

Newsletter Term 1, Week 4, 2023

Dear Families,

As Week 4 draws to a close, it is full steam ahead! We have a busy schedule with several school events on the horizon. You will notice our calendar update included in this week's newsletter and I would like to encourage you to keep an eye on it as it continues to be updated each fortnight. As always, if you have any questions, or require further information, please don't hesitate to contact the school.

Learning for Life

There is a fair bit of work happening in the background in relation to our Annual School Improvement Plan. The plan provides a sharp focus in terms of key improvement areas for us as a school, which this year are around student achievement (progress) in mathematics and increased student engagement through inclusive practices. Further details regarding our ASIP will follow soon.



Meet and Greet

Thank you to everyone who made it to the Meet and Greet. It was great to get around and meet families and I am sure you all enjoyed chatting with teachers and walking through our learning environments.

Breakfast Club & Friday Pancakes

Each morning a large portion of our students hit the breakfast club which is held in the 'Barra Room' opposite the preschool. Toast, assorted spreads and cereal, are all on offer and it's a room full of energy, smiles and laughter.

The initiative ensures all students begin the day with a full belly. It is also an opportunity for staff and students to get together before heading off to their classrooms on the bell, ready to learn.



Each Friday, the breakfast club makes way for Pancake Friday, which usually sees everyone gathering in the centre of the school, munching away, whilst listening to some tunes thanks to Mr Ridley.

I would like to formally invite all members of our community to pop into the school during breakfast club and/or Pancake Friday. You are most welcome, and we offer tea, coffee, and a place to relax and have a chat. Looking forward to seeing you all there.



A class adjustment

On Wednesday this week, 3/4 Chitturi was disbanded, with students from that class being shared into Ms Lucky's or Ms Fennie's classroom. Both Ms Lucky and Ms Fennie will now be teaching Grade 2/3/4.

Ms Chitturi has moved to a part time model, which will see her role focus on supporting the school's priorities alongside students.

Several factors have influenced this decision including our budget, student enrolment and attendance, school priorities and staffing needs.

I would like to commend the flexibility and resilience of our students and staff within this space. Every student, and their best interests, are at the centre of every decision we make as a school, and it was pleasing to see everyone working together to support a smooth transition.

We have such a great school!

Stay safe and enjoy the weekend.

Haydon Staines
Principal
Malak Primary School

Head Lice Advice

Please check your child's hair, comb through with conditioner and treat with lice products.

Don't forget to let us know, so we can advise other families to check and treat their child also.



Road Safety

A reminder to parents to use the drop off zone or public car park before and after school and drive with caution in the current wet weather. Please also talk to your children about safe road crossing. We encourage students to use the pedestrian crossing while following the below steps.

When walking to school or around your local area, teach your child how to cross using the steps below. Show your child each step and explain why it is important to do this every time they cross.

Step 1	Choose the safest place to stop and cross.		
Step 2	Ask a trusted adult for help to cross the road.		
Step 3	Stop back from the kerb and road.		
Step 4	Look in all directions for traffic.	STOP	LOOK
Step 5	Listen for traffic.		
Step 6	Think about when it is safer to cross.		
Step 7	When the road is clear, walk straight and quickly across the road.		
Step 8	Keep checking the road by looking, listening and thinking about traffic while crossing.	LISTEN	THINK

Thank you for playing a vital role in your child's road safety education.



Congrats to **Takiyah W** and **Dequane L** have both been selected in the **Darwin Region Girls and Boys AFL teams** respectively. Takaya and Dequane will compete with their teams at the School Sport Education NT Championships in Week 9 of this term.



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Well done Takiyah and Dequane and all the best for the Championships!
Mr Ridley and Malak Family

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- Cooking
- Community knowledge sharing
- Support with Literacy, Financial Literacy and Budgeting
- Trauma Awareness Training
- Support with writing resumes
- Fun outings and activities
- First Aid Training/Certificate

Dates

Start: Tuesday 07th of February 2023
When: Every Tuesday, 9:00am-1:00pm
Where: The Darrandirra Child & Family Centre
Shop 27, Malak Shopping Centre -16 Malak Cres, Malak 0812

For more information speak to Darrandirra staff
08 8947 4007

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Anxiety Explained, Kids Empowered - Palmerston

Durack Community Centre 25 FEB, 2023, 1:15 PM

Parent / Carer workshop aimed at supporting children with anxiety

[Anxiety Explained, Kids Empowered - Darwin - Sticky Tickets](#)

FREE Community Connections Sharing of Culture Dance & Music Program

A program for Northern Suburbs children & young people ages 0-17 years old. Children under 10-years-old must be accompanied by an adult.

Every Friday 3pm-6:30pm at Darrandirra Child & Family Centre. Food & Drink will be provided.

For more information, please contact staff 08 8947 4007
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Wk5 27 th Feb 	28 th Feb 	1 st Mar Whole school assembly 	2 nd Mar 	3 rd Mar
Wk6 6 th Mar 	7 th Mar 	8 th Mar 	9 th Mar 	10 th Mar Newsletter
Wk7 13 th Mar 	14 th Mar 	15 th Mar Hub assembly    NAPLAN Testing Begins	16 th Mar 	17 th Mar
Wk8 20 th Mar 	21 st Mar Harmony Day 	22 nd Mar 	23 rd Mar 	24 th Mar Ride to School Day Newsletter 5/6 Sailing Excursion 
Wk9 27 th Mar NAPLAN Ends  	28 th Mar 	29 th Mar Hub assembly  School Council AGM	30 th Mar 	31 st Mar
Wk10 3 rd Apr 	4 th Apr 	5 th Apr Whole school assembly 	6 th Apr Last Day of Term 1 😊 Newsletter	7 th Apr  Good Friday <i>No School - Public Holiday</i>
10 th Apr Easter Monday School Holidays	11 th Apr School Holidays	12 th Apr School Holidays	13 th Apr School Holidays	14 th Apr School Holidays
Wk1 17 th Apr First Day of Term 2  	18 th Apr 	19 th Apr 	20 th Apr 	21 th Apr