



# THE ESSINGTON BULLETIN



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## From The Principal SWINE FLU UPDATES

A letter including the latest information we have received from the Department of Education was mailed home this week. Copies are on our School Website under the heading, Swine Flu Information. Please check our website for any updates. In line with information received from the Department of Education, please check our website before the end of the forthcoming school holiday break before returning to school.

## INTERSCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY COMPETITION

Today is the last day for the Interschools Cross Country Competition at Casuarina Beach. It has been a great school event and we will miss the opportunity to get together on Thursday afternoons and participate as a school. School and individual awards will be presented at the end of the run today. We are hoping to be represented in the final places for this competition this year.

## HOUSE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL (YEARS 4-10)

Today and tomorrow we have our two day annual House Athletics Competition at the Marrara Sports Oval. It is a great day for our students and their House allegiances are very obvious at this carnival. This year all students are wearing their new Sports uniform that includes a splash of colour representing their House. Thank you to our Sports Department – Karly Denmead, Clint Beard and Spencer Harvey – and all our teachers who have been planning for this day or helping out in some way. Thank you also to our many parent volunteers who are working as ‘officials’ today and tomorrow. Without this Essington community effort, great sporting days such as this are not possible.

## ICAS TESTING—WRITING AND SPELLING

The ICAS testing for Writing and Spelling will be held on June 23rd, 2009. This is during the school holidays, so if your child is involved they will need to come to school on that day. The tests will be held in the demountable classroom next to the Language Centre (MS14). Spelling is from 8.35am – 9.20am and Writing from 9.20am – 10.05am .

## TERM 2 FEES

Term 2 School Fees now overdue. (Due by 29<sup>th</sup> May). Any enquiries to our Accounts Section.

## THE FETE IS COMING!!

Our Annual School Fete is now only 6 School Weeks away (on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> August)!! Is your class prepared for their Fete stall?  
Please contact your Class Fete Parent Coordinator to offer your assistance.  
For a successful Fete,  
**WE NEED YOUR HELP NOW.**

## LANGUAGE CLASSES

Please note that After School Language Classes will begin in Week 2, Term 3.

## TURTLE STUDY CRUISE

Last night we had another successful evening observing and studying turtles nesting at Bare Sand Island just outside the Darwin Harbour area. The scenery, sunset and bright stars (before the moon rose) were a great experience on their own before the experience of watching a turtle go through her routine of creating a nesting site, rejecting this, finally laying her eggs and then disguising the site to create a false nest to hide where she actually laid her eggs. The turtle we studied had been previously tagged so we were able to measure her, record her position – and name her “Olivia” – before she finally returned to the sea.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### Thursday 11th & Friday 12th June

Yr 4-10 Athletics Carnival  
8.30am-2.30pm

### Monday 15th to Wednesday 17th June

Year 6C and 6A Girls Camp to Litchfield

### Wednesday 17th June

The Essington School Darwin Dance Showcase at D.E.C.

### Wednesday 17th to Friday 19th June

Year 6A Boys and 6B Camp to Litchfield

### Thursday 18th June

Athletics Fun Day  
Tran—Yr 1 8.30-10am  
Yr 2—3 1.10-2.30pm

### Friday 19th June

End of Term 2

### Friday 19th to Sunday 21st June

V8 Supercars  
Darwin Latin Festival

### Monday 22nd to Wednesday 24th June

Certificate III / Diploma in Children’s Services Training

### Tuesday 23rd June

ICAS Writing and Spelling Tests

### Friday 26th June

Red Nose Day

### Saturday 27th June

India @ Mindil

## CELEBRATING OUR 20<sup>th</sup> YEAR AS A SCHOOL: OUR REUNION SUNSET CRUISE

On Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June we held another event to celebrate our School’s 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, a Sunset Cocktail Cruise on the Harbour with approximately thirty



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## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

*Time is the most valuable thing a man can spend.*

~ Theophrastus

### **OUR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES CENTRE: THE JAPANESE FLAG**

You will notice we are currently flying the Japanese flag as one of our flags outside our International Studies

Centre. Japan's national flag is called the "Hi-no-maru" or Sun Disc, and features a red sun on a plain white field. It is a visualization of the country's name, "Land Of The Rising Sun".

According to legend, the sun was the ancestor of the imperial dynasty, having been used by the Japanese emperors for hundreds of years. It was first used as a national flag as recently as 1860, on a visit to the United States by a diplomatic delegation. The flag became the National Flag following the Meiji Restoration in 1868.

current and past parents and students. We had a very enjoyable evening sharing old Essington stories and discussing current and future developments and building projects at the school.

On the 30<sup>th</sup> May we had our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ball and had a very enjoyable night. (We also raised \$25,000 from the evening towards the purchase of new books and resources for our new School library planned for 2010).

Our next 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration activity will occur in conjunction with our annual School Fete, the Nightcliff Community Fair, on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> August.

### **BUILDING UPDATE:**

#### **Computer Centre**

Our new Computer Centre, adjacent to the playground on Chapman Road, is moving ahead quickly since its concrete slab was poured last week. The frame is going up quickly and gives us a hint as to what the building will look like. This two classroom, four studio facility will be a great move ahead across the school for our computer education program.

#### **Middle School Toilets**

Excavation work has been completed and the foundations are about to be put in place for the new Middle School toilets and showers. This facility is located between the Canteen and the Junior School toilets.

#### **Extended Refurbished Assembly Hall**

Our plans are now complete for the new Refurbished and Extended Assembly Hall and ready to go to tender. We are confident of making a start in the mid year holidays on the construction of the extension to our undercover area and its

### **ART AND BONES SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITY**

(For students 6 - 15 years)  
Discovery Centre, Museum and Art Gallery Northern Territory

Part 1: Art (Guided Tour) Launch yourself into the world of art and sculpture! Investigate the different styles of paintings, indigenous art and sculpture displayed in the art gallery.

Part 2: Bones (Interactive Activity) A world of bones awaits investigation! Discover and examine an array of animal skeletons guided by the museum's bone expert.

When: Thursday 16th July  
Time: Register at 9.45am, Activity runs from 10am—12pm

Where: Discovery Centre, Museum and Art Gallery Northern Territory

Cost: \$1 for members, \$2 non-members (please pay on the day)

Lunch: Please advise if you would like to join us for lunch at the Cornucopia Restaurant afterwards (Lunch is at your own cost).

#### **Bookings essential, limited numbers**

Contact Sharon on 8927 0986 or  
sharon.wallent@ntaegt.org.au

transformation into an Assembly Hall/Auditorium. This \$1.4m refurbishment is funded under the Federal Government's Building Education Revolution program. **Plans For Our New Extended Library** We are now working on plans for our new extended Library to be commenced in Term 1 next year. We hope to have plans to share with you in Term 3 this year.

#### **Proposed New Music/Performing Arts Centre and Junior School Science Centre and Laboratory**

Our School Board agreed last week to investigate the feasibility of constructing a new Music/Performing Arts Centre, and a new Junior School Science Centre to be constructed in 2010 (eighteen months away). Concept drawings will be prepared in Term 3 for costing.

#### **REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY FOR ALI VAN OS**

Ali Van Os was a student at The Essington School from 2006 to 2008 and died tragically in February following an accident in Phuket, Thailand. Members of our School community will join with Ali's family next Monday to plant a tree on the School grounds in memory of Ali (whose birthday is on Sunday). A plaque will be placed with the tree and a framed photo of Ali will be mounted in our Library.

*David Cannon*  
Principal/CEO

## **From the Assistant Principal**

### **PRESCHOOL/EARLY LEARNING Nationally Accredited Courses in Children's Services: Cert III in Children's Services**

The next three units for 2009 in the nationally accredited course, Certificate III in Children's Services will be offered at Essington from 22nd - 24th June. This course is relevant to all early childhood professionals including parents and family members. Brochures along with the enrolment forms are available from the Front Office. The units offered are:

- Identify and respond to children and young people at risk of harm
- Work within a legal and ethical framework
- Work effectively with families in caring for their child

If you would like further information please do not hesitate to come and see me.

#### **Pre-Transition Student Orientation Times**

In order to make the transition as comfortable as possible for our young students, orientation times are being organised in the last two weeks of this term. Our Preschool 5 students will be visiting T5 Cendo in Week 9 and 10.

#### **Preschool 5 to Pre-Transition: Week 9 and 10 – Fridays 10:40 – 11:40**

Our Preschool 5 students will also be attending the School Assembly in Week 9 and 10 and students are requested to be at school by 8:15 so they can get organised to be on time for the Assembly. If you would like more information on this please do not hesitate to come and see me.

*Jaya Srinivas*  
Assistant Principal  
Early Childhood Programs

#### **JUNIOR/MIDDLE SCHOOL Years 4-10 Athletics Carnival**

Good luck to all Years 4-10 students participating in the House Athletics Carnival today and tomorrow. Many thanks to our PE teachers: Karly Denmead and Clint Beard for their outstanding organisation. Also, many thanks to all the teachers, parents and students who have assisted to make this annual event a huge success.

#### **Tournament of Minds**

It has been fantastic to see a large number of Year 5, 6, 7 students attend the weekly planning meetings in the lead

up for Tournament of Minds. Following are the names of the students competing in this exciting and challenging event:

### **Social Sciences 1**

#### **Facilitator: Ms Emily Gibbs**

David Woodhead – Yr 6 Connor  
Guiliano Spadaccini – Yr 6 Connor  
Narayan Verma – Yr 6 Connor  
Tim Osborne – Yr 6 Connor  
Liam Budalasia – Yr 5 Cotter  
Jax Ward – Yr 5 Cotter

### **Language/Literature 1**

#### **Facilitator: Mrs Natalie Hyde**

Olivia Bayliss – Yr 7 Hogg  
Grace Halliwell – Yr 7 Hogg  
Reina Shean – Yr 7 Hogg  
Sophie Sudholz – Yr 6 Conder  
Grace Fuller – Yr 6 Conder  
Rayna Kumar – Yr 6 Conder  
Nicholas Coburn – Yr 6 Connor

### **Language/Literature 2**

#### **Facilitator: Mr Daniel Hogg**

Kiara Musco – Yr 7 Hogg  
Ben Carpenter – Yr 7 Hogg  
Candida Monteiro – Yr 6 Connor  
Monique Joyce – Yr 6 Connor  
Shaye Quinlan – Yr 6 Connor  
Elsie Beale – Yr 5 Fitzgerald  
Demi Tcha – Yr 5 Fitzgerald

### **Language/Literature 3**

#### **Facilitator: Ms Kia Fletcher**

Rachel Budalasia – Yr 7 Hogg  
Billy Willing – Yr 7 Bevis  
Alexandra Gregory – Yr 7 Hogg  
Courtney Knowler – Yr 5 Cotter  
Jesse Staples – Yr 5 Cotter  
Jorja Foster – Yr 5 Cotter

### **Maths Engineering 1**

#### **Facilitator: Mr Edmund Connor**

Charlotte O'Callaghan – Yr 6 Connor  
Connor Randazzo – Yr 6 Conder  
Louis Parry-Mills – Yr 6 Bevis  
Garrick Foy – Yr 5 Conder  
Michael Pham – Yr 5 Cotter  
Vigneshwar Hari Kannan – Yr 5 Fitzgerald

### **What is Tournament of Minds**

It's a stimulating, six week activity during which students work in teams of five to seven students across year levels to develop a creative response to a clearly defined problem in their chosen discipline. Students extend their lateral thinking and problem-solving skills as they must research the set topic and come up with a unique solution. They also will develop skills to respond to another type question in a very limited time (approx. 5 minutes). This latter problem is sight unseen until tournament

**REMEMBER: ESSINGTON IS NOW A SUN SMART SCHOOL**  
Our School was accepted into the NT Cancer Council's Sun Smart Schools Program this month. Please remember to wear your hat and apply sunscreen regularly when you are out in the sun.

day – thus it's called a 'spontaneous problem'.

#### **When is it?**

Students commence the tournament when they receive their 'challenge' distributed in Week 3 of Term 3. Teams will initially meet two –three times a week (e.g. one lunchtime and twice after school) to work on their problem. However, as tournament day draws nearer teams may decide to increase the amount of lunchtime and/or after school rehearsals. Some teams may opt to meet on the weekend to work on their problems.

All in-school planning/practice sessions will be supervised by a teacher on staff (known as a facilitator) and will be held in designated classrooms.

Tournament Day itself, or NT Finals Day, is **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September** at Charles Darwin University, Casuarina Campus.

A letter to parents of the students involved will be sent out during the school holidays.

### **Edward De Bono's Six Thinking Hats**

On Tuesday this week, the Junior School teachers attended an information session presented by Mrs Cheryl Salter on Edward De Bono's Six Thinking Hats. "Six Thinking Hats" is a powerful technique that helps you look at important decisions from a number of different perspectives. It helps you make better decisions by pushing you to move outside your habitual ways of thinking. It also helps you understand the full complexity of a decision, and identify issues and opportunities of which you might not be aware. Many thanks to Cheryl for presenting an inspiring session and giving us ideas on how we can use this method more explicitly in our classrooms and teaching practice.

*Natalie Hyde  
Assistant Principal  
Years 1-10*

### **Preschool Notices**

In Preschool this week we have been looking at the customs and traditions that are celebrated in India. The children

were shown how to wear a Sari and other Indian clothing by Miss Jay Varanasi and participated in some traditional Indian dancing. Preschool 1 and 2 have been decorating elephants, one of the most sacred animals of India, and making Tiger masks. Whilst Preschool 3 and 4 participated in some Indian Henna Hand paintings and Rangoli designs – which are colourful geometric shapes filled with coloured rice flour. Rangoli designs are a popular art form among Indian women. We also made some yummy Indian Zucchini Frittatas for cooking on Tuesday. Yum!

Thank you to Tammy, Jordyn's mum from Preschool 1 and Michelle, Olivia's mum from Preschool 3 for reading a book in the library. Thank you to our classroom helpers this week, Paul, Bethany's dad and Dee, Harrison's mum from Preschool 3, and Cindee, Miya's mum from Preschool 4. A special thank you to Caroline, Caitlyn's mum from Preschool 2 for bringing in Indian saris, ornaments and bindies for the children to explore. Another special thank you to Jules, Caitlin's mum from Preschool 3 for bringing in Indian clothes, shoes and bindies to share with the class. They especially liked the photos from your trip to India!

Although it has been a short week, the children have had a busy and interesting week. Have a restful weekend.

*Miss Christine and Miss Rhiannon*

### **Early Learning Unit**

#### **Pre-Transition T5 Cendo**

What a fantastic and busy few weeks it has been. This term is flying by and I cannot believe we have only one week until the end of Semester 1. We are all eagerly awaiting the end of Term 1 as we are counting down the days until we are BIG Transition students. We cannot wait!!

Over the last few weeks we have been busy making 'Fat Freckled Frogs' for the letter 'F' and 'Big Bruised Bananas' for the letter 'B'. We made beautiful flags from around the world with our buddy class and b-b-b-buzzing bees, they look great! We also painted our feet this week and made footprints so we could measure our feet. We found out that Henry had the longest foot in the class and Sandy had the shortest foot in the class. The children were also able to see how most of their feet were about the same size in length.

To celebrate the end of term and filling up of our marble jar, we have decided to have an 'End of Term Celebration' for Pre-Transition. The theme is 'Wear a Fancy Hat'. Next Tuesday, the 15<sup>th</sup> of June, we will be having a shared morning tea. It would be great if girls could bring a plate of sweet food and boys a plate of savoury.

We would like to wish Timothy a big Happy 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday! Thank you for the delicious cupcakes we all enjoyed.

Have a fantastic and safe weekend!

*Marijana Cendo*

### **Transition T2 Thomson**

The time has flown by and next week is our last week of school. Next Wednesday we are having a class party to celebrate a great first semester packed full of learning.

Do not forget the Insect Projects are due this Friday. I have received some already and they are wonderful. Well done to those students.

Yesterday Dr Chris from the CSIRO came into our class with lots of 'Mini Beasts' for us to look at. We found out that the favourite fruit of a cockroach is Rockmelon.

Have a great weekend

*Tanya Thomson*

### **Transition T3 Alford**

Miss Louise's Transition class has been very busy this week! The children have been practicing for the Dance Showcase. They look great in their costumes. Thank you to the parents who were able to help out with rehearsals on Tuesday.

With end of term nearly upon us, the children had the chance to dress up in their favourite ocean theme costume and have a small class party. Thank you once again to the parents for bringing a plate of food.

On Wednesday afternoon, CSIRO visited Miss Tanya and Miss Louise's Transition classes for a workshop on 'Mini Beasts'. The children discovered amazing facts about insects and other creepy crawlies.

*Louise Alford*

## **COMMUNITY NOTICE**

First Eucharist  
First Reconciliation  
At Casuarina Catholic Parish, Holy Spirit Church

Enrolment forms for these sacraments at Casuarina Parish are available from the back of the church at 11 Strele Cres, Casuarina.

Please enroll well before the information evening in the church at 7.30pm, Thursday 30th July.

Contact 8945 3633

## **Junior School Notices**

### **Year 1A Harvey**

What a busy week we have had! On Tuesday morning, twenty very excited children boarded the bus and headed off to the Territory Wildlife Park. We had a fabulous day and saw many animals that we had learnt about during the term. The children were very well behaved and did not even complain about all of the walking! Some of our favourite animals were the crocodile, the wallaby and its joey, the owl and the sawfish. We would like to thank Claudia and Sharron for coming along with us and helping throughout the day.

This week the children began writing the first draft of their information report. I cannot wait to see them turn into posters and hanging around our classroom! Everyone has been working very hard on these and they are making great progress. If you have not already bought in a piece of cardboard please do so as soon as possible.

Thank you to those who have returned their Musica Viva permission notes and money. It should be a great performance and a fun activity on the last day of school.

On the last day of school (Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> June) we will have a shared lunch with our buddy class, Year 5 Lea. Year 1 is in charge of bringing savoury foods, no chips please. Remember there are members of our class with nut allergies when choosing things to bring. If you are unsure of anything, come and ask or bring in the packaging. Our shared lunch will begin at 11:30am.

This is Amelia's last week with us as she is moving with her family to Melbourne. We all hope that Amelia and her family enjoy their new life in Melbourne. I would like to thank Kerry for all of her

assistance in the classroom with Spelling Activities. Next Wednesday we will also be saying goodbye to Kaitlyn and her family as they also move to Melbourne. Our class is going to miss both girls.

*Lisa Harvey*

### **Year 1C Chiera**

Welcome to Week 9!

This short week has started with a big adventure to the Wildlife Park. We all had such a fantastic time and spotted many territory animals. We visited the bird show and also explored the wetlands and nocturnal house.

This week being a short week, we do not have homework. It is still essential that your child reads every night and swaps their reader. Spelling and Mental Maths will continue again next week.

Just a few upcoming events. Next Thursday we have our sports carnival which is from 8.30am till recess. We are also having a musical treat on Friday. A permission slip has been sent home and needs to be returned with \$2 by Friday.

This week we are finishing off our informational reports about our chosen animal. So our fantastic posters will be ready to take home next week.

Thank you to those fabulous helpers who came with us to the Wildlife Park. The children loved being in their groups and being able to look around at all the exciting things with your help.

Have a super weekend and for those families leaving for holidays I will see you next term!

*Cristina Chiera*

### **Year 3B Gibbs**

The penultimate week of Term 2 has been an exciting and productive one for Year 3 Gibbs. We have really enjoyed learning about fractions, especially because eating yummy muffins was one of our activities!

In English we have been using our knowledge of procedural texts to write revolting recipes. After proof reading and editing our recipes we are going to publish them using flap books. The imagination and creativity displayed in the recipes has been excellent. Particularly impressive is some of the students clever use of alliteration.

Next term we will commence our Unit of Inquiry, 'We are Australians!'. This SOSE based unit will allow us to explore Australian identities and values.

Our class Assembly item is tomorrow and it coincides with William's last day at Essington. We are having a class farewell party. Your child can bring along a game, CD or a plate of food to share at the party.

Next Thursday children need to wear House sports uniform for the Athletics Carnival, and on Friday there is the Music Viva performance. Please ensure your child returns the note to school along with \$2 prior to the performance.

Well done to everyone in the class for a brilliant term. Thank you to Kerry Johnston for all her help in the classroom and a special thanks to William for being an absolute legend. He will be sorely missed by all his friends and teachers.

I hope everyone has a safe, enjoyable and restful break.

*Emily Gibbs*

#### **Year 4A Noonan**

What a busy week we have had with the Athletics Carnival, Queens birthday public holiday and lots of practice for our Assembly Item. Could you please let me know as soon as possible if you are leaving for the holidays early and will not be here on the last Friday for our Assembly.

To celebrate all our hard work this semester we will be having a shared lunch on the last Thursday of Term 2, June 18th. Could all girls please bring a small plate of savoury food to share, and all boys a sweet plate of food to share.

Do not forget to organise your costume for our Assembly.

Have a nice weekend.

*Marie Noonan*

## **Middle School Notices**

#### **Year 7A O'Connor**

We have been very busy in 7A O'Connor this week and are looking forward with great anticipation to the Athletics Carnival.

We welcomed back Joseph this week who has been away travelling all term.

We completed reading the novel "Holes" and enjoyed watching the film version.

### **NT CALISTHENICS ASSN. REPRESENTATIVE TEAM REVUE CONCERT**

Sunday 21st June 2009

2 - 5pm

Palmerston Recreation Centre  
11 The Boulevard, Palmerston

Tickets: \$5 Adults  
\$3 Child/Concession  
\$15 Family (2+2)

Refreshments will be available.

Please come along and support the intermediate team who will be competing in the Gold Coast in July. Selected soloists who are representing the NT at the nationals will also be performing.

This will be a wonderful afternoon of callisthenics and the girls will really appreciate the support of the wider callisthenics community.

Please come along to support your club girls.

For enquiries please contact Karen Mellor on 0408843302

All the students agreed that it was a very faithful and successful adaptation of the text.

In Mathematics we have been working hard on Decimals and preparing for our test next week. All students performed well on the Science quiz on Matter.

A reminder that "Holes" and SOSE projects are both due next week.

*Adrian O'Connor*

## **International News**

#### **A message from our Student Greek Ambassador:**

Hi I am Eleni. I am the Greek ambassador.

On the long weekend I went to the Greek Glenti. There was dancing, food from Cyprus and Greece, rides and accessories. I really enjoyed the dancing with all the people doing different styles of dancing and I also really liked the rides.

The Greek community worked very hard to celebrate the Greek Glenti's 21st birthday in Darwin.

There was also lots of food such as honey puffs, yiros, filla (vine leaves), octopus, hot chips, dolmades, baklava, loukoumades and many more yummy items.

When the girls are dancing, they wear a national Greek costume called the Amalia dress. The name 'Amalia' was named after the first queen of Greece, Queen Amalia.

The costume has a rich embroidered velvet jacket over a kaftan-style top. A coloured skirt and hat (or fez) completes the outfit.

The boys costume is traditionally worn for dancing and for war. Their costume consists of a white skirt which is called a Foustanela. The shoes also called Tsarouhia are complete with traditional decorative pom-poms.

*Eleni Glynatsis  
Greek Ambassador*

## **Music News**

We encourage our students to sit for the AMEB music examinations. We would like to remind parents and students that Grade 5 AMEB music is now equal to one unit for Stage 1 SACE (Year 11) and the practical component only of Grades 6, 7, and 8 are also equal to 1 unit each for Stage 2 (Year 12).

We have entered our school in the 'Flame Awards' for 2009. The emphasis this year is on singing. As part of our entry we collected quotes from our Middle School Choirs. Here is one quote we received from Lexie Gregory: "Singing to me is like chocolate, it's addictive and makes me feel good afterwards (singing is better for you though). I love singing to fun songs and listening to music. If you feel bad you can start singing and you will feel better. Choir is great and we always sing interesting songs, I love the songs we sing that are from musicals or movies. Singing will stay with me forever." It is exciting to be part of a school where children feel like this! We will continue to include a quote in our Bulletin in the future.

One of our classes, Year 5 FitzGerald, was lucky enough to experience a workshop by well known bassoonist, Warwick Potter (by arrangement with the Darwin Symphony Orchestra and Centre for Youth Music). They learnt how to make their own wind instrument with cardboard and straws, and learnt many interesting facts about wind instruments in general.

*Jill Kuhn  
Music Coordinator*

## Sports Notices

### Year 4 – 10 Athletics Carnival – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> and Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June

Good luck to all competitors who are currently competing in the Year 4 – 10 Athletics Carnival. Hopefully many new records are being achieved and students are enjoying themselves whether competing, cheering or helping out.

### Transition to Year 1 Athletics Carnival

This will be held on the school oval on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June from 8:30am – 10am. All children need to wear their sports uniform, a hat, sunscreen and bring a water bottle.

### Year 2 – 3 Athletics Carnival

This will be held on the school oval from 1:10 – 2:30pm on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June. All children need to wear their sports uniform, a hat, sunscreen and bring a water bottle.

### Orienteering

Top End Orienteers invite you to their next event:

**WHEN:** Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2009.

**WHERE:** Lok Cabay (near Batchelor).

**START:** Take the Batchelor turnoff from the Stuart Hwy. Travel 6.8 km and turn right at the orienteering sign. Follow signs to start (600 m along track). Allow an hour from Darwin. Start between 7.30 and 9.30am; finish by 12 noon.

**COURSES:** Easy 2.4km, Moderate 4.7km, Hard 7.3 km. Experienced club members on hand to get you started. Great for all ages, all fitness levels. The ideal way to exercise your mind and your body. Camping available on Sat night. **FIRST EVENT FREE!!!** For more information call Susi Bertei on 8981 5841. Or just come along!

### Have a kick with players from the Power (Port Adelaide)

When: Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup> 2009.

Where: Tracy Village Oval.

Time: 4.00 – 5.30pm.

Cost: FREE.

The session will include kick and catch, autographs, free posters and photo opportunities with players.

### Darwin Fannie Bay Swim Classic

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June for a 2:15pm start. Early Bird registrations from 5:30pm – 8pm at the Trailer Boat Club on the 19<sup>th</sup> June. Registration from 12:30 – 1:30pm at Pee Wees. Contact Brian on 89819122 or Helen on 0415 292 980 for further details. [www.darwinsurfclub.com.au](http://www.darwinsurfclub.com.au)

### NT Juniors (U8s – U17s) Annual Surf Sports Camp 2009

When: Thursday 2nd July & Friday 3rd July, 2009 (9am–3pm)

Special Guest Coaches include:

PIERCE LEONARD (2009 Australian Ironman Champion),

ELISE ABOOD (Silver & Bronze Medallist, 2008 World Youth

Olympics), Brett Dowker (SLSA Head Coach)

Why: To improve all areas of Surf Sports.

Who: ALL Clubs, Junior Surf Life Savers (Nippers) 8 yrs to 17 yrs (Male & Female). They will be catering for all ages and abilities, individual & team events, beach & water events/activities.

Where: Darwin SLSC (Casuarina Beach)

**More Information:** There will be four rotational groups (board paddling, swim, run and challenges). The cost (only \$110 for two days) includes; SSCamp T-shirt & cap, all coaching sessions, morning & afternoon tea, prizes, give aways and video work. This Camp is open to all kids in the top end, even if you are not in a surf club but are keen to come along and have a go, meet new friends and have fun!!

### Enrol On-line now by visiting

[www.supersurfcamps.com](http://www.supersurfcamps.com)

For more information please contact:

Dana Dowker (SSC Director) on Mobile: 0411 356 062, Office/Fax: 07 55 34 7538 or Email:

[office@supersurfcamps.com](mailto:office@supersurfcamps.com).

Local Contacts: Mez Ryan, 0418 379169

Email: [mez.ryan@bigpond.com](mailto:mez.ryan@bigpond.com) or Jenni Nibbs, 0417 843 006 Email:

[gfish2@bigpond.com](mailto:gfish2@bigpond.com)

### Primary & Middle Schools Cross Country

This is the last week for the Primary Cross Country. Good luck to all competitors. Ribbons will be awarded for the top three placings in each age group as well as the Primary Trophy and Middle Schools Trophy. Thanks to all the students and parents that have been participating and competing each week.

### Year 8/9/10 Canberra/Perisher Blue Ski Trip

The following dates and payments are due for the Perisher Blue Ski Trip;

Year 8/10

Trip dates, 9<sup>th</sup> Aug – 15<sup>th</sup> Aug.

- The final payment of \$750 was due on the 5<sup>th</sup> of June.

Year 9

Trip dates, 23<sup>rd</sup> Aug – 28<sup>th</sup> Aug.

- The final payment of \$600 was due on the 5<sup>th</sup> of June.

If you have any questions or concerns please call Karly Denmead on 89850109 or email

[karly.denmead@essington.nt.edu.au](mailto:karly.denmead@essington.nt.edu.au)

### Congratulations

The following students will be playing Soccer from the 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> July with the City Cluster: Alex Hendry, Liam Rogers, Ayrton Innes, James Flannery and McLeod Atkinson.

If your child has any great sporting achievements throughout the year please email

[karly.denmead@essington.nt.edu.au](mailto:karly.denmead@essington.nt.edu.au) and this will be acknowledged in the bulletin. You can contact the sports office on 89850109 to discuss any up and coming events with either myself, Clint Beard or Spencer Harvey.

*Karly Denmead*

*Assistant Principal/Sports Coordinator*

## Dance Notices

One week until our Essington Dance Showcase!

Wednesday 17th June, 7.00-8.15pm  
Darwin Entertainment Centre, Studio Theatre

The dance students and helpers have been working very hard to polish dances, prepare costumes and get ready for the big show. Please ensure your child has their full costumes ready, including appropriate under garments.

Key rehearsal dates:

- **Monday 15th June:** Lunch Hour Performance 12.00-1.10pm **Full dress rehearsal.** Students need to assemble in the Transition area at 11.40am to prepare.
- **Wednesday 17th June:** Full dress rehearsal at DEC. Bus departs school at 8.40am and returns 10.50am. Please ensure all students have submitted their permission note to travel on the school bus.
- **Wednesday 17th June:** Showcase Performance. Students need to arrive at DEC at 5.30pm to prepare make-up and hair and warm-up.

*Lisa Quinell*

*Dance Teacher*

# MIDDLE SCHOOL REPORT



11th June, 2009

So here we are, in the second last week of Semester 1! With Queen's Birthday Public Holiday and this Thursday and Friday at the House Athletics Competition, it makes for a very quick week! Students are beginning to get excited about their mid year holiday plans. Some are just feeling that they need a well earned break!

## School Captains and Vice Captains

Again this week we bring you the "Students Corner", an addition to the Middle School Report. This Student's Corner is contributed weekly by two of our School Captains and Vice-Captains. This week Maddison Brown and Dean Taodang have prepared the "Students Corner" article.

Last week Mitchell Johnson and Dean Taodang hosted the Middle School Assembly. It has been really impressive to see how professionally the School Captains and Vice-Captains have hosted the Assembly. I have heard lots of positive feedback from parents, students and teachers. Keep up the good work guys!

*Allison Bandy  
Middle School Coordinator*

## Katherine Rural College Camp

Last week (on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May) twenty Year 9 students traveled to the Katherine Rural College for their annual rural camp. Students enjoyed many activities around the property including fixing fences and broken water pipes, feeding animals and riding horses. The students were in two groups, boys and girls, and went out on separate trips each day.

Over the course of the week, the boys focused on fencing and by Friday had successfully completed Certificate 1 units in fencing! This did not come easily as the boys worked extremely hard. This included a long drive to the Rural College's property at Mataranka.

The girls also learnt many new life skills and enjoyed team building exercises. Throughout the week the girls group worked with Sam (the instructor) and learnt how to feed a range of animals, including as bulls, cattle and horses. As a reward for such good behavior the girl enjoys two afternoons of riding horses. Kirsten Proctor, confident in her riding, showed the girls how to canter. Very impressive!

Overall, the camp was great experiences for all students. They not only learnt new skills but were also able to appreciate the beautiful Northern Territory landscape. Thanks for a great week, students and Mr. Harvey!  
*Sara Brown (Middle School Teacher)*

## Year 10

Last Wednesday morning, Year 10 visited the Darwin Magistrates Court as part of their Legal Studies Level One course. The morning consisted of a tour of the Court building before students also had the opportunity to observe the morning's case proceedings. Many thanks to Dane Meyers, the Northern Territory Magistrates Court Officer, who provided students with a valuable insight into the

workings of a courtroom and answered all of the students' questions.

*Skye Staude (Visiting Teacher)*

## Science



*Fletcher and Greg collect a tyre from the mud during their Coastcare project*

Year 10 students did extremely well in their Semester 1 Science exam with almost half the class obtaining an 'A' Grade. They have now finished their Genetics Unit and commenced Careers in Science. The students are required to research a career of their choice in the field of Science, and create a powerpoint presentation ready to show next Wednesday.

Last Thursday Years 9A and 9C were dropped off at Nightcliff Beach to take part in a Marine Debris Survey with Andy Lauder from Coastcare. Students were amazed at how clean the beaches in Darwin are kept. They found some very interesting artifacts including a rubber dingy. Greg and Fletcher heaved a concrete tyre a few meters up the beach, though it was too heavy for us to remove. The main debris collected was glass bottles.

On Friday Year 9B were dropped off at Lee Point Reserve. Mikiah and Jedda collected over a bag of debris from the high tide line - more than the rest of the group put together. The main debris collected was plastic bottles.

This week Year 9B learnt how to record data using quadrats at Mindil Beach. Data collected shall be used as part of the Coastcare assignment. They also learnt how to draw a sand dune profile.

Next Tuesday Aquaculture students are visiting the Aquaculture Centre at Charles Darwin University.  
*Katie Gregory (Science Teacher/Coordinator)*

## Students Corner

I was lucky to go on camp last week with nineteen other students and Miss Brown and Mr Harvey. Both groups had a lot to do during the day, each day. The boys went down to the College's Mataranka property and put up a 1km fence, whilst the girls fed livestock. The girls were lucky enough to be allowed to ride horses for half a day, which actually turned out to be for the whole day! The girls also learned how to fix water pipes that had been broken. Everyone had a turn at digging the holes out. It was tough work but very rewarding. A big thanks to all staff at the Katherine Rural College and the Essington teachers for a great week.

*Maddison Brown*

**The Essington School Darwin**

# **Dance Showcase**



**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2009**

**7.00-8.15pm**

**Darwin Entertainment Centre,  
Studio Theatre**

***Free entry. Limited seating.***