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**Newsletter Term 4, Week 8, 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,

As Week 8 draws to a close, we look forward to the next week which will see us recognising and celebrating our students and their achievements throughout the year.

Our Awards Assembly is on Wednesday 6th December and all families are invited to attend. The Early Years Awards will be presented in the library from 9 to 10am, followed by tea and coffee in the Conference Room for invited guests and families. The Senior Years Awards will also be presented in the library but from 10.45 to 11.45am.

We have a number of awards being presented including the following:

- *The Learning for Life Awards;* proudly sponsored by the Smith Family and recognise academic achievement and/or growth within learning.
- *The Be Your Best Awards;* proudly sponsored by Malak Shopping Centre and recognise students who consistently try to be the best version of themselves and whose actions reflect our school values of 'Respect Yourself, Respect Others and Respect the Environment'.
- *The Principal's Awards*; recognising one student from each class who has demonstrated their character strength(s) consistently throughout the year both in and out of the classroom.

The Senior Years Awards will see a formal hand over of the SL@M leadership to our current Year 5s.

We also have our Year 6 Graduation Evening on Thursday 7th December from 4.00 to 7.00pm.

**Come and join School Council**

We are now calling for new School Council members for 2024. The School Council play an important role in supporting our school and community to build meaningful partnerships and encourage strong community engagement. The School Council ensure decisions are made in the best interests of all students and help shape the school's approach to inclusive and meaningful education. For further information, please see attached Frequently Asked Questions.

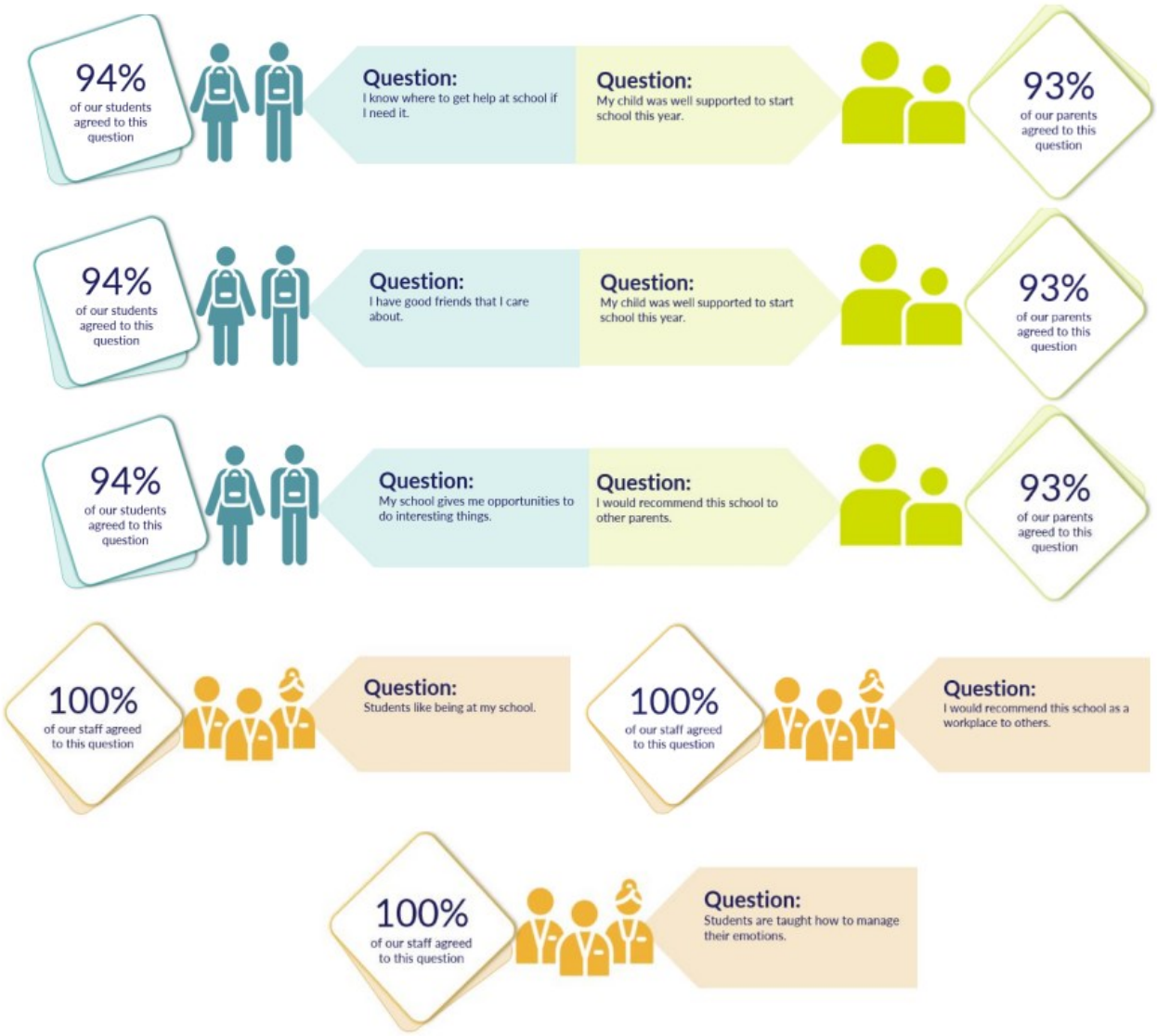
If you are interested in joining our 2024 School Council, please reach out and register your interest through admin.malak@education.nt.gov.au

**A friendly reminder- it's that time of year!**

It's that time of year and we are kindly seeking donations for our annual Christmas Raffle. Each year the raffle raises funds to enrich our students' learning. Donations can be anything from chocolates to decorations or ornaments- basically anything Christmassy! The more donations we receive, the more prizes we can offer. If you would like to donate, please do so through the front office. Donations need to be made prior to the Monday 11th December as prizes will be drawn on Wednesday 13th December.

**School Survey Highlights**

Thank you to all who participated in our 2023 School Survey. The annual School Survey is an opportunity to share your experiences with your school, and its education services, as well as celebrate success and identify opportunities for improvement. Some of our survey highlights are outlined below.




**Friendly reminders and updates**

- ✓ 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

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# Frequently Asked Questions

**Why should I be a member of a School Council?** Parents provide different viewpoints and have a variety of skills and knowledge that they can bring to the role. It is important to have parent voices on the School Council to ensure the best outcomes for students and the school community.

**How can I become a member of the School Council?** If you have a child enrolled at the school, including the preschool, you can be elected by other parents at the school usually at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). Vacancies may also arise throughout the year (Speak to your Principal or Chair about becoming a Member).

**What sort of time commitment is expected?** A School Council member will usually have to attend 2 meetings a term and where possible assist with activities and events.

**I don't have any real experience. I think I would be out of my depth.** If you are committed to children getting a quality education then you already have what a School Council is looking for. Your Principal can provide further information. Schools need passionate and devoted parents that can bring different skills and experiences to the team.

**Do I need a Working with Children (Ochre) Card?** Yes. All School Council Members and Committee Members will have to apply for a Working with Children card from SAFE NT. Ask your Principal for advice or SAFE NT https://forms.pfes.nt.gov.au/safent/. In many instances the School Council will pay for your application as a volunteer.

**How many times a year must the School Council meet?** Eight. To effectively support the school, it is preferred that a meeting is held once a month during the school year. Members must meet at least eight times in a calendar year, including the Annual General Meeting (AGM). The AGM needs to take place by 15 March. Q.25 How important is it for a member to attend every meeting? A quorum for a meeting (i.e. the minimum number of members in attendance to allow it to occur and make decisions) is at least half the current elected membership at the meeting. It is important that members attend as many meetings as they can.

**How long can I be a Member for?** Parent, teacher and student members can serve three consecutive two-year terms (a maximum of six years in a row in the same capacity). Capacity means Parent Member, Teacher Member, Student or Invited Member – not Chair, Treasurer, Secretary. Invited Members serve for a length of time determined by the members but only a maximum of two years at a time. Invited Members are also eligible for a maximum of three consecutive terms, with the exception of an MLA or person nominated by the local government council. These people may serve longer. The Principal of the school is always a Member.

**Can a non-member speak at a School Council meeting?** Yes. Non-members can attend and speak with permission from the Chair but must not vote.

**Where do I go for advice, support and training?** Members and interested persons can contact NT COGSO for assistance with any School Council queries. www.ntcogso.org.au enquiries@ntcogso.org.au (08) 8999 3255

# KARAMA FAMILY FUN FAIR

- Face painting
- Petting zoo
- Giveaways
- Live performances
- Visit from Santa
- And more!

**9 DEC 2023**

**2 - 4PM**

Karama Shopping Plaza

**FREE ENTRY**

KARAMA COMMUNITY GARDEN

Karama Community Garden

# PLANT SALE

MasterCard VISA eftpos EFTPOS AVAILABLE

## Saturday, 2 December

## Karama Shopping Plaza

## 9am - 11am

**BUY THE PERFECT CHRISTMAS GIFT**

FREE

# Join your local Bunnings
# Christmas Family Event

Get into the spirit at the free Bunnings Christmas family event.
Thursday 7th of December from 6pm to 8pm
at Bunnings Palmerston

Free sausage sizzle, dancers, Salvation Army band, Top End mud racers, Top End Critters, Fairy Jill and friends, Santa Clause, slushes and heaps of market stalls.

Refer to your local store for details and book your spot using the QR Code above.

For more information contact us on 79725900
or visit www.bunnings.com.au/Palmerston

BUNNINGS
warehouse

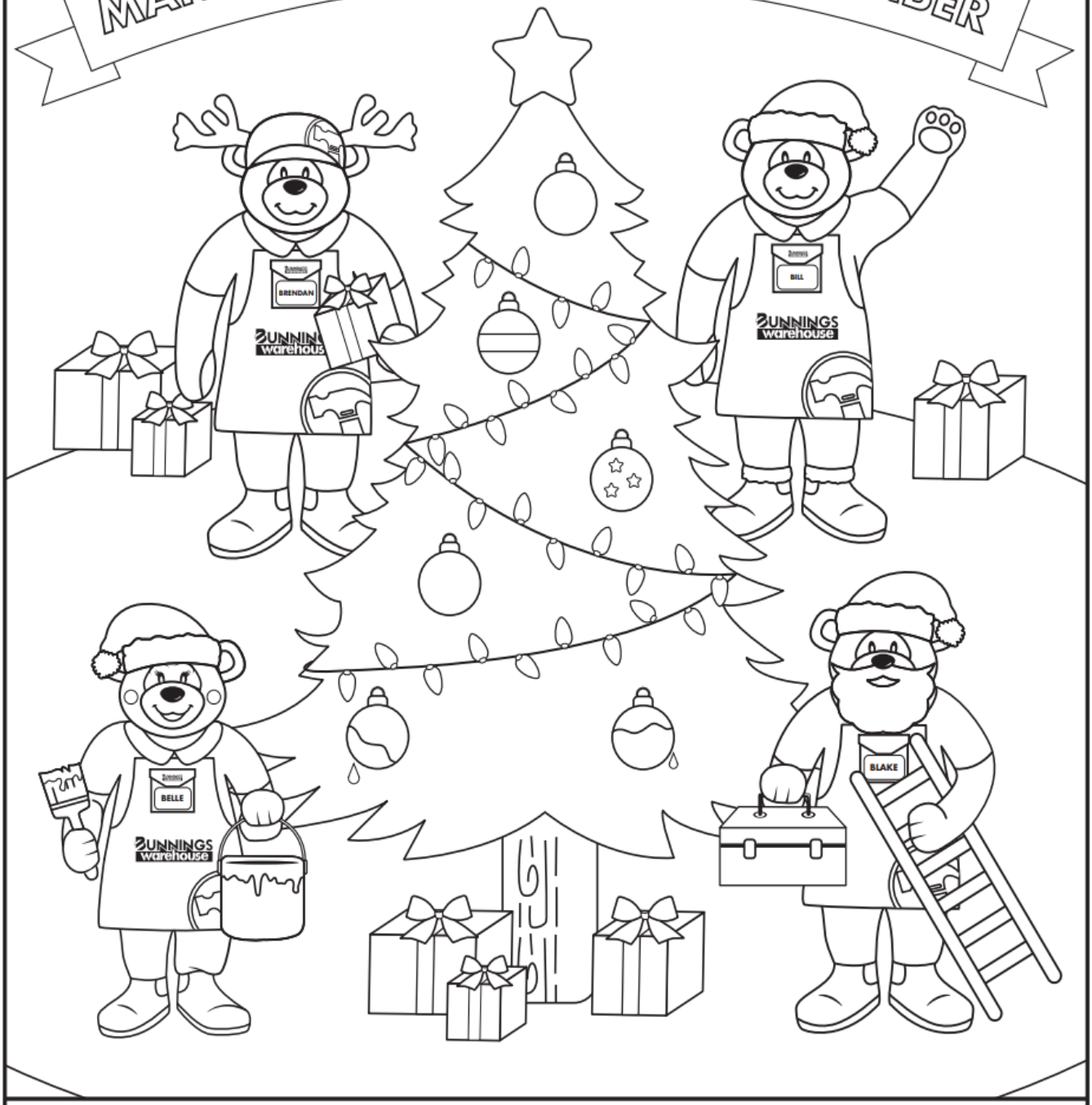
# Gingerbread Man Scavenger Hunt

**Find the hidden gingerbread men around the store and good luck!**

| Find the product: | Aisle: |
|---|---|
| 1 | ☐ |
| 2 | ☐ |
| 3 | ☐ |
| 4 | ☐ |
| 5 | ☐ |
| 6 | ☐ |
| 7 | ☐ |
| 8 | ☐ |
| 9 | ☐ |

BUNNINGS warehouse

# MAKE IT A CHRISTMAS TO REMEMBER




Fill in the below and deliver it to your local store by the specified date.

First Name: ..... Age: ..... Parent/Guardian Telephone: ..... Local Store: .....

Win one of three $50 Bunnings Gift Cards.

There will be 3 prizes up for grabs per store. Entries close 6pm Wednesday the 27th December 2023. The winners will be notified Wednesday the 3rd January 2024 via phone. Good luck and Happy Holidays from the Bunnings Team.

- Competition is open to ages up to and including 12 years old
- 1 entry limit per person
- The judge's decision is final & no correspondence will be entered into
- Bunnings employees, suppliers & their families are ineligible to enter
- Bunnings collects and manages your personal information in accordance with our Privacy Policy.
- Our Privacy Policy can be found at www.bunnings.com.au/privacy-policy. If you have any questions, email us at privacy@bunnings.com.au
- Open to entrants residing in Australia only.
- This promotion is offered by Bunnings Group Limited (In Australia) without any endorsement, sponsorship, administration.

# CHRISTMAS for Kids

SANTA WILL BE THERE

FREE ENTRY

ARTS AND CRAFTS

**FREE** FAMILY FUN DAY

Sunday 10 December 2023

9am - 1pm

*FOSKEY PAVILION

DARWIN SHOWGROUNDS

AMAZING DRUMMING MONKEYS

BALLOON SCULPTURE

MUSIC

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

AND MORE....

JUMPING CASTLES

CatholicCare NT

* COVID SAFE

Territory Child Care Group Inc

# Christmas for Kids!

Santa!

Jumping castles!

Amazing Drumming Monkeys

## FREE FAMILY FUN DAY

Sausage sizzle!

Sunday 10 December 2023
9am – 1pm
Foskey Pavilion, Darwin Showgrounds

Face painting!

Animals!

CatholicCare NT

Territory Child Care Group Inc

# LOOKING TO PLAY BASKETBALL IN 2024?

- All Ages from 2 years up
- All skill levels – Comp and junior social
- Supportive and inclusive Coaches

*Join Palmerston and Regional Basketball in 2024*
*W: parba.tidyhq.com*
*E: admin@parba.org*
*M: 0418 797 770*

International Day of People with Disability

# CARNIVAL OF FUN

**Facepainting - petting zoo - photobooth - weaving cookie decorating - popcorn - wheelchair rugby thong throwing comp - chill out zone - bowling fairy floss - sausage sizzle and more, ALL FREE!!!**

## Friday 1 December 2023

**Territory Netball Stadium**
**235 Abala Road Marrara**

**11.00-11.30am**
**Award Ceremony**

## TCASS Community Stage:

12:00pm Handsome Harry
12:30pm Palmerston College Special Education Centre
12:50pm Total Recreation
1:10pm Zumba
1:30pm Emirly Say
1:40pm Zumba
2:00pm Carnival Ends

**The DiversAbility Collective thanks the following supporters:**

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**Special thanks to:** Somerville, Clubhouse Territory, Purple Support, Multicultural Council of the NT, Council on the Ageing NT, Go Getter, Workforce Plus, Metanoia Rays, Total Recreation, Arts Access, Allaboorah Consultants, CASPA, Sticky Fingers, Carpentaria, APM, Mission Australia, ITEC Group, Allianz Plan Management, Baseball NT, Bowlabilities, NRL Wheelchair Rugby, Touch Football NT, Golf NT, Life Without Barriers, Autism NT, Cocoon Housing & Hands on People.

DIVERSITY is our game

Proudly sponsored by NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT

# School Holiday football Program

HAVE FUN, MAKE FRIENDS & LEARN NEW SKILLS IN A SAFE AND INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENT

$175 per week

Ages 5-12 years

8.30am - 11.30am

December

Mon. 18 - Fri. 22

$100 SPORT VOUCHER ACCEPTED HERE

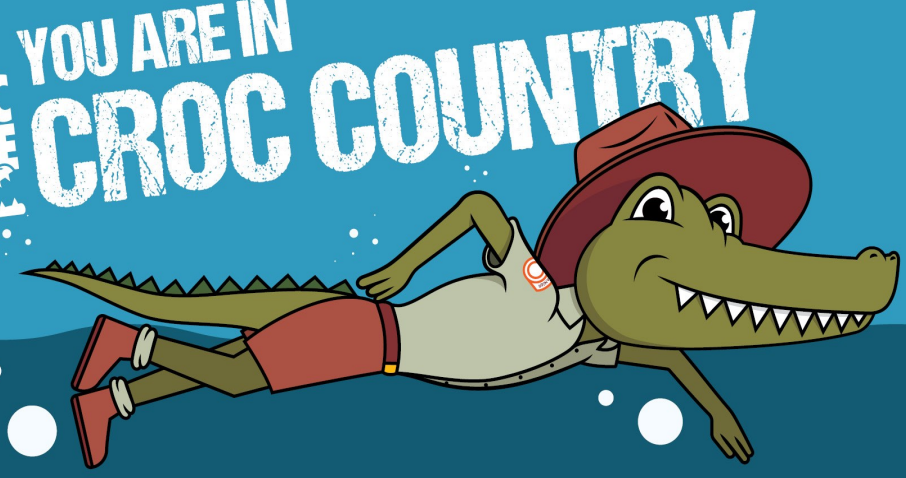
For more information

paula.dacosta@footballnt.com.au

Darwin Football Stadium

BE CROC WISE

YOU ARE IN CROC COUNTRY



Any body of water may contain large and potentially dangerous crocodiles.

Always watch out when the kids are near the water.

becrocwise.nt.gov.au

NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT

MALAK Primary School
Learning for life

# NOV/DEC 2023

| Mon. | Tue. | Wed. | Thu. | Fri. | Sat. | Sun. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Week 6 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 19 | 19 |
| Week 7 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| Week 8 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Week 9 4 | 5 | 6 | YEAR 6 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| Week 10 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |

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