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Newsletter Term 4, Week 4, 2023

It's Balnba (Rainy) Season for Gulumoerrgin (Larrakia) country. Damugula (Mud Mussels) and Danijarra (Long Bums) are collected on the mud flats as they become exposed by rain.

Dear Families,

Welcome to the mid-point of Term 4. The following weeks will see assessment, reporting and the finalising of portfolios across the school, alongside continued teaching and learning. We are also in the process of developing our 2024 Annual School Improvement Plan (ASIP). This plan assists us to have a sharp and narrow school improvement focus, with identified goals that strengthen instruction and engage every student in their learning. The ASIP allows the setting of student achievement targets whilst also identifying and outlining resources, timeframes, roles and responsibilities.

Next year, Malak will be participating in a school review which is an opportunity for us to work with an external team, to reflect on our schools' current practice, areas for improvement and evidence of progress when it comes to quality teaching and learning. The team will work closely with us to gather evidence and make judgements about where we are at within our improvement journey. This will be a valuable process and we are looking forward to it.

Teaching in the Territory Excellence Awards

A huge congratulations to Miss McCarthy who took out the Leader in Education Award last Friday at the Teaching in the Territory Excellence Awards. The award recognises Miss McCarthy's innovative leadership, contributions to student engagement and achievement, and her ability to inspire both students and teachers to be the best they can be.

Honourable mentions to Miss Shepherd who was shortlisted for the Early Childhood Educator Award and Mr Paul who was also shortlisted for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Educator Award.

As a school we are extremely proud. Go Team!

Onwards and upwards!

This term, teachers have been working through a Maths assessment cycle. The cycle assists us to identify the specific needs of our students, trends across our classrooms, and what skills or concepts we need to focus on moving forward.

Part of this work has included a research-based approach to teaching and learning called 'Sprints'. Teaching Sprints is a process where teachers work in teams to address a specific area of student learning they wish to improve. Teachers then use informed strategies before collecting evidence to check their impact. Through using this process, our teachers create the opportunity to improve their practice while lifting student outcomes.

Class Creator

As we move towards the second half of the term, we will begin our work around 2024 classing. This year the process will be adjusted with the introduction of a secure software program called 'Class Creator'. The program offers the opportunity for teachers to enter basic academic data about their students within areas such as reading, writing and mathematics, as well as levels of support that students may need within the classroom. The program then uses an algorithm that takes this information into account before producing potential classing arrangements. Teaching teams then review the classing arrangements and make adjustments. Specialist Teachers and the Leadership Team will also review draft classes before finalising.

Students and their families will be notified of their 2023 class and their teacher in Week 10. Each student will also get the opportunity to visit their new teacher, in their new classroom, during the same week.

Friendly reminders and updates

Some friendly reminders below:

- ✓ Whole School Assembly (the last for the year) 8/11.
- ✓ End of Year Awards 6/12 (separate EY and Primary).
- ✓ Year 6 Graduation Evening 7/12.
- ✓ Reports and Portfolios sent home 13/12
- ✓ Year 6 Farewell 14/12
- ✓ Last day of term for students 14/12
- ✓ Jump on, like and follow our school Facebook page (Malak School). The page provides regular information updates and learning from across the school.

Take care,
Haydon Staines
Principal
Malak Primary School

variety nt

santa fun run & walk

sunday 26 november

darwin waterfront

SCAN ME

7am start

guest mc sarah passalick from mix 104.9

bring the whole family

register now at www.ticketebo.com.au
contact Bec on 0467 066 374

variety
the children's charity

The Lions Club of Palmerston is Proud to Present...

2023 DARWIN RAZZAMATAZZ VARIETY SHOW

Thanks to the generous sponsorship from the Greater Darwin Business Community, this incredible spectacle allows children and young adults of diverse abilities and backgrounds to experience magnificent circus and comedy theatre, featuring world-class performers with skills you won't believe you have just seen.

Enjoy a family-friendly and super fun-filled show in an inclusive, accessible and flexible environment with a relaxed attitude to audience noise and movement.

*All tickets are complimentary, including for families and carers.

*One ticket per person is required for entry.

*Bulk and individual ticket orders from schools, organisations, families and carers are welcome, including tentative bookings.

*Available on a first-come, first-served basis until booked out.

Sunday, 26 November 2023

11am, 1pm & 4m Showtimes

@ Palmerston Event Cinemas Vmax Theatre

To book your complimentary tickets,
please email or text your ticket order and contact details to...

meredithnewman@showintent.com.au 0404-367-782

SAT 18 NOVEMBER

TROPiCON 2023

The Geek Culture Collective presents TROPiCON

Celebrating all things geek and pop culture

Supported by NT Government, Northern Lights, Larrikin Interactive, GCC Northern Territory, The GG Social Club and Mad Snake Cafe.

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Darwin Entertainment Centre

IDEAS IN NUTRITION

Be more active more often

Less than 1/4 of Australian school children are moving their bodies enough to get all the benefits they can.

Activity can help kids

- sleep
- improve mental health
- have strong muscles and bones

You could try

- having a school friend over for a play date
- walk or ride to school
- help your child join a local group or team
- turn on some music and dance

NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT

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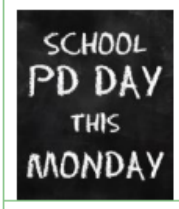
OCT/NOV 2023

Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Week 1 9 	10	11 Hub Assembly School Council Meeting – conference room @ 5pm	12	13	14	15
Week 2 16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Week 3 23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Week 4 30	31	1	2	3	4	5
Week 5 6	7	8 Hub Assembly School Council Meeting – conference room @ 5pm	9	10	11	12

Notes

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NOV/DEC 2023

Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Week 6	14	15	16	17	19	19
Week 7	21	22	23	24	25	26
Week 8	28	29	30	1	2	3
Week 9	5	6	YEAR 6 7	8	9	10
Week 10	12	13	14	15	16	17

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