are still looking for donations of items, vouchers, services etc that can be used for Raffle/Quiz Night/Silent Auction. If you or a business you know may be interested in assisting our school with donations for these events, please let us know. Thanks to Ducks Nut - Bar & Grill for vouchers for each of our fundraisers. Funds raised from these events will be used for the running costs of our 3 Nemarluk buses. Please put the Quiz Night in your diary, and we hope to see you there.

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*** 54 students were nominated for the awards ***
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‘Families working together: Getting the balance right’, encourages everyone to think about the way families can work together to achieve a happy and healthy lifestyle.

City of Darwin will be Celebrating Family Week with the Fun Bus, by providing a Family Fun morning on Thursday 16 May at Yanyula Park Anula 9.30am to 12.00noon.

Collect stickers for Nemarluk School today.
From Monday 8th April until Sunday 9th June

Special Needs Transport—Useful numbers: If your child does not require transport in the morning, please contact your child’s transport provider AND ring school.

Buslink Tel: 8947 0577  Metro Minibus Tel: 8932 5577  Nemarluk School Tel 89850400

It’s back and easier than ever to get great stuff for our school!