From The Principal
THE FETE
Thank you to all our school members, and members of the Darwin community, who supported our School Fete, the Nightcliff Twilight Community Fair, last Saturday and made it such a great success. With over fifty five stalls and displays, performances all afternoon on the main stage, and thousands of people passing through, the Fete had all the atmosphere of a country fair.

The pony rides and petting zoos and the haunted house made a reappearance on our Fete program, and new attractions included several armoured Defence vehicles, Buff the Barra, Hector the Cat, Angry Birds, an art exhibition (featuring outstanding work from our students) and the stirring sounds of the bagpipes of the Darwin Pipe Band! All the old favourites were there including the Devonshire Tea Stall, White Elephant Stall, Secondhand Book Stall, Jumping Castles,

Cake Stalls, Food and Vegetable Stalls, Baby Chickens and Ducklings Petting Zoo, Merry go Round, and of course the Dunking Machine!

It was a busy day for our class groups and parents who prepared and ran their stalls on the day. The atmosphere on the day was great and it was good to see the happy faces of all the children. Community groups were also represented at the Fete. So many parents, teachers, students and members of our school worked so hard to make it such a great friend and fund raising event. We are still receiving and counting money and

Georgia leads Pony Rides at the Fete.
paying costs and look forward to sharing with you next week how much we raised for equipping and resourcing our new Library (due for completion at the end of this year).

Special thanks to Ann McCreanor and Jaya Srinivas, our two Fete Coordinators, on planning such a great Fete.

NT CHILDREN’S BOOK FAIR
Our NT Children’s Book Fair was bigger and better this year thanks to the work of our organisers, Angela Bevan and Kathy Ryan, supporting book sellers (Scholastic Books and Darwin Book Shop), and authors and mystery readers. Our turn over was larger than last year and thousands of dollars of funds were raised to purchase books on the day. The Library will be a busy place in coming weeks as the thousands of books purchased are covered and catalogued and new shelving is purchased for the increase in books in our Library.

Thank you to all our families who supported the NT Children’s Book Fair on Saturday. Special thank you to our organisers, Angela Bevan and Kathy Ryan, for the amazing job they did.

NEW PRESCHOOL UNDER CONSTRUCTION
This week construction commenced on our long awaited Preschool. The contractors have been busy this week digging holes for the foundations after clearing the site for the Preschool between the Music Centre and Middle School classrooms, and the carpark at the back of our Essington Education Centre.

The first modular building is expected to arrive at the end of next week with other buildings to follow over the coming weeks. The installation and landscaping of the new buildings will take about twelve weeks but we will see considerable changes occurring over the next few weeks.

BUILDING WORK ON ESSINGTON EDUCATION CENTRE
Work is advanced on the construction of covered walkways at the back of the Essington Education Centre and will be completed in the next two weeks. A covered area has been built on to the back of the Centre to provide all weather access to the ground floor classrooms in the Essington Education Centre. This is connected to a covered walkway that will provide all weather access to the back entrance of the Centre, and to the adjacent Middle School buildings. This work is transforming the back of the Centre and completing the connection of the Centre to the main campus.

The new lift at the Essington Education Centre (housed in the green tower on the side of the building) is also just days away from being commissioned and operational.

CONGRATULATIONS
Congratulations to the following students on their outstanding results in the national Big Science Quiz completed last term:

**Intermediate Section**
- High Distinction
  - Mitchell Copley
  - Hassan Skeggs
- Distinction
  - Daniel Waite

**Senior Section**
- High Distinction
  - Louie Dowell-Wise
  - Nicholas Polotnianka
- Distinction
  - Kieran Caraher

Thank you to Melanie Avion, Senior College Science Teacher, for organising our students participation in this competition.

VISITING STUDENTS FROM INTERSTATE SCHOOLS:
**St. Pauls College, Walla Walla, NSW**
Our visiting five girls from St. Pauls College, Walla Walla, New South Wales, returned home late on Saturday night after attending our School Fete on the Saturday. Reports back from their school this week indicated that they had a great time here last week and really enjoyed the experience. St. Pauls are already planning their visit in 2015!

**Wilderness College, Adelaide**
Our visiting girls from Wilderness College, Adelaide, returned to Adelaide on Wednesday after a week visiting our school. They enjoyed their time with our families, and the visit to Adelaide River last Friday with Spencer Harvey, our Outdoor Education Coordinator. (St. Pauls Walla Walla girls and some of our Middle School student buddies also attended this excursion).

**St. Peter’s School, Adelaide**
Three boys from St. Peter’s School, Adelaide, arrived on Sunday evening to spend at week at our school. They visited the Adelaide River on Thursday with some of our Middle School students and enjoyed the Jumping Croc Cruise. Students were amazed at the size and number of crocodiles in the river. Also a big hit with students was the fish feeding yesterday at Doctors Gully, including the 1.5 metre groper that came in amongst the stingrays and large fish to compete for the bread.

Thank You To Homestay Families
Students from these schools have been staying with our families. Their generosity and hospitality has made this short term student exchange program possible. Thank you to all our families who hosted students from St. Pauls, Wilderness School or St. Peter’s School over the last two weeks.

**SCIENCE WEEK AT ESSINGTON**
We celebrated Science Week last week with many activities across the school including our amazing Year 6 Science Fair. We also had John Sagun, Charles Darwin University, attend our Junior School and Middle Assemblies today to present cheques and awards for our students who participated in a recent Charles Darwin University Science Program.

Thank you to all our Year 6 teachers for their focus on Science last week and the excellent work students produced. Thanks to Rebecca Ryder for organising the Year 6 Science Fair last week. Some photos are included in this Bulletin of the Science Fair.

**ICAS WRITING AWARDS**
This week we received Award certificates gained by our Year 4, 6 or 8 students in the recent International Competitions and Assessment in Schools (ICAS) program in Writing. We regularly gather data to inform our teaching programs in literacy, numeracy, science and computing.
Beyond the data this assessment program provides us in terms of a comparison on international standards, the high achievement of many of our students is acknowledged with Credit, Distinction and Merit Awards. These are listed in this Bulletin and certificates were presented at Assemblies today.

FORTHCOMING MIDDLE SCHOOL TOURS: Canberra and Singapore
Final information is being distributed to our Middle School students going on the Year 6 Canberra Tour and the Year 7 Singapore Tour in three weeks time in the last week of this term. Parents are asked to note the Parent Information Evenings for these tours in the week before their departure.

Our School Fete was a great success! It was tremendous to see the enthusiasm, support and commitment for the Fete in its 25th Year.

We created a wonderful Fete atmosphere and community spirit. Thank you to everyone involved in bringing joy, laughter, smiles and a few screams! (from the Haunted House!!) to the larger Essington community.

Thank you especially to Leanne Baker, David Ambrose and their production team for ensuring we had a full afternoon of entertainment, and to Megan Brown and her team for ensuring that things ran smoothly on the day.

We can all be very proud of the success of the day! Here’s to an even more spectacular Fete in 2015 .. start organising now!

Ann McCreanor Events Coordinator and Jaya Srinivas Assistant Principal

Welcome from the United Kingdom, Stevie Lomas and Kyle Budd who are carrying out their placement in the Physical Education department.

Junior School Swimming Program
Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 students embarked on the Swimming Program at Nightcliff Pool this week. Students will participate in swimming lessons for forty-five minutes from Monday to Thursday for two weeks. Transition, Year 1 and Year 2 students will participate in their lessons in Weeks 8 and 9. Thank you to families who returned permission slips promptly and provided SunSmart swimming costumes, ensuring students gain maximum benefit from this valuable exercise.

Science and Engineering Investigation Awards
Students in Year 4 and 5 have been participating in the PICSE Science and Engineering Investigation Award program in conjunction with Charles Darwin University. Across Term 2,
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students planned, conducted and reported on a chosen scientific investigation. Students presented their findings on display boards featuring a written report, diagrams and photographs. Students in Year 4B McGregor, Year 5C Griffiths and Year 5D Lea were invited to attend a conference day at Charles Darwin University to participate in scientific discussion and to present the findings of their experimentation.

Projects from 4C O'Connor and 4A Thompson were also submitted. The group projects have been judged on scientific method, visual display and communication. In first place, winning $300 was the ‘Extended Bottle Length experiment’ with 5D’s Angus Keightley, Claudia King, Chloe Nutt and Thiraj Ramamoorthi. In third place, winning $100 was ‘Our Fracking Experiment’ with 5C’s Katie Lucas, Tessa Jarvis, Danielle Abel and Adeen Khan.

Louise Hand
Assistant Principal Junior School

From the Junior School Coordinator

Last week Junior School Students participated in Book Week and Science Week Activities. Students loved listening to our mystery readers during Lunch Time. A huge thank you goes to our School Based Constable, Linda, School Board Chair Ms Vicki O’Halloran, Assistant Principal, Siobhan Nox, and Federal Member of Parliament, Ms Natasha Griggs for coming into the Junior School and being our secret readers. Junior School classes also participated in buddy shared reading sessions. Students were able to share their favourite picture stories and practise their reading skills with another Junior School student.

On Friday, I was blown away by the huge effort everyone went to for the Book Week character dress up. Students looked fantastic! The Junior School Senior Representative Council ran a parade at lunchtime in the Auditorium. It was great to be able to see everyone’s costumes. We certainly looked like one big picture perfect story book on Friday. Thank you to classroom teachers for being flexible and our fabulous parents for helping us celebrate all things ‘books’ last week.

Last week was also Science Week across Australia. Year 4 and 5 students were able to celebrate their recent success at the Charles Darwin University Science Awards. Congratulations to all students who entered their experiments, and in particular, the winning team from Miss Griffith’s class and our third place students from Ms Lea’s class. Last Thursday all the students’ Science boards were placed on display in the Science Lab. Classes were able to come and view the fabulous work students had been undertaking across the term. In particular Year 6 students enjoyed coming over to look at the displays and thanked the Junior School students for sharing their amazing work.

Many students have been busy creating their very own recycled bug at home over the past few weeks. We have had a large number of different and creative bugs brought back to school. A display of all the bugs was made in the Auditorium for students and parents to view on Friday 29th August. A few bugs are will be selected and entered into the Northern Territory Science Awards. Well done to everyone who made a bug!

Ebony Burns
Acting Junior School Coordinator

Transition Specialist Lessons

This week in Information Communication and Technology with Miss Renee students explored our outdoor environment searching for Mini Beasts and their habitats. They used the iPads to take photos and videos.

In Chinese with Miss Donna, students continued to learn about the Moon Festival and the story behind the Moon Fairy and her little Jade rabbit. Mr Gulla taught the students how to improve their aim in an over arm throw, through a variety of fun activities.

In Music with Miss Jazmin the students are preparing for ‘Music Count Us In’ and learning to keep a steady beat. In Visual Art, with Miss Bignell, TC created a Papercraft spider and TE created a Beetle.

Year 1 Specialist Lessons

In Information Communication and Technology with Miss D the students began to explore the inner workings of the ipad. The Orangutan Rescue Rehabilitation Centre was the focus of this week’s Indonesian lesson.

In Physical Education this week, Mr Gulla focused improving over arm throwing technique through a variety of games. In Miss Jazmin’s Music lesson students are preparing for ‘Music Count US In’ and with Miss Bignell, in...
Visual Art, students made a rainbow serpent.

Renee Schultz
Junior School Coordinator
Transition—Year 1 Teaching and Learning

Early Learning Notices
Preschool
It has been a very busy and successful Week 6 in Preschool.

To start, we had a very successful weekend at the Fete with a sell out at the Devonshire tea stall. This is due to the fact that we had fantastic parent volunteers and Fete coordinators. Thank you so much to every family who volunteered their time and donated on Saturday. An extra special thank you to our Fete coordinators who organised the day: Claire Jones, Georgina Dornier, Kate Pickering and Julia Tyrell.

As mentioned in last week’s Bulletin, we have been creating a Preschool veggie garden with the help and expert advice of Rebecca Karanikolas. The transformation is incredible. The children have absolutely loved this process and are excited about the end result of our developing garden. The vegetables and fruit that we grow from this garden will be used in our cooking and Preschool classes. Thank you so much again Rebecca Karanikolas.

Just a note to parents of children who attend Wombats: can we encourage children to leave their lunch boxes (if they have one) in their bag during Monday – Thursday Preschool sessions.

A reminder for each child to bring in three pieces of fruit and one packet of biscuits, or a healthy snack, per week and a broad brimmed hat.

We have sent home a tea towel fundraiser letter which you can return to the Preschool by the 19th September. Each Preschool child will have their handprint on these special tea-towels which make wonderful keepsakes.

There are also Christmas fundraising catalogues coming out this week. They are called Chalk and Parent Direct and have been sent home with your child.

There is a third catalogue called Educational Experience, which is only available for order online as there are only limited catalogues which will be available for parents to browse at the Preschool sign in areas.

This week we would like to thank: Preschool 1 Rebecca (Sophia’s Mum), Preschool 2: Yvette (Elri’s Mum), Preschool 4: Patricia (James’s Mum).

Miss Nerida and Miss Kristy

Transition Notices
Transition T2 Camilleri
Thank you to all the parents for your generosity and support at the School Fete last Saturday. Our class stall was a huge success and very popular with all the children. A very big thank you to Claire Jones, Georgie Dornier and Renee Schultz for your organisation behind the scenes prior to the day and for setting up our terrific stall. It looked fabulous.

Marijana Camilleri

Pre-Transition/Transition T3 Karaolias
This week our sharing news has been well underway. The children have done a great job sharing their news about minibeasts found at home on their allocated day. Photos of the children who have shared news this week and last week will be going up on Edukite next week.

Our focus on minibeasts this week for Science was the spider - from the arachnid family. The children enjoyed learning about the differences between an arachnid and an insect. Arachnids have eight legs and two body parts whilst an insect has six legs and three body parts. Look out for spider webs in the classroom.

Our Health unit of work this week focused on our emotions. The children looked at a powerpoint showcasing several types of emotional faces that they tried to identify. We discussed different types of scenarios at home and at school when we feel these emotions. The children later drew and wrote about an emotion they feel at times.

Word family: -ag (Transition)
Initial sounds: r, h (Pre-Transition)
Diagraph: ur/ir/er (Transition)

Can all Transition students please make sure you return all swimming notes. Swimming starts in Week 8.

Christine Karaolias

Transition T5 Smith
This week in Transition we have been learning about Honey Bees and their homes. We made ‘beehives’ out of plasticine, we looked at the honeycomb shape and used a matchstick to carve honeycomb shapes into the plasticine. Some children made small bees to live inside their beehives. Isabella lives next door to a person who has a bee hive and she brought in some honeycomb for us to look at.

Outdoor Education Students sailing in the Darwin Harbor.
Thank you to all our Mums and Dads who helped out at the School Fete on the weekend. All help was greatly appreciated – a special mention to Eliza Collier and Sandra Parsons for coordinating the stall on the day. It was a huge success.

In Week 8 and 9 we will commence swimming lessons. Be sure to bring back the permission slip by next week. Our time slot is 8.30 – 9.15 am.

Lucy Smith

Junior School Notices
Year 1A Maddox
I would like to take a moment to thank all our parents who supported our White Elephant Stall for the School Fete. We appreciate your help and we could not have done it without you. We value each of your contributions, whether it was time, money or the donation of your pre-loved items. Thank you for getting involved and making our class stall the great success that it was.

This week during our big write session we teamed up with Miss Mizon’s class for a class debate. The topic for the debate was, “Are cats better than dogs?” The children split into two groups and argued their points using facts and opinions. Children got involved in the discussion by relating it to personal experiences and their own pets. The debate later led into a persuasive writing activity where children chose if they were for or against the topic. They had to state their opinion then give reasons and examples to support it. The children wrote some very persuasive arguments.

This week in Maths we have focused on telling the time. We have been doing lots of practice to help our children learn about telling the time in practical real life situations. Please continue to check Edukite for updates about our classroom.

Michelle Maddox

Year 1B McCartney
Thank you for all of your help at the School Fete on Saturday. It was a wonderful day and everyone seemed to be having lots of fun. Thank you so much to all of the parents who donated soft drink bottles and those who helped out on the day, your help was greatly appreciated.

In Literacy this week, we joined with Miss Hartley’s class for the Big Write. This week’s focus was persuasive texts. The children were all engaged and worked well together. To help our writing of persuasive texts we followed the OREO rule. Ask your child what each letter of OREO stands for. The children enjoyed an OREO biscuit to consolidate their learning of persuasive texts. We all had lots of fun!

In Numeracy this week, we have been learning about directions. The children have enjoyed engaging in active learning activities. We have been learning about positional language, following a treasure map which our class mates have created, gone on a treasure hunt around the school, and beginning to use North, East, South and West.

Sarah McCartney

Year 1C Mizon
1C have enjoyed a hardworking week. We have been doing lots of practice for our assembly item which I hope you all enjoyed. In English we have just started our new topic of dreamtime stories and are creating comic strips to retell the story of The Rainbow Serpent. In Maths we are learning to tell the time to o’clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to on an analogue clock. You can help with this at home by encouraging your child to tell the time in practical real life situations. Please continue to check Edukite for further news and updates.

Victoria Mizon

Year 1D Hartley
A big thank you to those who helped on our Crazy Hair stall at the Fete and also those who donated money or products to support the stall. It was lots of fun! A special mention to Jodi and Jason Cowdery who helped set up and coordinate our stall.

Keep checking out Edukite, as notices as well as fun daily photos of classroom activities are uploaded!

This week we started learning about persuasive writing and language we can use to help us express our point of view. We are focusing on time in Maths and recognising half past and quarter times. During Literacy we have been reading dreamtime stories and will begin having a go at writing our own stories. This week in History we begin looking at how family life has changed over time in other cultures, such as Aboriginal and Japanese.

Just some upcoming reminders: in Week 8/9, students will be doing swimming lessons from Monday to Thursday from 10.45am at Nightcliff Pool.

Cristina Hartley

Year 2B Pendergast
I would like to start by saying a big thank you to all of the families who helped with the Fete. Whether you made a prize or money donation, or you assisted on the day, it all helped to
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This week the students were very creative in writing their own riddles. We have been working together in Maths to solve different problems. The class has continued to learn the importance of water in our lives and the use of solar and wind energy in Science.

A reminder that our swimming lessons start in Week 8. Please make sure swimming notes are returned before the end of next week.

Kristen Pendergast

Year 2D Scaturchio

Who can believe that we are already half way through Term 3? In 2D we guess the saying is true, ‘Time flies when you are having fun!’

This week the class had lots of fun writing their own riddles in Literacy. Their good copies are on display on our class window for you to enjoy. Here are a few of our ‘What am I?’ riddles – see if you guess the answers!

I am small but not as small as an ant
I have wings and they are as soft as silk
I am delicate and have four wings
I can fly high but not as high as a bird
I am the spottiest in my family
What am I?

Answer: Cheetah
By Lincoln Sinclair

I am the smallest in my family
I am really fast
I have four legs
I have a small skull
I am the spottiest in my family
What am I?

Answer: Merit Award
By Abbey Pickering

I have a small skull
I have four legs
I am really fast
What am I?

Answer: A coin
By Konstantinos Koukouvas

I am the smallest in my family
I am really fast
I have four legs
I have a small skull
I am the spottiest in my family
What am I?

Answer: Cheetah

This week we had a ‘yummy’ sharing news topic and the students enjoyed sharing their favourite foods. We were even lucky enough to try Caitlin Mogridge’s meat balls, Sophia’s minestrone soup and Caitlin Morgan’s strawberries. The sharing news topic for next week is ‘mystery topic’ and the students will interview an older person about the ‘History’ topic they selected. In Numeracy this week we have been looking at word problems and the students enjoyed solving a variety of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division word problems.

Well done to Caitlin Morgan for being awarded the Star Writer Award this week.

Congratulations to Lalwa May and Charlotte Hatton for receiving Merit Awards this week!

Finally, a big thank you to all of the parents in 2D for your assistance at the School Fete. We had so many delicious cupcakes to sell and we could not have done it without your help – thank you.

Susannah Scaturchio

Year 3A Yarran

We have had a very busy and exciting week in 3A. It was great to see the students dress up for Book Week, and share information about their favourite book characters. We had time to enjoy our love of reading with the Transition class in the lovely weather outside!

I would like to take the opportunity once again to thank all the parents who helped out at the Fete and contributed to its success. We all had a fantastic day and enjoyed working on our Sand Art Stall. A special thank you to Kym Cairns for being our coordinator this year, and making sure that everything ran as smoothly as it did. All help on the day was greatly appreciated. Well done to the students for making our very colourful sign for the stall. It looked fantastic!

Over the past few weeks students have been busy working on their Information Reports. They have gathered information from home and books in the classroom to help them create a fantastic poster on their chosen animal.

In Science we have been looking at the ways in which plants and animals are classified and the differences between these. Most of the students are finished their posters and I have started hanging them up for display around the classroom. They have all done a great job! Please feel free to drop in and have a look at the wonderful effort they have put in.

We have had a great start to swimming this week and the students are really enjoying their time at the Nightcliff Aquatic Centre. What an amazing view the swimming pool has! Just a reminder that swimming is only on Monday - Thursday of Weeks 6 and 7. We leave the school at 12:45pm and come back to school around 1:45pm, just in time to change and pack up for the end of the day.

There have been a few changes to our timetable this week and next week due to swimming. We now have Physical Education on a Friday afternoon, not the usual Thursday. Please make sure students wear their sports uniform on Friday for Weeks 6 and 7. Once swimming has finished, everything will go back to normal for the remainder of the term.

Krisy Yarran

Year 3B Newton

Thank you to all of the parents and grandparents who baked cupcakes for our Fete Stall and also volunteered on the day. Children who visited our stall had a wonderful time decorating their own cupcake. According to staff members, the Decorating Cupcakes Stall was the most popular and memorable stall among the younger students!

3B have been extremely organised for swimming and have shown outstanding manners to the swimming instructors at the Nightcliff Swim Centre. As we do not return until 12:30pm (Mon-Thurs), it is advised that hot food lunch orders be saved until Friday please.

Kate Newton

Year 3C Thomson

What a wonderful turn out we had on our stall for the Fete. Thank you to everyone for the wonderful cakes you
ST PAULS STUDENT EXCHANGE
WALLA WALLA
YEAR 6 SCIENCE FAIR
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Selena O’Connor

Year 5A Noonan

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Everyone has been participating very sensibly and enthusiastically and learning a lot from their instructors. In Novel study we continued reading our book, How to Train Your Dragon. After answering the set questions, the students had their own independent challenges to complete from the list of extension activities. So far we have had some wanted posters, letters to the editor, advice columns and Viking shields.

In Science we learnt about the gas planets and we are hoping to finish making our rockets using cups and elastic designs. In History we studied how the Bathurst settlement affected the surrounding environment.

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Marie Noonan

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Adene Lea

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brought in. They were wonderful. Such creative families we have! An extra big hug and thank you to Sarah Nathan. You completely outdid yourself, and the table looked sensational. Not only that, you were also in charge of Face Painting. I do not know how you did it! Swimming has started this week, and is going swimmingly (pardon the pun). We are fortunate to be going late in the day when the water is warmer and we have had a day packed full of learning. Do not forget it continues to Thursday this week, and we are back in again on Monday.

Tanya Thomson

Year 3D Decurtins

A huge thank you to all the parents who helped run our ‘stall’ at the Fete. The jumping castles proved to very popular and quite busy! A special thank you to Karen Armstrong for organising and coordinating the hiring of the castles.

The swimming program has progressed well this week. The students have enjoyed midday swims and, very importantly, no one has lost their goggles!

Most students have now completed their information reports and they look terrific. They are on display in our room so please come in and have a look. During Maths we have been working on our division skills and adding money. Many students have been completing their Mathletics activities at home, and they seem to be really enjoying these tasks. A huge favourite for the class appears to be Mathletics Live, where they compete against other students from all over the world. This program is an exciting and fun way to improve Maths skills, I strongly encourage all students to log on when they are able.

Leonie Decurtins

Year 4C O’Connor

Week 5 was Book Week and it was great to see everyone come to school dressed as book characters. We had some great costumes in our class ranging from purple dragons to Harry Potter. All the costumes were great and our characters were able to join with a buddy class to read their favourite books.

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Monday 8.30 - 4.15pm (walk ins 8.30am - 9am)
Tuesday 8.15 - 2pm (walk ins 8.15am - 9am)
Wednesday 8 - 12.30pm (walk ins 8am - 9am)
Thursday 8 - 1pm (walk ins 8.30am - 9am)
Friday Closed until further notice
Please contact the Nightcliff Medical Centre directly on Phone: 8948 4333 to make an appointment.
Middle School Notices

Year 6B Burns/Ryder

We thoroughly enjoyed the Fete last Saturday! A massive thank you to all those families who donated money to help us set up our Sausage Sizzle stall. Special thanks go to these people who helped out serving and cooking last Saturday: Rohan Daff and Cooper McLaurin, Otto Blum, Ryan and Peter Marsh, Ben Kearney, Harrison and Susannah Yap, Jacob Randazzo, Mia Hardcastle, Annie and Colin Huggett, Mia Seconds, Haylei and Cheryl Whitehead, David Hudson, Cooper and Ryan Jenkins, Oscar Triggs, Jarrod and Jeffrey Li-Hunnam, Ari Mitchell, Leo Cleveland-Allan. Without your hard work we would have been very lost. A big thank you also goes to the Barnes family for your generous donation of sausages.

This week has us back to a quieter week in the classroom. On Tuesday students completed their English Assessment on PEE Questioning for Little Brother. In Maths this week we are studying Geometry and Angles. A Geography Assessment has also been handed out and students must be working hard on their maps and map skills at home. If you have any questions in regards to the assessments or any of the current homework please do not hesitate to get in contact with us.

This week in Science we were all very excited to get back in to the Lab after our Science Fair. We learnt the correct technique to turn Bunsen Burners on and off, and the difference between the yellow and blue flames. For many of us, it was our first time using a Bunsen Burner and we were all very excited. We have many exciting experiments to do in upcoming weeks where we will need to put our new skills in to practice.

In Geography we have been finishing off our topic ‘Liveability’ and will be moving on to ‘Water in the World’ in Week 7. Our first assessment piece for Geography has been handed out and is due Monday, Week 8. We have to design something to make Darwin more liveable. Some of our ideas have been quite exciting, i.e., theme parks and sky rails etc. Others have been more practical, i.e., solar panels on every house in Darwin. We look forward to hearing all about everyone’s ideas in Week 8.

Ebony Burns and Rebecca Ryder

Year 6C Materazzo

A huge thank you to all the families who supported our class and volunteered on our stall at the Fete. We had so many prizes to hand out and everyone who came to our

Students proudly showing off their awards from the Science Fair.
The Essington School Darwin

stall had a great time digging in the new sand. Not only was the sand great fun at the Fete, the Junior School now has fresh sand to play in. A huge thank you to the Alexopoulos Family for donating the sand. Another big thank you goes to Kylie Bidstrup for coordinating and staying from the beginning to the end on Fete day.

After the busy week preparing for the Fete last week, we were right back into our normal routine this week. The students loved visiting the Science Lab on Thursday, and learning all about Bunsen Burners and the different flames. We also put into practice our Science Laboratory safety knowledge. In Mathematics we have been investigating angles, triangles and mastering our skill at using a protractor. In Geography we are continuing to look at the criteria of liveability. The students will be taking home their assessment and creating a facility in their own neighbourhoods that will enhance its liveability.

Sarah Materazzo

**Year 6D Bennett**

Congratulations to our Science Fair Awardees! Our class took out first and second places for the ‘Best Practice’ category. This prestigious category incorporated a level of background research, fairest test, best discussion and most accurate result. Congratulations to Jade, April, Irini, Mitchell, Tippipon, Jordan, Shaniece and Lachlan!

In Health, we are currently analysing the nutritional value of our tuckshop menu in anticipation of creating our own healthy menus. We are also busy becoming town planners with each student thinking about the liveability of their neighbourhood and proposing facilities to improve their neighbourhood’s liveability. It surely is an exciting time in 6D!

Jack Bennett

**Year 6 Science Fair**

During the Assembly in Week 5, the winning entries for the Year 6 Science Fair were announced.

**Most Creative/Unique**

1st place - Powerplants
Jacob Randazzo, Isaac Barnes and Jarrod Li-Hunnam

2nd place - Greenhouse
Lily McConnel, Ruby Michael and Cordelia Thompson

**Best Solution to a Problem**

1st place - The Salty Seeds
Lucas Moore, Noah Higgins and Finn Niemeier

2nd place - Hot and Cold
Frances Cruickshank, Ally Reynolds, Mikala Kobelt and Kira Srhoj

**Best Practice**

1st place - Feeding our Future
Tippipon Morgan, Shaniece Nair, Jordan O’Brien and Lachlan Ross

2nd place - Salt out of water
Jade Ramjan, April Rummery Lamb, Mitchell Symes and Irini Melas

Congratulations to these students on a fantastic job. Well done.

Rebecca Ryder
Science Teacher
Senior College Report

Important Upcoming Senior College Dates:

- Friday 12th September: The Essington School Swimming Carnival.
- Tuesday 16th September: Stage 2 Dance External Examination 7:00pm.
- Monday 22nd September to Friday 26th September: Year 10 Work Experience.
- Wednesday 24th September and Thursday 25th September Parent Teacher Discussions.
- Monday 6th to Friday 10th October Stage 2 Trial Examination Week.

Stage 2 Trial Examination Week

We will be holding our Stage 2 Trial examination week from Monday 6th October to Friday 10th October. Please note that morning examinations start at 8.00am and students will need to be at the College no later than 7.45am. Afternoon examinations start at 12.30pm and will conclude at 3.40pm. These times are the same times that are used in the final examinations.

Subject Choices 2015

All current students in Year 10 have begun to look at subject choices for 2015 in their Personal Learning Plan classes. All students have been given a copy of the latest SATAC (South Australian Tertiary Admission Centre) entrance booklet to assist with subject choices that align to the Charles Darwin University and Universities in South Australia. If you would like to discuss your child’s choices for next year please contact, the Senior College office on Phone: 8946 6821 to make an appointment to see Mr Moore.

Work Experience

Year 10 students have been given their Work Experience Placement forms. These are due to Mr. Moore as soon as possible.

Peter Moore
Dean of Students

Duke of Edinburgh Notices

The annual Senior College Surf Trip has been booked and confirmed for December this year. Selected students will have the opportunity to spend five days at Seal Rocks, Forster, developing their surfing skills in a safe and controlled environment. While in Sydney students will also have the opportunity to climb the Sydney Harbour Bridge and see the musical, Dirty Dancing at the iconic Lyric Theatre. We will also spend two days on the Gold Coast, one of those at Dream World. Any students interested in attending this trip, please see Mr Theiber at the Senior College for more information.

As we have already reached the mid-way point in our term it is great to see so many of our students continually logging hours for their individual Duke’s Awards. It is important that students are vigilant with this so they can continue to progress with their Award. If any student would like to know more about the Award, or is currently having trouble with any concept, please see Mr. Theiber at the Senior College.

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 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.

Shaun Theiber
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STAGE 2 TRIAL EXAMINATION TIMETABLE

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When: Tuesday 2nd September
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Where: Christ Church Cathedral, Smith Street, Darwin
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Leanne Bakker
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Squash
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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.

Mitchell Street Mile Competitors Year 4 – 12, parents, friends and staff
Our school is searching for the fastest boy and girl in the Primary School, Middle School and Senior School to represent the school at the Mitchell Mile on Sunday 21st September from 3:00pm – 7pm. There will be ten races across the day with people being able to enter different categories. There is a celebrity race, All comers (for anyone), Defence/Service, Masters (30 years plus, more competitive than all comers) and Elite. This is a 1.6km event. Contact Hannah West and NT Athletics on Phone: 8945 1979 or Email: events@ntathletics.org.au
All our fastest runners are selected the school will enter these students. Everyone else can take part in a category that suits them. Good luck to all competitors.

AWOF JUNIOR SOCCER
Saturday Morning Soccer Training with 1966 English Premier League Everton FA Cup Champion Mike Trebilcock. Where: AWOF Sports corner Bagot Road & Old McMullans Road, Coconut Grove. Time: Saturday mornings at 8:30am-9:30am (Ages 4-15) Cost: $150 per 10 Week Block ($100 & $75 NT Government Sports Vouchers Accepted) Every Child receives a Free AWOOF Junior T-Shirt.
Contact Us: By phone on 8985 2844 or by email at: juniors@awof.com.au

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Ages: U/12 and U/16 Where: AWOF Sports corner Bagot Road & Old McMullans Road, Coconut Grove. Time: Fridays 5:00pm-6:30pm (30minute Games with various start times) Cost: $5 per player, $25 per Team per week. ($100 & $75 NT Government Sports Vouchers Accepted) STARTS ON Friday September 12.

Student Achievements in Sport
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. Photos are also most welcome.
Karly Denmead
Assistant Principal/Sports Coordinator

Outdoor Education Notices
Last Friday I took a group of students from the Wilderness College, Adelaide, and St Paul’s College, Walla Walla and their Essington hosts to the Jumping Crocs Tour on the Adelaide River. The girls were amazed by the size of the crocodiles and how they were able to get themselves out of the water. Yesterday I also took the St Peter’s boys and their hosts to the crocs at Adelaide River. The boys also had the opportunity to feed the fish at Aquascene, Doctors Gully. They could not believe the amount of the fish, as well as the size of them. I hope all the exchange students have had a good time at Essington. Thanks to our host families.

Sailing
This week our Year 9 Friday class sailing was held in Fannie Bay. Sailing classes go for an extended time as they do not finish until after 3pm. Students need to make their own arrangements to get home. The bus will return to school around 3.30pm.

Year 8 classes have refined their Orienteering skills at Casuarina Coastal Reserve. Students need to be prepared for out of school activities so that we can make the most of these activities.

Spencer Harvey
Outdoor Education Coordinator

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FUND RAISING AT THE FETE

You may have seen the stall at our Fete for a fundraising bike ride in Victoria to raise money for the Peter MacCallum Hospital in Melbourne. They raised $674 at our Fete and welcome your support with their fundraising bike ride.

If you missed them at the Fete you can donate online by going to conquercancer.org.au, click 'Donate Now', then enter the name of the rider you would like to support our Mums:

* Judy Ward
* Samantha Miles
* Sharon Radonich

The Epic Ride is two hundred kilometres over two days through the Mornington Peninsular, Victoria. All funds go to the Peter MacCallum Hospital.

For more information, please contact Sharon on Phone: 8947 3423.