**Happy Birthday!**

Happy Birthday to the following students who celebrated their special day recently: Kane (4 Oct), Ethan H (5 Oct), Melissa (8 Oct), John H (10 Oct), Jeremy B (11 Oct), Rosie (14 Oct), Igen (15 Oct), Ambrose (17 Oct),

We hope you had a great day!

Dear Parents and Carers,

During the last six months or so, several of our students have worked hard with Seon and Juan (teacher and Support Officer) to design and construct a (small) boat that could float and propel through the water using solar energy - this was part of a science program. Last Friday, four students entered their boat (named “Thunderstruck”) as part of a Sun Chase Solar Boat Challenge - they competed against eight other Darwin schools at the Darwin Show Grounds. After several heats and the occasional “fine tuning” of their boat during the day, everyone was thrilled when the boat sailed into 2nd place in the final race. After returning to school, the boys (and staff) proudly displayed their medals and the trophy that they had received for their efforts. It was certainly a great culmination to their Science unit of work. Well done students (and staff)!

Many families probably read or heard about the relocation of our classroom block (rooms 14 and 15) that occurred on the Friday of the recent school holidays. On the last day of term, removalists packed and moved all of the equipment from the rooms and the students looked on with great interest. The actual process of moving such a large building was amazing. The preparation that occurred during the week was extensive but watching the building move down Bagot Road (and completely block the entire 3 lanes) on the huge truck was certainly extremely interesting. Meanwhile, the loss of the two classrooms this term has led to several changes. However, I am pleased to advise that the students have started the term in a positive manner - they have accepted the changes amazingly well.

Progress on our new school at Alawa has continued and thankfully the rain has held off for us. Our double classroom block which was moved from Nemarluk is now clearly visible as you drive down Styles Street. Many of the other blocks have been painted and the roofing is on almost all of them. If you have access to the internet, you might like to use this link to show you what the school will look like: http://www.det.nt.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0019/20917/NemarlukStatusReport20111004.pdf

Our school has recently purchased a small number of iPads for student use in classrooms. Teachers are trialing some of the applications with their students and providing regular feedback on how they enhance the learning of students. Already, several of the classes have had access to the equipment and initial comments have been very positive. We shall be using the trial to help us to decide whether we should invest in purchasing more iPads for the 2012 school year.

Finally, I would like to remind all families of the importance of letting us know if your son/daughter is likely to leave our school at the end of this year. We are currently looking at enrolments and staffing and having this information from you is crucial and will help us to make good planning decisions.

I hope you have a great weekend.

Bert
This term, we have been trialing the use of an iPad in our classroom and have been learning about the different things you can do.

Our favourite application is called photo booth and we have had lots of fun twisting, turning and distorting our faces to take funny photos.
Thanks to famous chefs Ben O’Donoghue and Jimmy Shu for working with Nemarluk students to make fruit kebabs at the end of last term. They also amazed us when they made a model of the Sydney Opera House and apple trees using strawberry flowers and rock melons. It was a wonderful way to learn healthy eating and safe kitchen practices. The students will remember this activity for a long time to come!

Thank you to Variety NT for organizing this special event.
Paralympic Come and Try Day

During Health and PE Week a successful Paralympic Come and Try Day was hosted at Marrara’s Spectrum Stadium. Schools were invited to send along teams to compete in a variety of Paralympic sports of GoalBall, Soccer (Football), Sitting Volleyball and Boccia. Games were modified to suit the abilities of the students e.g., using a beach ball for Sitting Volleyball. The day started at 9.15 and concluded by 1.30pm. A sausage sizzle and popper lunch was provided for the students and helpers. Monica De Barross came along to cook the sausages.

Students who participated in the day came from Darwin High School, Palmerston High School, Nemarluk, Woodroffe, Ludmilla and Nakara. With assistance from Julie Kellam (GoalBall); Jane Slater (Soccer); Jason Bremner (Boccia); Rhianna Jenkins (Sitting Volleyball) attending students had the opportunity to participate in all games.

At the completion of the day, students were presented with certificates of participation. I think the photos included tell the story of the fun that was had on the day.

Jenny Verrall
ACHPER Come and Try—Lake Alexander

Schools from all over Darwin were invited to bring a group of 20 students (years 5 and 6) to Lake Alexander for Health and P.E. week to participate in a range of water and land based activities not typically offered in schools. Activities included Speedminton, Rock Climbing wall, Orienteering and Royal Life saving activities (saving Bob)
Hi Everyone,
This year Nemarluk entered a team of four students in the SunChase Solar Boat Challenge, which was at the Darwin Show Grounds. This was the first year a Special School has ever entered the competition. The students who participating in the event were Byron, Dawyte, Brandon and Jye. The students were up against 9 other boats from different main stream schools and the “Thunderstruck team”, which was the Nemarluk boy, won two out of their three races and overall came second in the Sunchase Solar Boat Challenge. “Fantastic Effort”, for the first time competitors.

Here is some information and pictures of before and during the event, students had the opportunity to:

- Build a solar kit boat for their team
- Think of a team name, (Thunderstruck)
- Enjoy a day of inter-school competition.
- Test their creative capability.
- Challenge their problem solving skills.
- Strengthen their team contributions.
- Attend workshops where students learn how to build a simple battery engine.
- See the ‘Big Cars’ at the scrutineering of the World Solar Car Challenge.

Before the Challenge students designed, measured, created and painted the hulls of the boat.

At the SunChase Car and Solar Boat Challenge.

Each student received a medal and a SunChase hat for coming overall 2nd, as well as a small medal for the school.
are the three beliefs in our school’s Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) System.

1, 2, 3 Magic

1, 2, 3 Magic is a positive behaviour system that is used by the whole school. Its purpose is to be a simple, precise and effective way of managing (gently and firmly), the behaviour of children from approximately Preschool to Year 8.

It organises the discipline strategy into three separate steps:
- Controlling undesirable behaviour (STOP BEHAVIOURS)
- Encouraging good behaviour (START BEHAVIOURS)
- Strengthening relationships with students

1, 2, 3, Magic encourages the teaching of appropriate behaviour (Start behaviours), the use of limited language by adults, the use of visuals to help support student understanding and provide opportunities for students to correct their behavior.

www.kidsmatter.edu.au/primary/programs-guide/1-2-3-magic/

IMPORTANT OSHC AND VACATION CARE NEWS

School Council members met on Monday night and discussions took place regarding Vacation Care during the December/January break. It was a significant discussion as it is expected that the school will prepare to relocate to Alawa during January. This will mean that there will be a lot of activity at our school site with packers and removals’ vehicles busy getting ready for the big move.

However, School Council has advised that we should plan to offer Vacation Care for the first week of the holidays (19th-23rd December) and weeks 4 and 5 of the holidays (9th-20th January).

Vacation Care: If you would like your child/ren to access Vacation Care for any of the 3 weeks in December or January, it is critically important that an Expression of Interest Form be completed and returned to Karen Cawley ASAP but no later than Friday 4th November. These can be obtained through your child’s class teacher or by phoning Karen on 0437223808. We cannot emphasize strongly enough the importance of meeting this deadline - the response we get by this date will be used to look at staffing requirements and program options. Unfortunately we shall be unable to accept any late forms at all.

After School Care for 2012: If you are interested in After School Care for 2012, an Expression of Interest Form will also be required. This can also be obtained through your child’s class teacher or by phoning Karen on the above number. The form should be returned to Karen by 14th November.

Karen Cawley

I am a Learner, I am safe, I am respectful

Nemarluk Gold Award.

Awarded to Julio Abdullah

Who received award nominations in all three categories:

'I am a learner, am safe, I am respectful'

Congratulations Julio, you are a respected Nemarluk student!

***85 students were nominated for the awards ***
Nemarluk School at Alawa.

Please find the Status Report for the new Nemarluk School that shows the progress made by building work so far and includes some photographs of the site.

**Status Report**

**Scope of work**

Design, Document and Construct New Nemarluk School in Alawa. The facilities include 7 classroom blocks, assembly, administration, pool, laundry, maintenance area, OHSC building, and associated works.

**Region**

Darwin

**Total Budget**

$11.9 M*

*The project includes Australian Government Building the Education Revolution funding

**Contractors**

PTM Group Pty Ltd

**Timeline**

Completion Date 31/1/12

Percent Complete = 40%

**Current Progress**

**Design**

- Landscape drawings approved.

**Construction**

- Buildings 3A, 3B, 3C and 3D block work and structural steel complete. Roofing and painting commenced.
- Buildings 3E, 3F, 3G structural steel and roofing complete. External painting, windows / doors, walls / ceilings linings and services installation commenced.
- Assembly and administration buildings steel work complete. External painting and windows / doors commenced.
- Pool block work complete.
- Car park sub grade complete.

Kristin Grumelart
Senior Project Manager
Department of Construction and Infrastructure
Phone: 08 8946 5138
Nemarluk School is collecting the Woolworths Earn and Learn Points, Coles Vouchers and Pauls Caps.

We have so far collected **15,782** Earn and Learn Points

We will be purchasing classroom resources from Modern Teaching Aids with these points.

Look for the numbers at the bottom of the docket e.g. **1.029.565.80813.3901**

We need these numbers to enter our points on the computer.

Thank you to **Karama Woolworths** for helping us collect unwanted shopping dockets.

Thank you also to **Keith Fairlie** for the huge bag full of shopping dockets.

We have so far collected **29,000** Coles Vouchers.

Thank you to **Coles Northlakes** for collecting unwanted vouchers for us.

We will be purchasing Sport Equipment with these vouchers.

Please also keep the Pauls milk bottle caps coming in.

Each cap is worth **10 cents to the school.**

Please keep these coming in. Counting the caps and vouchers has been a fun maths activity for some of our classes.

Thank you for your support to date.

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**SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL ROLLER DERBY LEAGUE!**

**THIS IS THE RADDEST ROLLER DERBY POSTER EVER SO PASS IT, PRINT IT, SET IT FREE**

**AND LET EVERYONE KNOW ABOUT THE GREATEST TOP END SHOW OF THE YEAR COMING TO YOU ON OCT 29th**

**TICKETS ON SALE NOW!!!! FROM SPOKES NT, VIVA LA BODY, GROOVE CAFÉ ALSO CHECK IT OUT AT**


**AND**


**MAIDEN SHINER (Cassie Brown)**

Vice President & Media Manager
Darwin Roller Girls Roller Derby League
0415381449

Contact Cassie (Maiden Shiner) for tickets if you are a escorting a child with a disability.

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**Nutrition Australia—Nutrition Week 2011**

**16-22 October**

Lunch gives you energy for the afternoon.

Healthy lunch choices can help everyone in your family to think clearly, feel energetic, learn well at school or perform their best at work and in sports activities.

Factsheets and information on healthy packed lunches that are nutritious, tasty, inexpensive and easy to prepare can be found in:-

[www.nutritionaustralia.org](http://www.nutritionaustralia.org)

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**Down Syndrome Awareness Week** 17th—23rd October 2011

**Buddy Walk on the Boardwalk**—Friday 21st October. 4.30pm—meet at Sunset Park’s play equipment.

Short walk followed by a sausage sizzle at Sunset Park, Nightcliff. The Buddy Walk is a focal activity for fundraising across Australia for people with Down syndrome. It was the brain child of John Solomon who is the CEO of Foundation 21, an Adelaide based organisation, and is being successfully adopted by most State and Territory Down Syndrome Associations. Next year we will organise it alongside our State colleagues but this year we are giving it a mini trial run. There is no fundraising attached to this year’s event, just an opportunity to meet together, share a short beautiful walk along the Nightcliff foreshore ending up on the Boardwalk, then a sausage sizzle and a play in Sunset Park. Details below, please come along and join.

**Down Syndrome Awareness Stall @ Casuarina Shopping Centre**—Sunday 22nd October

An Awareness stall will be set up near the Body Shop. We are looking for any parents who could do a short shift manning the stall. Please let Rachel know if you can help. Tel: 0449 167 825

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**Handmade cards for sale**

Packets of original cards produced by students in the Ludmilla Senior Class. 3 cards for every occasion or our very popular Christmas cards available in term 4. Don’t miss out—send in your money and request via the office.

*Only $7.50 per pack.*

*Thank you for your support.*

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**Unwanted phones for recycling**

Please send in any old phones to Nemarluk School for recycling. The school will receive $3 per phone from Australian Mobile Recycling.

AMR will refurbish phones—destroy the SIM and memory cards and prepare phones for resale. Any phones beyond repair will be broken down and recycled by Australian licensed recyclers.