Term 1, 11 February, 2016

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Calendar:
Thursday 18 February
Whole School Assembly 8.45
Friday 19 February
Bombing of Darwin memorial service
Friday 4 March
School Clean up Day
Monday 14 March
School Council AGM, 5.30
Friday 18 March
Harmony Day event at school: 5.30-7.30

Dear Families
We have had a wonderful start to the 2016 school year. We have 158 students attending—the most ever for Nemarluk School. We welcome our new students and their families to our school community. There are lots of photos in this edition of the newsletter to show you all the great work going on in classes.

We have new staff to welcome as well and it is always a challenge to settle into a new teaching environment. Joan Curtain, Business Manager, is on leave for 6 months so I welcome Jenny Washington to this very important role. You will also meet Robyn Koschitzke in the office who has moved from Victoria.

I had the privilege of accompanying some of our students to the opening of Parliament House. What stars they all were! They watched the Lion Dancers, met our local MLA Lauren Moss, toured Parliament House, and had a yummy morning tea. I was so proud.

It is nearly School Council AGM time—Monday 14 March. School Council is so important! It gives families a say in how this school works. It also provides opportunities for School Council members to attend conferences and special events. Please contact Nicole Hamilton, current chairperson (ph 0401088924) or myself regarding nominating to be a member.

It is going to be an exciting year!
Lorraine Hodgson, Principal. 0477362855

SCHOOL COUNCIL REQUEST: information about SCHOOL TRANSPORT

Please contact the school or School Council if you have any comments to make regarding 2016 school transport arrangements. Email: Nemcouncil.chair@ntschools.net

I am a learner  I am safe  I am respectful
2016 Nemarluk Staff

Lorraine - Principal
Virg - Assistant Principal
Meena- Assistant Principal
Faye- Senior Teacher
Dave - Senior Teacher
Hennie- Senior Teacher
Jenny- Administration Manager
Joan A - Aboriginal & Islander Ed Worker (part time)
Robyn and Di - Admin Officers
Maggie - Teacher - Support Team
Helen - Teacher - Support Team
Sonja - Teacher - Support Team
Jacky - Teacher Support Team/Visible Learning
Bronwyn - Teacher- Support Team
Jon - Teacher - Music Program
Elaine - Support Officer - Classroom Support
Wendy—Support Officer—Library, Classroom Support
Maree– Support Officer—PBS, Classroom support
Denielle - Support Officer - Move Program
Heatherlee- Teacher Ludmilla 1
Debbie N- Support Officer Ludmilla 1
Arlene- Teacher Ludmilla 2
Jaime - Support Officer Ludmilla 2
Megan - Teacher Howard Spring 1
Michelle - Support Officer Howard Springs 1
Kate - Teacher Howard Springs T
Corallee—Support Officer Howard Springs T
Prue - Support Officer Nightcliff
Katrina- Teacher Nightcliff
Gynne - Teacher Wulagi 1
Gabby - Support Officer Wulagi 1
Kristy - Teacher Wulagi 2
Yulianah - Support Officer Wulagi 2
Alicia - Teacher Preschool
Bridget—Support Officer Preschool
Ruth - Teacher Millner 1
Sue - Support Officer Millner 2
Amanda - Teacher Stuart Park 1
Chris - Support Officer Stuart Park 1
Kristi - Teacher Stuart Park 2
Rina - Support Officer Stuart Park 2
Rochelle- Teacher Alawa
Kylie - Support Officer Alawa
Kimberly– Teacher Nemarluk 1
Sarah - Support Officer Nemarluk 1
Julie - Teacher Nemarluk 2
Kerry - Support Officer Nemarluk 2
Eleftheria - Teacher Nemarluk 3
Brad - Support Officer Nemarluk 3
Tabitha - Teacher Nemarluk 4
Shirley - Support Officer Nemarluk 4
Natalie - Teacher Nemarluk 5
Melissa - Support Officer Nemarluk 5
Britt - Teacher Nemarluk 6
Debbie W - Support Officer Nemarluk 6
Amie- Teacher Nemarluk 7
Bec - Teacher Nemarluk 7
Fiona - Support Officer Nemarluk 7
Michelle - Teacher Nemarluk 8
Juan - Support officer Nemarluk 8
Jordon - Teacher Nemarluk 9
Heather - Support Officer Nemarluk 9
Karen - Teacher Nemarluk 10
Lina - Support Officer Nemarluk 10
Linda - Teacher Nemarluk 11
Karla - Support Officer Nemarluk 11
Alison - School Counsellor
Sue - School Nurse
Vince - Maintenance Officer
Kathryn- Out of School Hours Care Coordinator

Children’s Development Team Therapists:-
Occupational Therapist— Melissa R, Mikhaila B
Speech Pathologist— Erin C, Sharon S
Physiotherapist— Rose S, Caroline G
Therapy Assistant— Tara I

Don’t forget to visit our website
......NEMARLUK SCHOOL

From the website you can notify the school of school absences, view newsletters, contact the school, check out the latest school news, photos and more!! Like us on FACEBOOK too

NEMARLUK SCHOOL
HARMONY DAY
Friday 18th March,
5.30-7pm

This is our first whole school event of the year and a chance for families to meet the class staff.

Further in-
Firstly we welcome the three new students to our class - Deklian, George and Andrew and congratulate them on a wonderful start to the year. So far this term we have been busy gardening and creating a lovely COLA (Covered Outdoor Learning Space) attached to our classroom. It is a beautiful space where we can run our lessons, read, play, do art and craft, sensory activities and complete our jobs or just go for some quiet time. We would like to enormously thank Sue (you can catch her at Coolalinga Markets each Saturday selling her plants) for the very kind donation of all of the plants that have turned a very boring concrete space into an enchanting garden. The boys have been enjoying the area while completing some fine motor activities, painting and playing on some wet morning tea and lunch times. The boys have also been working hard replanting plants, watering and making decorations for the area.
Watch out Nemarluk…our new pre-schoolers have arrived!!! A big congratulations to all our new students who have got off to a great start. Students are beginning to settle in well and are quickly picking up their new school routine.

This year we have a morning and an afternoon group attending preschool here at Nemarluk.

This year we have Alicia Long as our preschool teacher. Unfortunately Glenys Stafford is not able to join us this term, so the SESO is Bridget Gee.

We are looking forward to an exciting and busy year and would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new students and their families.

Welcome to Alex, Ambrose, James, Jayden, Kaydith, Kristian, Leon, Manoli, Mila, Rochelle, Tama and Tatiana.
Inclusive Smiles’ is a health promotion and education program being developed by Nemarluk School in partnership with NT Oral Health Services, DOH. Our focus is to support all families to maintain recommended oral health routines and to ensure dental services are responsive to our student’s individual needs. All students will participate in a range of educational activities. Senior students will assist younger students by creating social stories and mentoring. Throughout the year each class will attend an orientation to the Dental Clinic environment, meeting staff, exploring equipment and routines. These orientation sessions may include a ‘brief look’ at child’s teeth to familiarise them with the process. They are not a substitute for the recommended yearly dental examination or any required treatment. This would require family/carer to arrange their own appointment with the clinic of their choice and accompany their child. Feel free to contact me with any questions. Sue Debruyns-Health Promoting School Nurse, 89850400

An Oral Health Promotion session for parents and carers will be given by Trish Slocum (NT DoH) at the My Time session 10am- 19th February. Morning tea and child care is available. If you wish to attend–Please contact Alison, School Counsellor via 89850400
A Great Start at Millner 2

Christopher creating a sunny window display

Baylie mixing bicarb, food colouring and vinegar to let the volcano over boil.

Ethan ready for weekly shopping and public library excursion

Hamish looking after our 6 Rabbits

Aaron busy sorting coins for shopping

Toby building a volcano in science

Playing with Millner 1

Get involved in the School Banking program.

You can get involved in the School Banking program by opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at any Commonwealth Bank branch, over the phone on 13 2221 or via NetBank. Remember to take in identification for you and your child (driver’s license and birth certificate).

When your child makes their first deposit at school they will earn their first Dollarmites token and our school will also receive $5 commission. Thank you for supporting our school and helping teach your child the benefits of saving regularly.

School banking at Nemarluk is collected on a Thursday so get your accounts ready and start banking.
Introducing Grant the Ant

Grant the Ant is very important around Nemarluk School as he reminds us all of the values we work towards every day. The main values at our school are:

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

These values are taught not only in our classrooms but throughout the whole school and especially when we go on excursions and out of school activities.

They could also be reminded and taught at home to help reinforce their importance. Some ideas are:

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<td>Make good food choices</td>
<td>Use a friendly tone of voice</td>
<td>Use equipment properly</td>
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<td>I ask for help if unsure</td>
<td>Take care with your own property and that of others</td>
<td>Keep our hands to ourselves</td>
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<td>Be prepared to try new things</td>
<td>Communicate problems in an effective way</td>
<td>Follow instructions</td>
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<td>Demonstrate active listening</td>
<td>Respect the environment</td>
<td>Walk on the footpath</td>
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Whole School Positive Behaviour Support—WSPBS

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. Ethan M
2. Cane B
3. Jordan M
4. Matthias
5. Leilani
6. Jason & Shawn
7. George
8. Dylan & Cody
9. Cameron
10. Mia

Congratulations to all of you and well done!

Nemarluk Gold Award.
Awarded to Ethan M
Who received award nominations in all three categories:

I am a learner
I am safe
I am respectful

Congratulations Ethan you are a respected Nemarluk student.

37 students were nominated for the awards

Sports Vouchers 2016

Sports Vouchers for Nemarluk students are at school for your collection. These can be used to provide payment support for activities with registered sporting clubs. These cannot be used for another child.

Please visit the following website for more information:

Notifying absences

If your child is going to be absent, please ensure that you notify school staff directly in either of these ways:

Ring the school
Tel: 8985 0400

Online
... by going to the Nemarluk School Website and completing the secure absence notification section on the home page:

Your child's Communication Book

When you are aware of an impending absence.

Unfortunately, children need to be marked as an ‘un-notified absence’ if school staff are not contacted directly.

Please do not ask other people, including bus staff, to pass on absence messages
Meet Hikmala

Nemarluk has been a proud supporter of a sponsor child in Ethiopia for many years. Biniam, our previously sponsored student reached the age of 18 last year and no longer receives support. Our new student to support, Hikmala, is a 14 year old boy living in Addis Adaba. He will benefit greatly from our ongoing collection of coins. Please help by sending in any loose change for the seniors in Room 13 to count, tally and take to the bank.

If your child does not require transport in the morning, please contact the transport provider AND ring school.

School Transport

This year the majority of Nemarluk students travel in Buslink buses. Buslink staff are working to ensure that the amended school routes run efficiently and on time. Please help with this matter by ensuring that your child boards the vehicle quickly. The time frames allow 3 minutes at each pick up/drop off point.

Useful Numbers:

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Please be aware that a change to transport request may not be possible. New requests are placed on a waiting list.

Procedure for changing a pick up or drop off

Please complete a change of transport form and hand this into school allowing 7 working days for the request to be processed. The form needs to be processed by two departments for approval and then allocated to the transport provider.

Please be aware that the school is the first point of contact for any communication regarding transport difficulties.

Social groups are for children 7 years and over with High functioning autism (parent self-referral accepted)

The groups are great for children that are having difficulties socialising, making friends and keeping friends.

Our groups have limited spaces so to be considerate to sensory issues

Our Palmerston exercise group now starts at 4.30 pm on Tuesday

Exercise Group:
Tuesday 4.30 at Rosebery Middle school
Wednesday 3.30 at Wulagi primary school

Minecraft Group:
Monday 3.30 at Driver primary school
Thursday 3.30 at Leanyer primary school

Secret Agent Society

We have one spot available for a child 8 to 9 years.
Autism NT is running the Secret Agent Society (SAS) program it is a breakthrough social skills program for those with Higher Functioning Autism Spectrum (Aspergers). The 8 week program starts this week with a parent information session on Saturday 9 -11 am.

Limited spaces available BOOK NOW through this email autismnt@autismnt.org.au
Community News

Upcoming Parenting Courses 2016

Anglicare NT Resolve offers affordable parenting courses to help parents manage the big and small problems of family life.

**Tuning into Kids**
23rd Feb - 29th March
6 - 8.30pm

**123 Magic**
10th - 24th May
6 - 8.30pm

**Tuning into Teens**
2nd Aug - 6th Sept
6 - 8.30pm

**Tuning into Kids**
18th Oct - 22nd Nov
9:30 - 12pm

Call 8946 4800 or email resolve@anglicare-nt.org.au to discuss fees and secure your booking.
www.anglicare-nt.org.au

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School Newsletter

Darwin Community Arts invites you to the next monthly gathering

**Community Dinner**
5pm, Monday 29 February, 2016
at Chambers Crescent Theatre, Malak Community Square, Malak

Donations towards Food & Breast Cancer Research

Get to know your neighbours, support the local community and most importantly have fun!

Enjoy a great night of entertainment and delicious food at monthly Community Dinner in Malak.

Come along and say farewell to Brenda who will be leaving DOA after seven years.

We all wish her safe and happy retirement.

Entertainment by Community Artists including:

Snoo O’Toole
Shelley Westby
The Jammers

If you would like to perform, volunteer, sponsor or find out more about the event? Please contact us:

8946 7347
mail@dawsoncommunityarts.org.au

Australian Breast Cancer Research

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Position Vacant: Alawa Farm Manager

We are seeking a motivated, energetic person to join our team working 12hrs per week [over 3 days] with our staff & students in the Alawa Farm.

Please contact the front office for a copy of the position description and conditions if you are interested.

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SWIM SCHOOL

School Term Swim Classes

*Come and join the fun!
*Enrol now for Term 1 2016
*Casuarina Pool
*Nightcliff Pool

Contact us now to book!
Educational, Active & Fun Skills for Life!

Use your School Sports Vouchers with our Swim Australia Registered Swim School.
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www.swimdynamics.com
info@swimdynamics.com

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We’re hiring!