From The Principal

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Joel Kay (Senior College, 2012) who was awarded the Vice Chancellor Prize for High Achievement 2012 worth $6,000. Joel completed his Year 12 studies in his eleventh year at the Senior College after undertaking an accelerated senior secondary program. He will be studying a Bachelor of Pharmacy Degree at Charles Darwin University, before he plans to pathway into the Medical Degree.

PARENT INFORMATION EVENINGS

Last night we had the second of our first year level Parent Information Evenings. On Wednesday evening we had our Preschool Parent Information Evening, and last night we had our Transition Information Evening (and Toddlers Information Evening).

Please note the dates for information evenings next week from 7-8 pm:

Monday 11th February - Years 1-3 Parent Info Evening
Tuesday 12th February - Years 4-5 Parent Info Evening

2013 SCHOOL FEES

Our school budget and resultant school fees are directly tied to our total enrolments and the number of teachers and staff we have. Eighty five plus percent of our budget goes on salaries. Now we have completed our enrolments and employment of teachers and staff for 2013, we are finalising our 2013 budget - and school fees.

Some families like to pay their school fees in the first week/s of the school year. We are happy for parents to pay now the 2012 fee level as an initial payment towards our Term 1 2013 Tuition Fees. We will invoice parents for the difference between 2012 and 2013 fees when school fee invoices are mailed in weeks three and four of Term 1.

HOST FAMILY FOR VISITING TAMAGAWA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL GIRL STUDENT IN FEBRUARY 2013

Homestay required for Minako Yuasa, a female student who is being accepted into the School for ten months in 2013. Contact Deb Halliwell in the Front Office or Phone: 8985 0104.

DANCE FITNESS STARTING WEDNESDAY 13TH

The cost for the term will be $50 per student or casual fee of $7- we ask for a term fee as it is too difficult to collect weekly.

Venue: Auditorium
Time: 3pm-4pm
Day: Wednesday
Please see the Front Office for an enrolment form.

TRAFFIC AND PARKING BLITZ

Commencing Monday Council traffic officers and Police will be conducting a traffic and parking blitz in streets adjacent to The Essington School Darwin. This will continue beyond the coming week and infringement notices will be issued. Please park safely and drive carefully in the streets around our school – for the safety of our children.

Wednesday 13th February - Years 6-7 Parent Info Evening
Thursday 14th February - Years 8-9 Parent Info Evening

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Do what you love, love what you do.

-Ray Bradbury
NEW FAMILIES WELCOME EVENING – THIS SUNDAY
Our new families to the school are reminded of our New Families Welcome Evening this Sunday evening 10th February at 5pm at the Trailer Boat Club.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BUILDING EXTENSION
Work is continuing at a pace on the two classroom extension on the end of our Middle School building. The roof is now on the building and we are hoping to be using the classrooms before the end of this term, possibly in three to four weeks. Two of our Year 6 classes will move into these rooms once they are completed.

ESSINGTON MEDICAL CENTRE
Our Essington Medical Centre has re-opened for this year is now open on the following days and times:

Monday 8.30am – 4.00pm
Tuesday 8.30am – 2.30pm
Wednesday 8.30am – 4.00pm (Alternate weeks)
Thursday 8.30am – 5.00pm
Friday 8.30am – 1.00pm

Please phone the Centre directly on Phone: 8985 0155 for an appointment. Remember, pathology services are also available at the Essington Medical Centre.

The Centre is usually staffed by two Doctors from the Nightcliff Medical Centre so waiting time should be at a minimum. This is a great service for our families and we appreciate the support of Nightcliff Medical Centre with this project. We encourage our new families to school, particularly our relocation families, to drop in to the Centre (near the Computer Centre, off Chapman Road) and say hello to the Receptionist. After 5pm and on weekends, we encourage our families to access the Nightcliff Medical Centre at the Nightcliff Shopping Centre. (All medical records are stored there electronically).

ESSINGTON SELECTED FOR AUSTRALIA-US SCIENCE PROJECT
The Essington School Darwin has been selected by the Federal Government to be one of eight Australian schools to be involved in an Australian Government/United States Government Science study. Eight U.S. schools have been selected by the US Government to be involved in the project that will study urban water cycles from different environments.

Charles Darwin University’s School of Environment is partnering with the University of Maryland, United States, on this project. The project will be formally launched in March by the Federal Minister for Schools, Hon. Peter Garrett in Canberra.

DROP OFF AND TRAFFIC ISSUES
To assist traffic flows in the morning, we especially request your assistance with the following procedures when dropping off students in the morning:

- All Middle School students are asked to access the school via the Middle School entrance from Chrisp Street.
- All Transition and Junior School students are asked to access the school via the Chapman Road entrances or to use the Drop Off/Kiss and Go Zones in Rossiter Street. The carpark in the Greek School is also available for parking in the mornings and afternoons.
- Preschool (only) parents are asked to access the carpark off Rossiter Street due to their need to assist their children into the Preschool.

We especially ask that Transition, Junior and Middle School parents not enter the Rossiter Car Park off Rossiter Street as this is needed by our Preschool parents and is not designed for drop offs. Please use the Drop Off/Kiss and Go zones provided in the street. These are marked with green paint on the street gutter.

Council parking inspectors and Traffic Police will be very active in the area in the next weeks of the term and will be issuing infringement notices.

PLANNING FOR OUR FETE AND FUNDRAISERS FOR 2013
As a school we need your support with fundraisers. Our School Fete, the Nightcliff Community Fair, is our largest single fundraiser in the year. We commence planning our next Fete as soon as the Fete finishes and the beginning of the school year is an important time in our Fete planning. Each class takes on a particular booth at the Fete and we are keen to finalise booths for our Fete. We need one or two parents in each class to act as the Fete Liaison person for that class. They work with parents in this class to help set up the booth and establish a roster for the afternoon. We appreciate your support with this significant fundraiser for our school.

If you would like to assist with the organisation of your child’s class Fete stall, please leave your name and phone number with our Front Office (or email administration@essington.nt.edu.au).

Our Parents and Friends Committee will be seeking parent volunteers from each class to be Fete Parent Liaison Assistants at our Parent Information Evenings. Please volunteer and assist us with our major fundraiser for the year.

David Cannon
Principal/CEO

From the Assistant Principal
YEARS 1–12 ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
A Great Start to 2013
Classrooms are now beginning to take shape with the students’ work on display and classroom procedures and routines established. Teachers have also been busy assessing the students to determine their learning programs and individual requirements. Initial assessments are also important to ensure that all classroom activities and excursions are relevant and meaningful to the varied learning experiences that are being offered to students. If you would like to discuss any issues with your child’s teacher, please contact them to make a mutually convenient time to meet with them.
Parent Information Evenings

We look forward to seeing many of our parents attending the upcoming Junior and Middle School Parent Information evenings next week. The evening is most informative, providing an opportunity for parents to meet with teachers and discuss learning programs, curriculum, classroom routines and activities pertaining to either the Junior or Middle school. Please refer to the front of this newsletter for dates and times. Please note that a free childcare facility is available on these evenings but bookings are essential through the Front Office on Phone: 8985 0100. We also look forward to meeting our new families at our New Families Welcome Night at the Trailer Boat Club this Sunday 10th February 2013.

Food at School

We all enjoy celebrating birthdays and class parties. Please feel free to bring in cupcakes to share, but see your classroom teacher to organise a good time to do this. Cupcakes are much easier to distribute and also for the children to eat. The Essington School Darwin has a small number of students who suffer from severe nut allergies. In order to provide a safe environment for these children the School is promoting a nut-free environment. So ensure daily lunches and any treats brought into class contain no nuts. Please see your child’s teacher if you child has any specific food concerns.

Remembering 1924: The Bombing of Darwin, February 19th 1942

On Tuesday 19th February, in Week 4, we commemorate the 71st Anniversary of the Bombing of Darwin at the Cenotaph on the Esplanade, Darwin City. On this day in 1942, Darwin was directly attacked for the first time by an external enemy. A few minutes before 10 o’clock a force of Japanese aircraft swept over Darwin to begin the first of two raids on that day.

The commemoration aims to pay tribute to those who served on this day and in the 20 months of bombing which followed. We particularly honour those service people and civilians who died on our land and gave their lives so far away from their homeland in defence of ours. To commemorate this day, staff representatives we will be taking approximately twenty students from Year 5-12 to represent The Essington School Darwin at the service.

Natalie Hyde
Assistant Principal
Years 1-12

Early Learning Notices

What a fantastic start to Term 1 we have had in our Early Years. The children have returned to school after the six week break and are energized and excited about the school year ahead.

On Time to School

It is important that your child arrives at school on time and ready for the beginning of the day. Each morning, students are introduced to activities and teachers explain the daily program at the start of the session. Arriving on time also minimises disruption to the rest of the students in the class. The session/daily times are as follows:

Preschool 1 & Preschool 3: 8:15-11:00am
Preschool 2 & Preschool 4: 12:00-2:45pm
Pre-Transition: 8:15-12:00pm
Transition: 8:15-2:30pm

Please can parents also ensure that they sign their child in and out on arrival and pick up.

Before School Care

The Before School Care program is a free program offered daily in the library from 7:30-8:00am. Glenda Woogder and Anne-Marie Chin are currently running this program and supervise the children until 8:00am. At 8:00am children who are from the Early Learning Unit are then escorted to their classrooms. It is necessary that parents sign the attendance sheet when you drop your child off at Before School Care.

Parent Information Evenings

Thank you to our teaching staff for preparing our Early Learning Unit and Preschool Parent Information Evenings this week. If you were unable to attend please speak to your child’s classroom teacher who will be happy to pass on all of the handouts and information from the evening.

Rhiannon Hale
Acting Early Childhood Coordinator

Preschool

What a great week! Our first full week of Preschool has been fun and exciting; we got to do Jellybeans, Music, Library and Cooking. For cooking this week we made some yummy carrot salad. The children enjoyed grating the carrots.

In the Library we met Ms. Kathy. Children have borrowed books that stay home for the week and are then returned next Wednesday. Thank you to all parents who brought in a library bag with their child’s name on it.

Just a reminder to all parents that teachers are present in their classrooms from 8am - please make sure children are not left unattended before then. There is before school care provided in the Library from 7.30am to 8.00am.

Thank you to our classroom helpers this week: Jodi, Lachlan’s Mum; Kate, Aston’s Mum, from Preschool 1; and Michelle, Christopher’s Mum, from Preschool 3.

Miss Nerida and Miss Christine

Preschool Long Day Care Centre (Wombats)

Everyone has had a great week this week in Wombats. A big thank you to our new families who have supported their children to settle into our Wombats classroom.

The Chinese New Year is approaching and the children in Wombats have started to learn about this cultural event and participate in Chinese New Year activities. For art, the children enjoyed making fans in preparation for our upcoming ‘Lantern Parade’. Please can parents dress their child in ‘Chinese dress’ or the colour red on Tuesday and Thursday in Week 3 for our Lantern Parade and Dragon Dance. Parents are very welcome to join us on these days.

Reminder - please ensure that all of your child’s belongings are clearly labelled.

Parents are always welcome to drop suggestions and feedback about the program into the suggestions box which is situated on the shelf near the front door. If you have any questions about our program or would like to
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speak to our staff please call our direct number on Phone: 8985 0124.

Miss Daisy and the Wombats Staff

Transition T4 Lenzo

Welcome to week 2.

Our theme work for this term is Community Workers. We are investigating the many jobs people have in our community.

If you would like to come into the classroom and share your ‘tools of trade’ that would be fantastic. Just a ten minute talk about your job, showing a uniform, or sharing some pictures or tools you use when working.

Homework and readers have started this week. The children can change their reader every day and I will collect homework on Fridays. Bring your child’s homework folder to school every day so I can add in any messages or notes which need to be sent home. The folders help to keep all books and messages in one envelope so that they are not lost.

Louise Lenzo

Junior School Notices

Year 3C Dearden

What a fantastic week we have had in 3C! Our days are flowing nicely now that we know our routines and have started our units of work. In English, we have looked into revising spelling strategies, nouns, editing skills and handwriting. We also wrote a persuasive piece on cats vs dogs – which would you choose?

We are learning about odd and even numbers, and place value in Maths and have been improving our mental scores. The Year 3 classes enjoyed our ‘Wednesday Activity Afternoon’ by participating in drama, dance and activities rotations. Thanks to Miss Leonie and Miss Cathy for helping us with these activities!

We have started our SOSE/History and Science units of work. We enjoyed sharing facts about the planets in our Space Science unit. Our main focus is to learn about the orbits of the Earth, Moon and Sun – but we will also be investigating different stars and other bodies in our solar system. In SOSE and History we answered the question, “Who is Australian?” We came up with many different responses as Australia is a very diverse and multicultural society. We also completed an Australian timeline showing how different people have come to Australia throughout its history as a country.

I would like to remind students to that they can bring in a water bottle, and leave it on their desk to be used throughout the day. Also, do not forget a hat as students cannot go out to the uncovered play equipment and oval without wearing one. Music notes for the string lessons are due back to the Music Department as soon as possible so instruments can be organised. I am looking forward to meeting lots of parents at the Year 1-3 Parent Information Meeting next Monday.

Rebecca Dearden

Year 5B Blokland

With the Week 1 ‘Getting to Know You’ activities completed and our Holiday Recount writing on display, the school holidays feel like a distant memory. This week we began our Term 1 work and the children loved being able to use all of their new stationery and textbooks.

This week in English we started focusing on Persuasive Writing in preparation for NAPLAN, which is held in Week 5 of Term 2. We also began reading ‘Charlotte’s Web’ which we will complete a Novel Study on for Semester 1.

In Math’s this week we looked at Factors and Multiples. On Friday’s, the children will complete a Multiplication Speed Test as part of their Friday testing, so practise, practise, practise!

Our Science topic this term is Adaptations. We will be looking at many interesting plants and animals that have had to adapt for protection, because of their habitat or in order to catch their prey.

Ristan Blokland

BACK TO SCHOOL VOUCHERS 2013

Vouchers must be used prior to 5th April, 2013. If you have any questions regarding use of your voucher please contact the Finance Office on Phone: 8985 0105.

Royal Life Saving Society (NT)

Royal Life Saving Society Northern Territory will be recommencing its 2013 pool lifesaving season on Wednesday 6th February, 2013. Training will be held at the Casuarina Pool every Wednesday from 6pm – 7pm.

Lifesaving provides a fun and exciting environment for children with developed swimming abilities, so come down and have a go! For future enquiries Phone: 8981 5036 or email sportnt@rlssa.org.au.

The Outspoken Swan Drama and Communication Academy

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For drama fun, or to produce a Play and/or Film. Students, 6 years & up. For skill-based pleasure or a National Award. Drama and Communication assists students aiming for WAPA, NIDA, etc or a career in TV, media, politics or law. The studio is in Nightcliff. Please contact Principal Gillian Rose ASDA Speech & Drama Dip Tch BA Journalist.

At theoutspokenswan@gmail.com for more information or Phone: 0421 115 538.

Football Coaching Programme

Open to all boys and girls of any skill level. Professional coaches Matt Nicholls (FA qualified coach) and Mike Trebilcock (Everton FC FA cup winner). Training is designed to develop ball skills, passing, technique, shooting and game awareness.

Saturday 9th February
5 – 10 years: 8.30am-9.30am
11-15 years: 10:00am-11.00am
Cost: $15 per session
Where: DTC Centre located corner of Bagot Road and Old McMillan’s Road in Coconut Grove.

Beginners Welcome!
Middle School Notices
Year 6C Morvant
It has been a great second week and we are settling in well to our new classroom. Students are adjusting to the new timetable and routines in Middle School. Students have been organising their Music Tuition times around our timetable and this is much appreciated.

We continue with our unit on the Bombing of Darwin and learning about Military Heritage sites around our city. It is really very interesting. Year 6 classes will be visiting the World War II Oil Tunnels for an excursion during Week 4 which is the week of the anniversary of the attack on Darwin. Notes will be coming home soon to be completed and returned.

Thanks to the parents who have come to visit me and introduce themselves. Also, thanks to those who have emailed me so that I have your email address to communicate with you. Please send me an email on donna.morvant@essington.nt.edu.au so that I can put your details on file.

Students have been very responsible in using their diaries to assist with the organisation of homework tasks and assignments. It is a great tool in assisting with time management and for communication between teacher and parents. I would ask that parents sign the student diary each day.

Remember a drink bottle and a hat every day and get plenty of rest so that you stay healthy.

Donna Morvant

Middle School Report
Year 6/7 Coordinator
Welcome to another exciting year of Middle School.

A very big welcome to the five new Year 6 classes who have moved into the Middle School from the Junior School. A very big welcome to all the students who have moved into Year 7.

This year there are lots of changes happening to the Middle School and especially in Years 6 and 7. The Year 7 classrooms are located along the Main Middle School building;
7A MS1 Mrs Harvey
7B MS2 Ms Olliek
7C MS3 Mrs Kidd
7D MS4 Ms Hand
7E MS5 Ms Masters

Year 6 classrooms are in different locations to last year. The Essington School Darwin have use of the top floor of the Open Education Centre and 6A Mr Edwards, 6B Ms Sara and 6C Ms Morvant will be located there. 6D Ms Burns and Ms Neimarich will be located in MS7 and 6E Ms Lea in MS8.

Welcome to Ms Louise Hand and Mr Tarrant Edwards who are new to Essington. Welcome to our new Year 6 teachers who have moved up from the Junior School (Ms Sara Materazzo, Ms Ebony Burns and Ms Neimarich). A big welcome to all the new students to Essington in Years 6 and 7.

It is going to be an exciting year ahead full of fantastic challenges.

My name is Daniel Hogg, Acting 6/7 Coordinator; please feel free to contact me on daniel.hogg@essington.nt.edu.au.

Daniel Hogg
Acting Year 6/7 Coordinator

Year 8/9 Coordinator
As part of the Middle School homework culture at Essington, all students are expected to complete homework for each individual subject. Homework activities are intended to consolidate work completed during class time. To assist students in completing homework tasks, homework details are uploaded to the school website (http://www.freewebs.com/middleschoolhomework/) each week.

To help support and foster the Middle School Homework ethos we have a number of staff on hand to help students with their homework.

General Homework Centre
General Homework Centre operates from 2:45pm until 3:30pm every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday afternoon. This is every day except Wednesday as this is our Staff Meeting Day. The General Homework Centre is open to all MS Students Year 6 to Year 9. It will be held in Room MS4 and will be supervised by a teacher to offer help and assistance.

Maths Plus
‘Maths Plus’ sessions are offered on a Tuesday and Thursday afternoon in MS3 from 2:45pm – 3:30pm. It is at the discretion of the Maths teacher to invite students from their individual classes to complete their homework under their supervision at these sessions.

If a parent would like to contact any of the Maths department to arrange for their child to attend, they can contact the following staff.
kellie-ann.barlow@essington.nt.edu.au (Year 7E, Year 8C, Year 9C and 9D)
daniel.hogg@essington.nt.edu.au (Year 9A and 9B)
sara.olliek@essington.nt.edu.au (Year 7A, Year 7B and Year 9E)
roisin.mccann@essington.nt.edu.au (Year 8A and 8B)
owen.williams@essington.nt.edu.au (Year 8D and 8E)
leanne.bakker@essington.nt.edu.au (Year 7C and 7D)

Literacy Plus
‘Lit Plus’ sessions are offered on a Monday and Thursday afternoon in MS12 from 2:45-3:30pm. All students are welcome to attend. Please contact the Middle School English Coordinator at siobhan.shaikh@essington.nt.edu.au if you would like more information about using these sessions.
**Electives**
All Year 8 and 9 students have completed their first full week of electives. All students at this stage should have made all their elective choices for each relevant day. Year 8s have electives on a Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Year 9s have electives every afternoon, except for Thursday.

It is important that students remain in their formal uniform unless they have chosen Outdoor Education, Physical Education Extension, Dance or Drama, sports uniform can be worn for these electives only. If there are any issues or queries regarding the elective choices please feel free to contact me.

Roisin McCann  
Year 8/9 Acting Coordinator

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**Middle School English Information**

**Debating Club** – A change to advertised meeting days:

**Who?** Open to all Year 7/8 and 9 students

**When?** Thursday and Friday Lunchtimes

**Where?** MS12

**Why?**
- You get the chance to form teams and compete with other schools in the NT – The Essington School are the current title holders!
- Develop your Communication skills
- Become more confident at public speaking
- Learn new leadership skills

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**Literacy Plus**
‘Literacy Plus’ sessions are now up and running. These take place after school on Monday and Thursday in MS12 from 2:45 to 3:30pm. Literacy Plus is open to all students in Years 6 through to 9. The aim of these sessions is to offer our students the opportunity to review and extend the learning taking place in class and offer support with English homework.

If you have any questions regarding Literacy Plus set please feel free to contact your child’s subject teacher through the Middle School office or via the email: firstname.lastname@essington.nt.edu.au.

Siobhan Shaikh  
Middle English Coordinator  
Senior English Teacher

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**Senior College Report**

It has been amazing to see the way all of our students have settled into their academic programs. All students should have a current timetable. Spare copies are kept at the Senior College office.

Please feel free to contact your child’s Mentor or Subject Teacher on Phone: 8946 6821.

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**Student Timetables**
All students have been issued with their timetables. The timetable operates on the same seven period timetable as the Middle School. Each student has been allocated seven blocks of subjects that they complete throughout the week.

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**Student ID Cards**
All second and third year students have completed their enrolment forms for Academic Literacies and have their new 2012 Student ID. All first year students will be issued their cards once they have completed their VETIS enrolment forms. We are aiming to finalise these within the next few weeks.

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**Access to Charles Darwin Internet**
All students have been issued with an Acceptable Usage Policy and Application Form for parents to sign. This allows the students to access the internet and Charles Darwin University website. This is required for their academic studies. Can you please ensure the form is returned to the Senior College Office ASAP.

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**Homework Centre for Senior College Students**
The Homework Centre has commenced every afternoon from 2.45pm till 3.30pm.

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**VETIS (CERT 11 Vocational Education Training in Schools)**
Two out of our three Business Classes, and Aquaculture students began their courses this week. Our third Business class will commence in a few weeks time. Hospitality students will commence in Semester 2 and our Retail students have their first block placement at the Palmerston CDU from the 11th to 15th March.

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**Student Assessment Items**
These need to be handed in at the Senior College Office and dated. Senior College assessment dates/homework can be found on the Senior College Homework website. If you have any questions regarding assessment dates or homework, please make contact with the appropriate teacher by Phone: 8946 6821 or by email firstname.lastname@essington.nt.edu.au.

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**Sports Notices**
Any student interested in becoming a Rugby League Referee please see Mr. Theiber at the Senior College to collect the relevant forms to participate in this course.

Students interested in participating in the Darwin City and Northern Suburbs Cluster Tennis Competition please see Mr. Theiber to collect the relevant forms. Nominations close on Friday 8th February. The event will take place on Tuesday 12th February from 8:30am-2pm at Gardens Tennis Courts. Parents are responsible for transport to and from the event.
Students interested in participating in the Darwin City and Northern Suburbs Cluster Netball Competition please see Mr. Theiber to collect the relevant forms. Nominations close Tuesday 19th February. The event will take place on Tuesday 29th February from 8:30am-2pm at Sitzler Netball Courts Marrara.

Congratulations to Madison Spedding for gaining selection in the Northern Territory Netball Side. Madison will now be training with the side in order to prepare for the championships later in the year.

If your child has any great sporting achievements throughout the year please email shaun.theiber@essington.nt.edu.au and this will be acknowledged in the bulletin and on occasions at Assembly.

Every week we endeavor to include as many of our student’s achievements that we are aware of. If your child is excluded from events where many of our students are involved in please email me and I will include their results the following week.

Duke of Edinburgh Notices
I encourage all of our participants to continue to log their hours on the Online Record Book (ORB). If you are having any issues with the ORB please see Mr. Theiber for assistance.

Shaun Theiber
Dean of Students

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UNIVERSITY AZZURRI FOOTBALL CLUB
SOCCER SEASON STARTS APRIL!
Are now signing on Juniors (6-16) AND Youth (17-19) teams for 2013. New and old members welcome.

Junior training starts Wednesday 13th February, 5 – 12 years old from 5.30pm, 14 – 16 years old from 5-6.30pm at Nakara Oval. Youth training Tuesday and Thursday 6pm at the Italian Club Oval.

For more information please call George on Phone: 0414 613 213.
Volunteer coaches and Team Managers also welcome. Must hold current NT Ochre Card or be willing to apply.

Registration forms will be available at training sessions.

For enquiries please contact:
George: 0414 613 or
Jennie: 0439 680 423

$75.00 School Sports Vouchers Accepted.
Registrations with credit card payment will also be available online via www.myfootballclub.com.au.
Music News
Children singing, violins, cellos and guitars playing. These are some of the wonderful noises coming from our vibrant and busy Music Centre. Classes in the Junior School, Middle School and Senior College have begun their music programs for Semester 1. The Year 3 students and students in Year 4 and 5, who are continuing with their string instruments, have all received their violins and are excited to start with their instrument.

Ms Merrilyn Watson is supervising the Junior School Choir and will be working with the Year 4 and 5 students in Semester 1. Practices will start this Friday in the Music Centre from 10.40am-11.30am. Miss Caroline Anderson will lead the Songsters Choir and will be working with the Year 2 and 3 students in Semester 1. Songsters Choir practices take place on a Friday from 12.45pm-1.30pm in the Music Centre. All students who are interested in joining the Junior School Choir or the Songsters Choir are encouraged to come along to the practices. All children are welcome to come along over the next two weeks to try it out and can then make their decision to join. Miss Caroline Anderson would love to see lots of enthusiastic children there ready to have fun!

Our After School Music Programs will be starting in Week 3. Please take note of the following:-

**Musicanship**- Mondays from 2.45pm-3.30pm with Mr David Ambrose in MS9.

All students that would like to have extra music theory lessons and sit for their AMEB exams are invited to come and join musicanship classes.

**Premier Choir**- Tuesdays from 2.45pm-3.45pm with Mr Luke Walker and Miss Kate Thompson in the Music Centre.

**Junior String Ensemble**- Wednesdays from 2.35pm-3.30pm with Miss Kirsty McCallum in the Music Centre.

**Wind Ensemble**-Thursdays from 2.45pm-3.30pm with Mr David Ambrose in MS9

Any wind, brass, percussion that are interested in playing in the ensemble please come to MS9 after school and bring your instruments and a black music booklet.

**Senior String Ensemble**-Thursdays from 2.45pm-3.30pm with Miss Kirsty McCallum in the Music Centre.

**Are you interested in playing in a band? Auditions will be taking place in week 3 with Mr David Ambrose.**

- **Day:** Tuesday or Friday
- **Time:** 2.45pm-3.30pm
- **Venue:** MS9

*This is an open invitation for all kinds of band groups. If you already have a band and would like to develop your band skills please come prepared.*

Students are being allocated to instrumental teachers on a daily basis. Teachers will make every effort to contact parents and teachers to set up a time that will suit your child and their teacher. Please note that we are experiencing high volumes of applications and we will do our best to accommodate your requests as soon as possible.

We welcome back the following music teachers:-

- Singing—Peta Bartley and Luke Walker
- Piano—Lucy Rogers, Imelda Indrawati, Kate Thompson and Dianne Lamech
- Strings—David Carey and Caroline McNair
- Flute and Recorder—Eliza Tobin
- Woodwind—Susi Berti
- Guitar—Lindsay Masters and Brook George
- Drums—Justin Quintner

If your child has achieved any great music achievements throughout the year please email leanne.bakker@essington.nt.edu.au and this will be acknowledged in the Weekly Bulletin and on occasions in Assembly.

**Leanne Bakker**
*Music Administration Coordinator*

**Dance Notice**
Dance Fitness will start next Wednesday 13th February, 2013. The cost for the term will be $50 per student or a casual fee of $7. Payment should be made at the Front Office.

**Venue:** Auditorium
**Time:** 3pm-4pm
**Day:** Wednesday

If you would like to participate in the Dance Fitness classes please see the Front Office for an enrolment form.

**Dance Showcase 2012**
We are currently searching for any footage taken from the Dance Showcase 2012 in Sunset Park. If there are any parents who have footage, and do not mind sharing it, could you please put it on a disk and drop it into the Front Office. Any footage supplied would be much appreciated.

**Lisa Svara**

**Library Notices**
**Scholastic Book Club is Back!**
If you have not already received your book club brochures they can be picked up at the Library.

This is a fantastic way to support the Library in obtaining new books. A percentage of what parents and teachers spend comes back to the Library for us to select new and exciting books for the children.

**It is a win - win situation!**

Please return completed orders to Miss Kathy in the Library, by Friday the 15th February.

**Kathy Ryan**

**Sports Notices**
Welcome to Angela Foley who is now teaching Physical Education in the Middle School.

**Sport Captains**
Every year our school asks for nominations from students in our Junior School and Middle School to be part of our Sports Leadership Team. In 2013 we have the following Sport Captain roles available at our school.

- **Athletics Captain**
- **Swimming Captain**
- **Cross Country Captain**
- **AFL Captain**
- **Netball Captain**
- **Rugby Captain**

Students who are selected in these positions are taking on a leadership role to become involved in Gala Days, afterschool competitions, coaching, umpiring and being involved 100% in
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their representative sports. Information with regards to Sport Captains will be given to students at Assembly. Nominations will need to be received by Karly Denmead no later than Friday 15th February. This is a one week extension.

Essington Representative Teams

Essington is part of the City Cluster. The City Cluster is one of seven sporting regions within the Northern Territory. Our school participates at the Primary, Middle and Senior School level. Students from our school are able to represent Essington across many different sports at what is called a ‘Gala Day’. These Gala Days provide opportunities for skill development, socialization with students from other schools and competition. Gala days are held during school hours during all terms of the year.

Students who wish to be selected for a City Cluster team must participate in the Gala Day or attend one of the 13 and under development sessions for selection. Students who are currently 13 and turning 14 this year must nominate themselves to be part of a development camp to gain selection. More information about selections will be distributed in the next few weeks.

Year 4 – 6 students are part of the Primary competitions.
Year 7 – 9 participate in Middle School competitions.
Year 10 – 12 students participate in Senior school events.

Information relating to ‘Gala Days’ will be listed under the heading Representative teams and written in either the Primary/Middle or Senior School section.

City Cluster Primary Gala Days, Year 4 – 6

Tennis Gala Day
Team lists are now confirmed for this event. The Gala day is Tuesday 12th February. The event will be held at The Gardens Tennis Centre. Please be at the bus stop at 8am with your Physical Education uniform on, tennis racquet in hand, water bottle, hat, sunscreen and food. Ms Denmead will be driving the bus.

Rugby Gala Day
The Year 4 – 6 Rugby Gala Day will be held on Friday 8th March at Anula Oval. Students will need to collect a note from Mr Gulla at the Sports Office and return this note by Friday 15th February $10. All information regarding the Gala Day and afterschool development sessions will be on the cover letter provided with the note.

City Cluster Middle School Gala Days, Year 7 - 9

Tennis Gala Day
Team lists are now confirmed for this event. The Gala day is Tuesday 12th February. The event will be held at The Gardens Tennis Centre. Please be at the bus stop at 8am with your PE uniform on, tennis racquet in hand, water bottle, hat, sunscreen and food. Ms Denmead will be driving the bus.

Rugby Gala Day
The Year 7 – 9 Rugby Gala Day will be held on Tuesday 5th March at Souths oval, Marrara. Students will need to collect a note from Miss Foley at the Sports Office and return this note by Friday 15th February $10. All information regarding the Gala Day and afterschool development sessions for 13 and under students will be on the cover letter provided with the note.

Netball Gala Day
The Year 7 – 9 Netball Gala Day will be held in conjunction with City Cluster Senior Schools. This event will be held on Tuesday 26th February at the Sitzler Netball Courts at Marrara. Notes are to be collected from Miss Denmead at the sports office and must be returned with $10 by Friday 15th February. All information regarding the Gala Day and afterschool development sessions for 13 and under students will be on the cover letter provided with the note.

City Cluster Senior School Gala Days, Year 10 - 12

Senior students who are interested in attending any Gala Days will need to speak with Shaun Theiber to register their interest and seek notes. The Senior school Netball Gala Day is held in conjunction with the Middle School event. All details are listed above.

Community Sports Notices

Notice Board
In the Auditorium we have a notice board for all sports notices and community events. If you have any notices you would like attached to this board please drop them off at the sports office or email a copy through.

NT Rugby League
Northern Territory Rugby League is looking for male and females who are 14 years and over who would like to become involved in refereeing. For details, contact Donny Bell NTRLRA Secretary on Phone: 0413 033 629.

Rabbitohs Rugby Union Sign On Day
South Darwin Rabbitohs Rugby Union Sign On Day is on Saturday 16th February at Warren Park, Abala Rd, Marrara Sporting Complex. This will be held from 10am – 12 noon. There will be fun and games, slip and slide, a sausage sizzle and appearance by Australia and Fiji Internationals Tim Atkinson and Lepani Nabuliwaqa.

Aussie T-Ball
There will be a sign up day on Sunday 10th February at the Tracey Village Sports Ground from 9am – 11:30am. This is for boys and girls aged from 5 – 12 years. For more information contact kjdo@baseballnt.com or phone 0425248924. Information is also located on the sports notice board.

Nightcliff Cricket Club
Male and female players are wanted for the 2013 season. Players must be at least 5 years old. There will be a sign on day from 10am – 2pm on Sunday 17th February at the Nightcliff Sports Club, 11 Camphor St Nightcliff. For further information contact Club President Michael Pearson on 0403993506 or email info@nightcliffcc.org.au.

Athletics Northern Territory
Athletics NT is currently looking for enthusiastic, reliable and passionate coaches to deliver athletics through the Active After School Communities Program in Darwin, Northern Suburbs and Palmerston. There are seven Active After School Sites in these areas that have required athletics this school term. Come and share your passion and skills with coaching and athletics with the youngest generation of athletics superstars. Payment is commensurate with applicant experience and qualifications.

Requirements:
- CCTP, Working with Children Clearance Notice (Ochre Card) & level
1 (or higher) athletics coaching accreditation.
- Be available at least 1 afternoon a week in after school hours.
- Support during AASC Athletics carnival.

** Please note that the athletics coach accreditation is not required to deliver sessions with the AASC program. However, those who want to deliver AASC program under the Athletics NT banner need to have an athletics coach accreditation or proven experience in the sport.

Those who do not have level 1 athletics coaching accreditation yet can still register in the following course:

**Level 1 Athletics Coach**
- **DATE:** Sunday 10 February 2013
- **TIME:** 09:00 am – 5:00pm (lunch and drinks provided)
- **VENUE:** Conference Room NTIS & Athletics, Arafura Stadium, Marrara.
- Please bring sport clothes with you. This is a learn by being active course!
- **COSTS:** $70. Costs include all course materials, coach accreditation fees with AA and lunch.

Athletics NT will reimburse the total costs of the course to those who coach (e.g. club, after school activities, school or community) during 2013. Enquiries: development@ntathletics.org.au
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**Student Achievements in Sport**
Good luck to Amy Messenger, Jesse Staples & Saskia Smid who are off to the Australian Age Open Water Championships at Lake Macquarie this weekend. All three will compete in the 5 km event.

If your child has any great sporting achievements throughout the year please email karly.denmead@essington.nt.edu.au and this will be acknowledged in the bulletin and on occasions at Assembly. Photos are most welcome. Every week we endeavour to include as many of our student’s achievements that we hear or read about. If your child is excluded from events where many of our students are involved in please email me and I will include their results the following week.

**Karly Denmead**
Assistant Principal
Sports Coordinator

**House Notices**
Our first House event is scheduled for Week 6. The Junior School students will play duster hockey, polo hockey or street hockey and the Middle School students will play netball at Marrara. This week we have also started the process of selecting our House Captains in both the Middle and Junior Schools. Captains and Vice Captains will be announced in the upcoming weeks.

The House notice board is located in the Auditorium. It contains information about swimming and athletics record holders, swimming, athletics and overall winning House shields, age champions from the swimming and athletics carnivals in 2012 and all upcoming events.

If there are any issues, questions, queries on House activities please do not hesitate to contact Spencer Harvey in the Outdoor Education Office by either Phone: 8985 0121 or email spencer.harvey@essington.nt.edu.au.

**Spencer Harvey**
House Coordinator

**Duke of Edinburgh Notices**
The Duke of Edinburgh Award is a terrific opportunity for students to gain and develop new skills, such as leadership and to challenge themselves. I strongly encourage all Year 9 students to enrol although they must be 13 years and 9 months. At this early stage we have close to sixty students signed up.

The award involves completing four sections; fitness, skill, volunteering and adventurous journeys. If you are interested in joining the Duke of Edinburgh Program award please visit Mr Harvey in Outdoor Education Office which is located behind MS21 near the pre-school.

**Spencer Harvey**
Duke of Edinburgh Coordinator

**Outdoor Education Notices**
Students in Outdoor Education should have received their permission note for out of school activities for Semester 1. In Year 8, students are participating in Archery, Rock Climbing, Canoeing and Orienteering and our Year 9 students are participating in Rock Climbing, Canoeing and Orienteering.

**Camps/Student Tours**
Our Outdoor Education camps start with Year 4 at Batchelor in Week 9, then Year 5 at Batchelor in Week 10. Then in Term 2, Year 6 will go to Litchfield in Week 5. Year 7 will go to Lake Bennett in Week 7 and finally Year 8 will go to Camp Wallaroo in Week 9.

Also, we have interstate tours for our Year 8 and 9 students to Falls Creek/ Melbourne, Perisher/Canberra and Cairns/The Great Barrier Reef. Expression of interest forms for the tours will be out shortly.

**Spencer Harvey**
Outdoor Education Coordinator

**LEARN ABOUT YOURSELF!**
As Marcel Proust, a late 19th century novelist wrote: “the real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes but in having new eyes”. Volunteer to host an international high school student in July 2013 through Southern Cross Cultural Exchange and prepare to be amazed at the way this unique and rewarding opportunity helps your family to become closer, to understand themselves better and to see the world in a new light.

Carefully selected students will arrive in July for one or two semesters from France, Italy, Germany, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Japan, and Spain. They will attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at our website www.scce.com.au, email scceast@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship.