This is such an exciting time of the school year as we celebrate the achievements of all students over the past 12 months. Each student will bring home a portfolio of work illustrating their learning. Please share this with family and friends over the Christmas break as the achievements are definitely something to ‘brag’ about!

The excitement is moderated by sadness as we farewell students and staff. Our Year 6 students graduate on Thursday 13 December completing their primary school education. We will miss them but they are ready for the next challenges. At their graduation lunch Hannah Ziersch presented a speech on behalf of the students and Helen Metcalfe did the same on behalf of the families. Hannah was extraordinary in her speech delivery and thoughts – she would make a good politician. Helen bought tears to our eyes as she reflected on the importance of making students and their families feel welcomed and valued. Our deepest thanks to you both.

We will farewell Natalie Parker as her family moves to NSW and Sarah Fanning who is completing her contract with us. We thank both teachers for their contributions to teaching and learning at Nemarluk School. Aunty Joan Angeles has decided to embrace retirement when the new school year begins. I am lost for words to describe the gap this will leave in our school however I know Joan will continue to work with us when we need her deep knowledge and experience. I hope school community members will join us early in term 1 to celebrate Joan’s work in our school since 1986.

I have completed my 2 year position as National President of Australian Special Education Principals’ Association. It has been a privilege to meet school leaders in every State and Territory as well as New Zealand, South Africa and Ireland. I also represented ASEPA at National forums, ACARA, AITSL, Beyond Blue NEI and in discussions with the Australian Department of Education and Training. What a learning journey this has been however it could not have happened without the support of our School Council, NT DoE, Aderyn Chatterton, the school leadership and admin teams, and most importantly Virg Hughes. Virg took on the position of Associate Principal to enable me to engage in ASEPA work. ASEPA and I am so very grateful for Virg’s willingness to step in at a moment’s notice with 100% professional engagement. Thank you Virg.

We have so much to be grateful for in our school. I especially want to recognize the Wings Team lead by Bob Fleming and Sally Clayton with back up from Tony Burns. The Darwin businesses who got on board to make our wonderful playground happen are champions!!! The star however is Bob Fleming of NT Sports and Playground Surfacing. All I can say is THANK YOU.

Best wishes to our wonderful school community for the festive season ahead. Thank you all for your support of the students and staff. We look forward to working together again in 2019 when there are new adventures to be had!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

CALENDAR
- Final School Assembly— 13 Dec, 8.45
- Preschool Graduation— 13 Dec, 9.30
- School Holidays begin— Friday 14 Dec
- Vacation Care— 14 Dec - 21 Dec 2018 & 7 Jan - 24 Jan 2019
- School resumes Tuesday 29 Jan 2019

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Beatriz C (22 Nov), Daniel F (27 Nov), Cruz L (29 Nov), Aiko B (5 Dec).

Lorraine Hodgson, Principal Message

CONTENTS
School News 1
Year 6 Graduation 2
Sister School Timor Leste 3
Wulagi 1 & 2 4
School Sport Australia 5
2018 School Leavers 6
CMLAA Awards 7
Structured Teaching 8
PBS Points/School News 9
School/Community News 10

admin.nemarluk@ntschools.net | Principal: Lorraine Hodgson
www.nemarlukschool.com.au
Find us on FACEBOOK
On Monday 3 December, our wonderful year six students had their graduation lunch. The students performed a song, had fun taking photos at the photo booth and enjoyed a yummy lunch and cake. It was great to see so many families/carers come along to celebrate this special day and we couldn't be more proud of the class of 2018.
In November we visited our sister school, EBC das Flores, in Aileu, Timor Leste. Aileu is 90 minutes out of Dili up in the mountains. EBC das Flores is a primary and middle school with approximately 1000 students. The primary students come to school in the morning and the middle school students in the afternoon. There is a Resource Center for Inclusive Education on the school grounds. The NT DoE has installed a satellite dish to give internet access to the teachers who work in the Resource Center for continued professional learning.

John Graham and Anne-Marie Cullinan demonstrated teaching music and art for 2 days. Hard work when the lessons were two hours long! They were expertly supported by Joao da Costa and Humberto Borges, interpreters extraordinary!. Thank you Director Tomas Gunda and staff for their welcome.

Huge thank you to SenaiNT, DoE’s English Language School in Dili, and the Principal, Maria Albion, for their continued ‘in country’ support which enabled us to establish our sister school partnership.
Ally Szyc from the Darwin Wildlife Sanctuary visited Wulagi 1 and Wulagi 2.
Students learned about several animals and their habitats and how to protect the environment:
Briseis B and Shianne-Rose H-B both recently travelled to Melbourne with the Northern Territory team for the 12 years and under Track and Field Championships. They competed in many events including sprints, shotput and relays. Briseis even created a new School Sport Australia record of 34.53 seconds in the girls 10 years 200 metre sprint. Congratulations on your achievements girls!

Congratulations Jack

Congratulations to Jack P who will be receiving the Australia Day Student Citizen Award at next week’s assembly. Jack has been chosen for this award for his outstanding contribution to the Nemarluk School community. Well done!
Congratulations to the 2018 school leavers, good luck for middle school!

Brodie G                Hannah Z                 Kristine C                 Antonia P                 Jack P

Cruz L                 Cameron L               Jekamiah M              Courtney B-B               Alex B

Amelia C                  Paul E                    Baylie E                  Azaria B                Shakira K

Michael L                Hayley M                 Heidi G-V                 Cloe R                  Callum J
Congratulations to the students who are receiving a Chief Minister Literacy Achievement Award at next week’s assembly.

Joseph W  Antonia K  Yorab T  Kristian P  William P
Joshua G  Tatiana N  Elizabeth V  Zyethan C  Briseis B
Chantelle E  Jacob G  Spencer M  Shianne-Rose H-B  Deshaun D
Brian F  Hannah Z  Azaria B  Tyler R  Bonita D

Gwenneth P
Structured teaching strategies aim to build on the strength of our students through the provision of classrooms with clearly defined boundaries, individual schedules, works systems and the use of routines and visuals.

- Work systems help our students to know:
  - What is expected during an activity.
  - How much is to be completed.
  - What’s next after the activity is completed.

- The goal is to teach the student to work independently.
- The work system is organised in such a way that the person has little or no difficulty figuring out what to do.
- The activity or task should be performed from left to right (may also be top to bottom).
- Tasks are taught via direct instruction before becoming an independent task.

Here are some examples of work systems we are using at Nemarluk:
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:

The top 8 students who have claimed tokens for showing these behaviours for this fortnight are:-

1. Kristian P
2. Dion H-B
3. Kinisha McD
4. Briseis B
5. Breanden B
6. Charlie L
7. Vlad D

Congratulations to all of you and well done!

Nemarluk Gold Award
Awarded to
Kristian P
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.
49 students were nominated for the awards

Handmade Cards
For sale - packets of original cards produced by students at Nemarluk School in the Manunda Terrace Class. Pack of 3 cards for every occasion.

Xmas cards available now
Blank cards for all occasions

Only $7.50
Thank you for your support.

Student Absences
If your child is sick or you are planning to go on a holiday please let the school know by either:

Phone: 8985 0400
Text: 0488 906 885
Email: admin.nemarluk@ntschools.net
Website: www.nemarukschool.com.au/contact/report-absence

Page 9
www.nemarukschool.com.au

Coins for Hikmala
Senior Students collect, count and tally coins for Nemarluk’s sponsored child in Ethiopia.
We need your help!

Please send in all your spare change to help us reach our terms goal of $100.

Thank you everyone for saving your coins. Keep them coming via your child’s communication book or by popping into the school office.
Jacket, long pants, black boots, belt, hat, wig, beard and Santa Sack

HIRE ONLY $100 incl GST

Call Nemarluk School
On 8985 0400
Or email admin.nemarluk@ntschools.net

By hiring your Santa Suit at Nemarluk School you’ll know that you are helping a school for children with special needs.