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Newsletter Term 2, Week 10 2024

It's Dinidjanggama, which means 'heavy dew time'.

It is the coldest time of the year and the ideal time to burn grass.

Dangutjbela and Milula, kangaroos and wallabies, rely on bushfires for regrowth and green grass. We call the bushfires Damijuma.

Dear Families,

On behalf of the Malak staff, I want to thank you for your support and partnership over the last semester. Without you, we cannot do our best to support our Malak Primary School children and students. From waking the kids up early in the morning to make it to school on time, to taking our phone calls and meeting with us – all of this helps us work together to make school a better place for everyone.

Last night we had our end of term disco. Mr. Ridley was our DJ and Ms Maddy, Ms Sophie A and Mr Max were on the dance floor non-stop grooving to the funky tunes. It was nice for me to meet some new families on the night also, thanks for coming up to say hello! All proceeds for our Disco will go into our savings account for the school bus we are hoping to one day be able to purchase.

Transition Information Evening

As well as hosting families and students for our school disco this week, on Tuesday 18th of June hosted a Transition Information Evening.

11 families came along to see the Transition classroom and hear about the Transition 2025 program for their children. It was great to see such a good turn-out. If you happened to miss the event or are not a current Preschool family but are considering sending your children to Malak Primary School for Transition in 2025, we will be holding another Information Evening in Semester 2. The dates will be released closer to the time.

Semester 1 Reporting to Parents and Learning Portfolios

Today all Semester 1 student reports and Learning Portfolios will be going home with children.

If for any reason your child is not at school today, feel free to pop into the office during the school holidays to collect them.

Our Administration staff will also be dropping off any uncollected student reports and portfolios to homes during the holidays.

School Information Update in time for School Census

On the 2nd of August, there will be a School Census for all schools across Australia. The purpose of the census is to collect information from schools regarding enrolment numbers, attendance, and school demographics. The information collected during the census has a direct impact on our school funding.

It is really critical that Malak Primary School has accurate information regarding our school families for this census. Some of the demographics information that is collected includes Aboriginality, Languages other than English spoken at home, parent education level and parent employment category, just to name a few.

To support us in ensuring our school information is up to date, Ms Ange printed a report for each child which contains the information we have on file about your family.

We need you to please check this information, make any corrections necessary and then send it back to school with your child.

Please also return the report even if your information has not changed. Ms Ange will be phoning any families we don't hear back from to get the information over the phone.

DXC Technology, NT Cricket, DeadlyScience and Shell-V Power Racing Excursion

Last week some of our students attended an excursion and in-school activities hosted by DXC Technology, NT Cricket, DeadlyScience and Shell V-Power Racing Team.

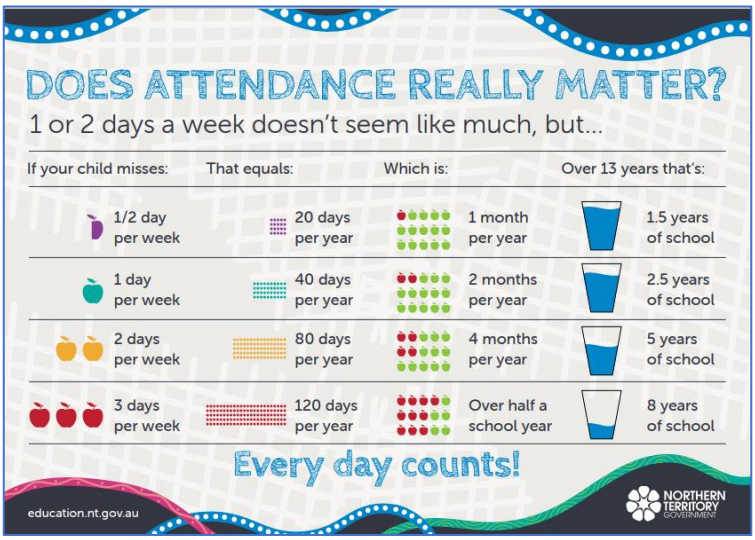
These activities were part of the DeadlyScience Indigenous STEM program, which saw them unveil two Shell V-Power Supercars for the Indigenous Round that was held in Darwin. They also learned new skills from elite Cricket NT players and received laptops from DXC Technology.

Our school was also gifted 31 new laptops for our students to use in their lessons.

Attendance at Malak

As shared in an earlier newsletter, our school has an attendance target of 78% for 2024.

As an update, we are finishing Semester 2 with an overall attendance rate of 72.8%.



Thanks for reading everyone and enjoy the holidays.

Please note: Monday Term 3 is a Professional Development Day for all staff, so our staff look forward to seeing your children back at school on Tuesday 16th of July.

Samantha Brannelly, Principal Malak Primary School

Sanderson Middle School Priority Enrolment Day

Sanderson Middle School is now accepting enrolments for 2025 and will be holding a priority enrolment day for all interested parents of Year 6 students on Monday 15 July. This is a pupil free day at all schools, so parents have the opportunity to enrol their child throughout the day without it impacting on school attendance.

To support getting our Year 6 students enrolled early into Sanderson Middle School, we have also sent home enrolment packs.

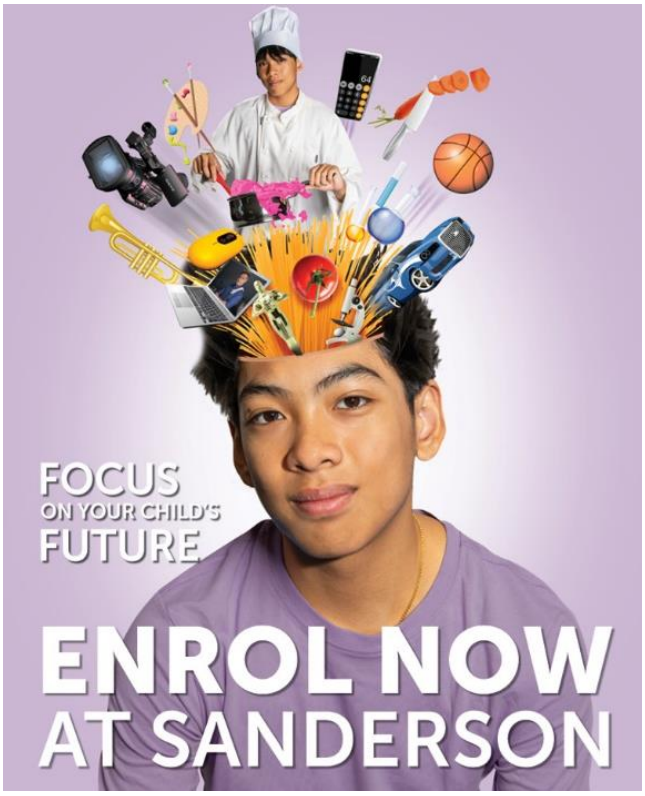
There are many benefits for students and their families to attend the priority enrolment day including:

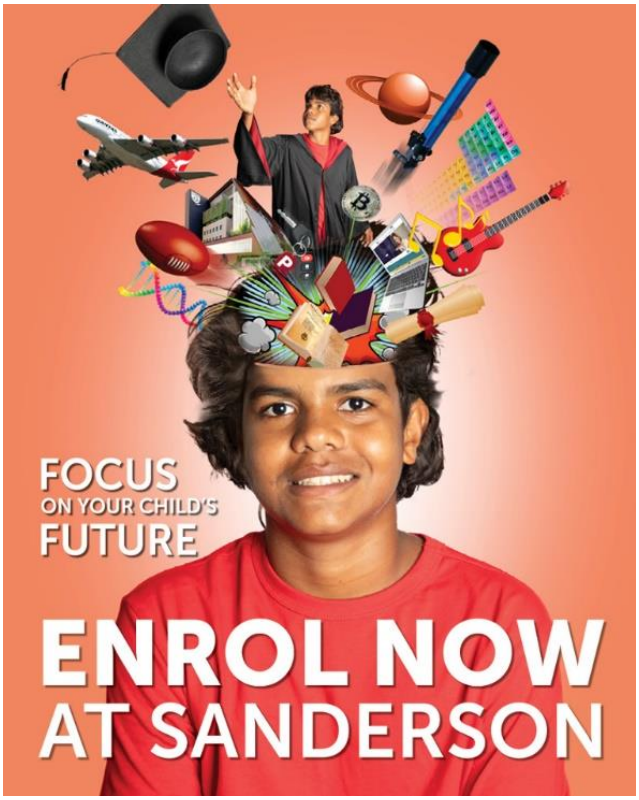
- Early orientation and engagement with the school and its facilities builds engagement and rapport between students, parents and teachers.
- It informs timetabling and planning of subject selections, which allows schools to staff subjects accordingly.
- It allows schools to identify where additional support may be required for students with specific needs, and plan accordingly, minimising delays in providing support when the school term commences.

Parents can also take the opportunity at the priority enrolment day to take their child on a tour of the school and see how they feel about it.

For families with siblings in Year 9, Casuarina Senior College is also accepting enrolments for 2025 and will be holding a priority enrolment day for all interested parents of current Year 9 students on Monday 15th July also.

Please take advantage of this opportunity that Sanderson network principals have co-ordinated as it makes planning for 2025 easy. It also assists the principals at Sanderson Middle School and Casuarina Senior College to plan for staffing and subject allocations.





Kids in Space Project and NT Showcase at The Essington School

On Tuesday, 4 June students from Mrs. Hofmann's 1/2 class and Miss Suse's 3/4 class travelled to The Essington School to participate in the NT Kids in Space Showcase facilitated by Makers Empire and The Australian Space Agency. We were only able to take up to eight students per class to the showcase.

The 3/4S students chose their student led groups, making five in total. Each group brainstormed amazing ideas and decided on the following:

Nuha, Danie, Jaxon, Tanya

- Project: We are creating a way to find and explore new planets and galaxies and care for astronauts in space.

Taya, Tynequa, Wenita

- Project: We are creating a way for astronauts to use Wi-Fi and tv to connect with Earth.

Mali, JoJo, Ben, William

- Project: We are creating a machine to collect space junk.

Egan, Tyrese, Dion

- Project: We are creating a helmet with a zipper to eat food in outer space and a McDonald's store in space.

Lukudu, Jasmine, Bella, Alotay

- Project: We are creating a vacuum to collect dust and rocks from the Moon.

Students followed the Design Thinking for Schools resource from Makers Empire.

Here are some comments about the project.

> *"The Showcase was fun because we got a badge. It was fun making things for space."* **Taya**
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> *"I loved watching the 3D printer print our designs."* **Egan**
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> *"Kids in Space was a really fun because we had to make a design for astronauts. We made a hospital space station."* **Jaxon**
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> *"We designed something we thought could help astronauts live and work in space. We wanted to help them understand the Moon and space better with our design. It took a lot of time."* **Jasmine**
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> *"The Showcase was on an inside basketball court. We got to show our projects and get badges. We got to see who won the award to go to Adelaide (Wagaman School). We liked seeing other school's ideas."* **Tyrese**
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> *"Miss Suse drove the bus, we ate Subway for lunch, and we had lots of fun meeting other students and sharing our projects. It was the BEST day!"* **Nuha**

Enjoy the photos from the Showcase too!

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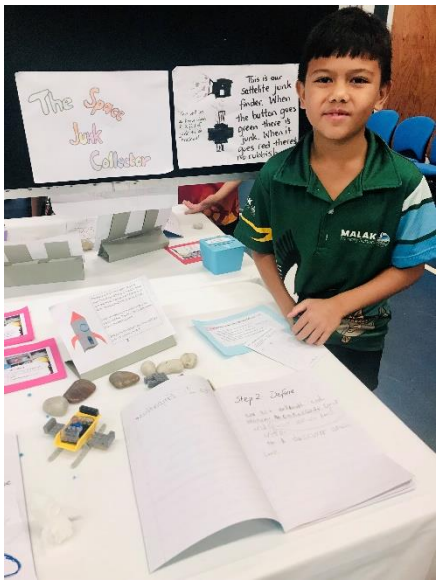
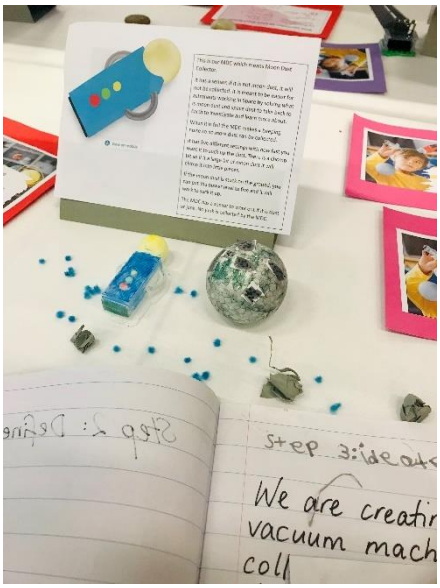
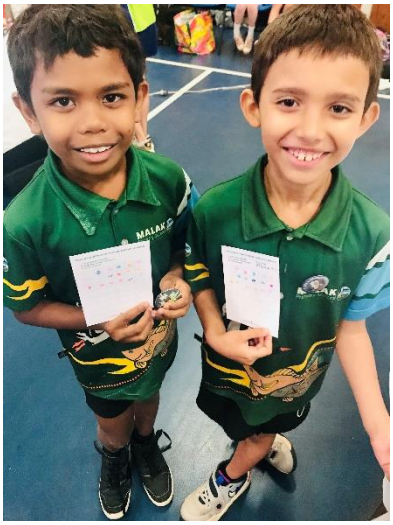
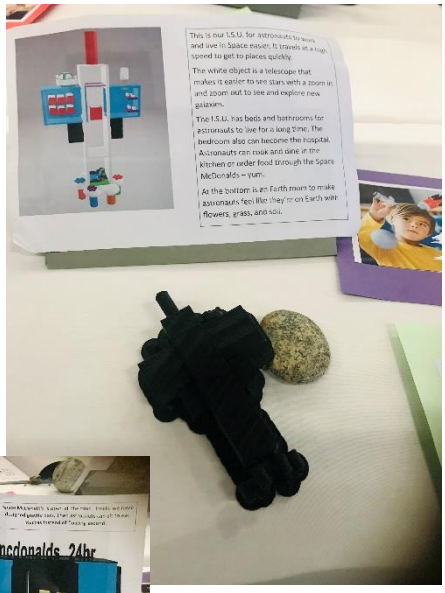
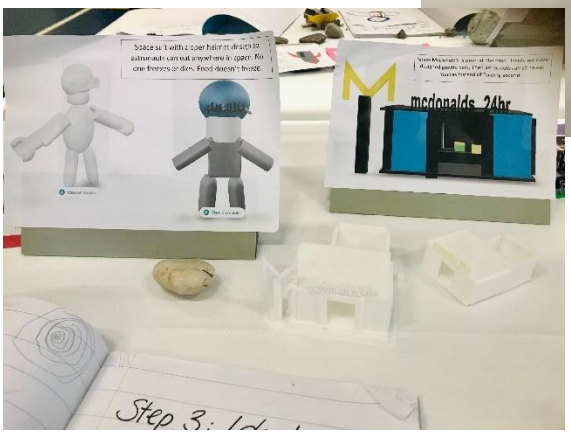










Team NAB AFL Auskick

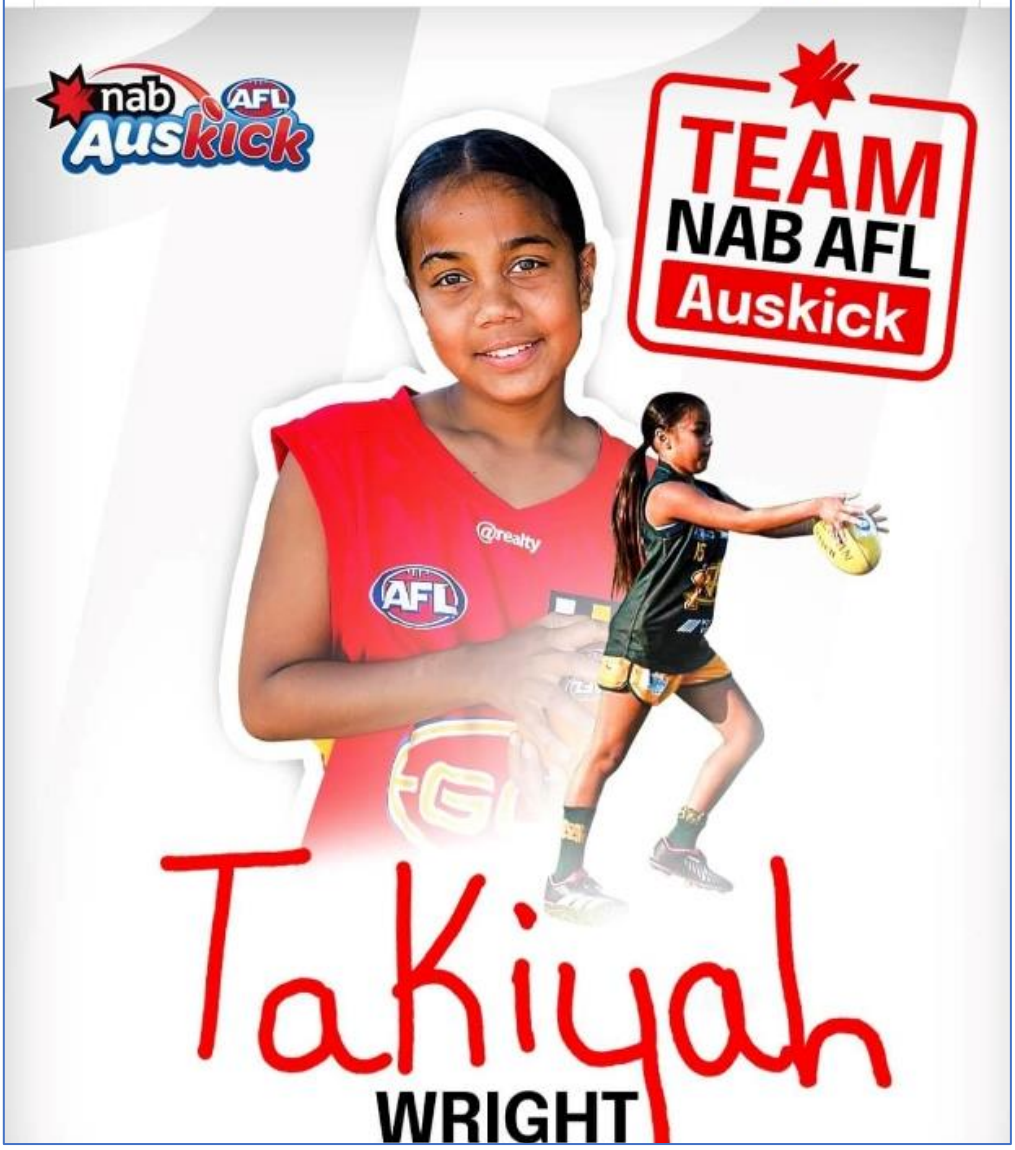
Congratulations Takiyah! We are really proud of you! 😊

Welcome Takiyah Wright, Team NAB AFL Auskick's newest recruit!

From Darwin, Takiyah is from a big footy-loving family. She has played for the last few years and loves to kick the footy with any of her nine siblings!

Takiyah loves watching the Gold Coast Suns when they play in Darwin, not only because she supports them but because her uncle plays for them, Joel Jeffrey!

We can't wait to see you at the Grand Final, Takiyah ⭐



IDEAS IN NUTRITION

Unravelling the Marvels of the Microbiome

You might have heard the word "microbiome" lately, but what is it, and why does it matter for your child's health? We're here to help you understand this tiny world that's a big deal for your kid.

What's the Microbiome? The microbiome is like a bustling city of tiny creatures inside your child's body, mostly in their guts. It's full of little things like bacteria, viruses, and fungi. There are a ton of them, and they do a lot for your child's health.

Why's It Important? They help digest food, make vitamins, and protect against the bad stuff. A healthy microbiome is like a superhero for your kid, keeping them safe and strong.

How do you keep your child's microbiome in good shape? It's pretty simple. Foods like fruits, veggies, and whole grains are like a buffet for these tiny creatures. Things like yoghurt and foods that have been fermented can also help.

NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT

Northern Territory Fire and Rescue Service

Why do children start fires?

FFF is available to children and young people aged between 3 and 17 who have been involved in at least one concerning fire incident.

Young children tend to light fires in or around home and only rarely set out to cause damage by their fire lighting.

By contrast, older children are more likely to light fires away from home and may be motivated by malicious intent.

Reasons may include:

- Attraction to the colour, light and energy released by the flame.
- Change in the family situation, e.g. new baby, parental separation, learning difficulties
- Difficulties relating to peers, low self-esteem.
- Family and social difficulties.

How to get help

The Fight Fire Fascination (FFF) Program is a free service for parents and is strictly confidential.

If you have any concerns about your child's involvement with fire, contact our Community Engagement Officer by calling:

Phone: (08) 8946 4128

Mobile: 0472 835 965

Or visit www.fire.nt.gov.au by selecting the "Request a Program tab"

Northern Territory Fire and Rescue Service

FIGHT FIRE FASCINATION PROGRAM

www.fire.nt.gov.au

Helping parents to overcome the problem of child fire fighting

The program

The aim of the program is to reduce the number of deaths, injuries and millions of dollars of property damage caused by juvenile fire setting through an intervention program delivered by a trained firefighter.

The program content and delivery varies according to the age and maturity of the child.

The child is visited in the home by a trained firefighter (youth liaison officer) over a number of weeks. In partnership, the practitioner, child and parents develop an awareness of fire safety issues in the home and work towards a safer home environment.

Through the use of the Fire Awareness and Intervention module, the child develops a greater respect for fire and its consequences.

All children with fire lighting tendencies are catered for in this program. Referrals are received by parents over the phone, firefighters in the field, following lectures, via children's mental health, Police, Department of Justice, schools and other concerned agencies.

Participation is voluntary, except where the referral is the outcome of a police or court program.

Should I be worried about my child's interest in fire?

Most children will be curious about fire at some stage in their life. However, this curiosity can become risky if it leads to unsupervised play with matches or lighters, lighting fires, or experimenting with homemade bombs and aerosol cans. Some fire play or fire setting can also be a sign that the child is worried about something and may need additional help.

What are the warning signs?

- Find matches or lighters in your child's room, pockets or bags.
- Burn marks on toys, clothes, under beds or in cubby houses.
- The smell of something burnt.
- Intense interest in, or conversations about, fire.
- Internet searches for fire related topics including homemade bombs.

What can I do now?

You can take immediate action to reduce the risks of fire play by:

- Explaining that fire is not a toy, it is a tool used by responsible adults.
- Teaching young persons to immediately hand matches or lighters to an adult or tell an adult if they see another child playing with matches and lighters.
- Contact NTFRS to request the FFF program.

Myths and Facts

Myth: Firelighters are pyromaniacs.

Fact: It is a behavioural problem which can be stopped. It may occassionally be a symptom of more widespread problems.

Myth: It is normal for children to play with fire

Fact: While curiosity about fire is common, child fireplay is not normal and can be deadly.

Myth: It is a phase that the child will grow out of

Fact: It is not a phase and you must deal with it immediately or it will continue.

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

JUNE 2024

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Refugee Week Darwin 17-21 June 2024

Refugee Week
Coordinated by Refugee Council of Australia

Melaleuca AUSTRALIA
Everyone belongs

We invite you to be part of Melaleuca Australia's Refugee Week celebrations:

MONDAY 17 JUNE 4-5:30PM

Opening event includes special welcome from Melaleuca CEO, Kwame Selormey, interactive djembe (drumming) circle, candlelight vigil to reflect on the refugee journey, and cooking demonstration by community members with lived refugee experience.

OPEN DAILY FROM 12NOON TUESDAY 18 UNTIL 5PM FRIDAY 21 JUNE

Melaleuca's Refugee Week Art Competition will be on display in our unique office located in the CBD. The gallery will be open to the public to proudly display entries from local schools and adults from the Adult Migrant English Program which explore the theme **Finding Freedom: Family**. The gallery is open daily or by appointment. We invite everyone; groups, individuals, organisations/businesses and schools to check it out. Melaleuca Australia 23 McLachlan Street, Darwin.

FROM 5-7PM TUESDAY 18, THURSDAY 20 & FRIDAY 21 JUNE

Communities with refugee experience within the Ukrainian, South Sudanese & Congolese communities will be hosting to **share experiences and connecting with you** around how stories of love and family support have given strength and freedom, while remembering many around the world are still waiting for this same gift.

FROM 4-5PM TUESDAY 18, THURSDAY 20 & FRIDAY 21 JUNE

Portable panel fusion - Melaleuca's portable panel will come together with some members of the hosting communities for a time limited Q&A. We welcome you and your colleagues, fellow students, family to come with respectful curiosity to explore your understanding of the refugee journey.

All of our events are free however we are taking donations on the door.

Please get your free ticket through Humanitix / make a donation / sponsor a family portrait.

TICKETS AND DONATIONS
Visit https://events.humanitix.com/refugee-week-2024/tickets

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Follow us on socials to keep up to date with information about our Refugee Week events or contact executiveassistant@melaleuca.org.au

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LEARN MAKE PLAY

THE ARRAY [ ] HOLIDAY PROGRAM

10 - 14 year olds | 9 - 11 July 2024 | 8 AM - 3 PM

MORNINGS

Tuesday 9 JULY

Digital Art
with Skye

Wednesday 10 JULY

Tinker Time
with Build IT Up

Thursday 11 JULY

Learn Animation
with Levin

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

JUNE JULY 2024

FRIDAY 21 JUNE

Rocking the Raintree
All ages
12.00pm - 2.00pm
Raintree Park

MONDAY 24 JUNE

Fun in the Parks – Lantern making
5 - 12 years
10.00am - 12.00pm
Tiwi Park

Baby Book Time
3 – 12 months
11.00am – 11.30am
Darwin City Library

Board Games Afternoon
8+ years
3.30pm – 4.30pm
Karama Library

TUESDAY 25 JUNE

Rhyme Time
3 - 24 months
10.00am - 10.30am
Karama Library

Movie Screening
All ages
10.00am
Nightcliff Library

YTAA Writing Workshop with Sandra Kendell
7 - 11 years
2.30pm – 3.30pm
Casuarina Library

Registration essential via darwin.nt.gov.au/ytaa

WEDNESDAY 26 JUNE

Fun in the Parks – Chinese Calligraphy
5 – 12 years
10.00am - 12.00pm
Moil Park

STEAM Zone
All ages
10.00am - 11.00am
Darwin City Library

Baby Book Time
3 - 12 months
1.00pm – 1.30pm
Casuarina Library

THURSDAY 27 JUNE

Rhyme Time
3 - 24 months
10.00am – 10.30am
Nightcliff Library

YTAA Writing Workshop with Barry Jonsberg
12 - 18 years
2.30pm – 3.30pm
Casuarina Library

Registration essential via darwin.nt.gov.au/ytaa

Movie: 10 Things I Hate About You
12 - 25 years
7.00 pm
Deckchair Cinema

Registration essential via launchdarwin.com.au

FRIDAY 28 JUNE

Fun in the Parks – Tie dying
5 - 12 years
10.00am – 12.00pm
Sunset Park

LEGO Club
All ages
3.30pm - 4.30pm
Casuarina Library

Board Games Afternoon
8+ years
3.30pm – 4.30pm
Karama Library

Gaming After Dark
12 – 17 years
6.30pm - 8.30pm
Casuarina Library

SATURDAY 29 JUNE

Family Story Time
All ages
10.00am – 10.30am
Darwin City Library

Family Story Time
All ages
10.00am – 10.30am
Casuarina Library

Amazing Drumming Monkeys
All ages
10.00am - 10.30am
Karama Library

SUNDAY 30 JUNE

GEEK UP
15 – 25 years
1.00pm - 4.00pm
Casuarina Library

MONDAY 1 JULY

Fun in the Parks – Soccer ball tricks
5 - 12 years
10.00am – 12.00pm
Lake Alexander

Baby Book Time
3 - 12 months
11.00am - 11.30am
Darwin City Library

Board Games Afternoon
8+ years
3.30pm – 4.30pm
Karama Library

TUESDAY 2 JULY

LEGO Club
All Ages
10.00am - 11.00am
Nightcliff Library

Rhyme Time
3 - 24 months
10.00am – 10.30am
Karama Library

WEDNESDAY 3 JULY

Fun in the Parks – Rock painting
5 - 12 years
10.00am – 12.00pm
Wanguri Park

Baby Book Time
3 – 24 months
1.00pm - 1.30pm
Casuarina Library

Board Games Afternoon
8+ years
3.30pm – 4.30pm
Karama Library

FREEze Skate
12 - 20 years
5.30pm - 7.00pm
Darwin Ice Skating Centre

Registration essential via launchdarwin.com.au

THURSDAY 4 JULY

Rhyme Time
3 - 24 months
10.00am - 10.30am
Nightcliff Library

Movie: Trolls Band Together
All ages
10.00am
Darwin City Library

Workshop on Visual Story Telling with Craig Smith
9 - 14 years
2.30pm - 3.30pm
Casuarina Library

Registration essential via darwin.nt.gov.au/libraries

FRIDAY 5 JULY

Fun in the Parks - Soccer ball tricks
5 – 12 years
10.00am – 12.00pm
Yanyula Park

STEAM Zone
All ages
3.30pm – 4.30pm
Casuarina Library

Gaming Tournament: Mario Kart and Super Smash Brothers
8+ years
1.30pm
Karama Library

SATURDAY 6 JULY

Family Story Time
All ages
10.00am - 10.30am
Casuarina Library

Family Story Time
All ages
10.00am - 10.30am
Darwin City Library

MONDAY 8 JULY

Fun in the Parks - Yarn weaving
5 - 12 years
10.00am – 12.00pm
Sunset Park

Baby Book Time
3 - 12 months
11.00am - 11.30am
Darwin City Library

First Aid with St John's Ambulance
5 - 12 years
2.30pm - 4.00pm
Nightcliff Library

Board Games Afternoon
8+ years
3.30pm - 4.30pm
Karama Library

TUESDAY 9 JULY

Rhyme Time
3 - 24 months
10.00am - 10.30am
Karama Library

First Aid with St John's Ambulance
5 - 12 years
2.30pm - 4.00pm
Darwin City Library

WEDNESDAY 10 JULY

Fun in the Parks - Drumming workshop
5 - 12 years
10.00am – 12.00pm
Lake Alexander

STEAM Zone
All ages
10.00am - 11.00am
Darwin City Library

Baby Book Time
3 - 12 months
1.00pm - 1.30pm
Casuarina Library Library

First Aid with St John's Ambulance
5 - 12 years
2.30pm - 4.00pm
Karama Library

Level Up - Cafe Skills
15 - 25 years
3.00pm - 6.00pm
The Meeting Place by GTNT Group

Registration essential via launchdarwin.com.au

THURSDAY 11 JULY

Rhyme Time
3 - 24 months
10.00am - 10.30am
Nightcliff Library

FRIDAY 12 JULY

Fun in the Parks - Volleyball
5 - 12 years
10.00am – 12.00pm
Jingili Water Gardens

LEGO Club
All ages
3.30pm - 4.30pm
Casuarina Library

Board Games Afternoon
8+ years
3.30pm - 4.30pm
Karama Library

FRIDAY 12 JULY

Secret Art - Exhibition Opening
All ages
6.00pm - 9.00pm
Darwin Visual Arts Association Main Gallery

SATURDAY 13 JULY

Amazing Drumming Monkeys
All ages
10.00am – 10.30am
Casuarina Library

Family Story Time
All ages
10.00am - 10.30am
Darwin City Library

MONDAY 24 JUNE - SATURDAY 13 JULY

KROC Scavenger Hunt
18 years & Under
On-going
All 4 libraries

SCAN TO FIND OUT MORE

CITY OF DARWIN

Activities are subject to change, please visit darwin.nt.gov.au/school-holidays for updates.