From The Principal

VISIT BY CHIEF MINISTER
On Friday afternoon, we were pleased to be able to welcome the Chief Minister, Hon. Adam Giles to The Essington School Darwin. This was the Chief Minister’s first visit to our school, and he enjoyed meeting our students and touring our school.

INTERNATIONAL BASKETBALL COMPETITION TOUR
Our Elite Boys and Elite Girls Basketball flew to Penang, Malaysia, on Saturday morning (21st November) to compete in the International Junior High School Basketball Competition at Kulim, near Penang, Malaysia. They faced teams from across Asia including Malaysia, Singapore, Philippines, and Brunei. This was the second year our students have participated in this international sporting competition.

Our teams were:
- Elite Girls Team: Jessica O’Brien (Captain), Joske Lowe (Vice Captain), Alisha O’Brien, Chaquira Jones, Laura-
- Elite Boys Team: Freddy Webb (Captain), Lewis Carey (Vice Captain), Lachlan Shipway, Yiannis Alexopoulos, Dylan Russell, Masa Kaganoi, Matamaru Aukino, Ben Scott, Pablo Buchanan, Kieran Pearce, Rian Carlson, Erik Harding-Lynne, and Matthew Jap.

Upcoming Events
- Monday 30th November to Friday 4th December
  - Middle School House Competition
  - Senior College Work Experience
- Wednesday 2nd December
  - End of Year Dance Recital
- Wednesday 2nd December
  - Year 9 Graduation Cruise
- Thursday 3rd December
  - Year 9 Graduation Barn Dance
- Monday 7th to Thursday 10th December
  - Middle School Activities Week
- Monday 7th to Wednesday 9th December
  - Year 8 Litchfield Camp
- Thursday 10th December
  - Casual Clothes Charity Fundraiser
  - End of Term

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
You only live once – but if you work it right, once is enough. – Joe E. Lewis
Evenings coming up in the next week:

We still have two more Graduation EVENINGS FORCOMING GRADUATION evening.

seeing the great photos from the Preschool students for this special team for their preparation of our night. Special thanks to our Preschool and students for their support on the graduation hats. Thank you to parents academic gowns and mortar board students looked great in their entertained us with their singing. The our Preschool students graduated and On Wednesday night 25th November, our Year 9s completed their second workplace for their second placement in this program. Students have learnt a great deal in the process of planning for their Work Observation thanks to Allison Harvey, Middle School teacher. The process of finding and securing a work place has provided them with insights into securing a job, and how this process works. It is a great time for students to have this experience as they confirm their subjects for Years 10-12 and their career pathways.

A special thank you is due to Cassie Kawiuk, Acting Middle School Coordinator, for her significant time and effort in organising this program.

This program is a unique program in schools for Year 9 students, and provides them with important experiences as they enter their final senior secondary years.

YEAR 9 WORK OBSERVATION SECOND WORK PLACEMENT On Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th November this week, our Year 9s completed their second workplace for their second placement in this program. Students have learnt a great deal in the process of planning for their Work Observation thanks to Allison Harvey, Middle School teacher. The process of finding and securing a work place has provided them with insights into securing a job, and how this process works. It is a great time for students to have this experience as they confirm their subjects for Years 10-12 and their career pathways.

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PRESCHOOL GRADUATION On Wednesday night 25th November, our Preschool students graduated and entertained us with their singing. The students looked great in their academic gowns and mortar board graduation hats. Thank you to parents and students for their support on the night. Special thanks to our Preschool team for their preparation of our Preschool students for this special evening. We are looking forward to seeing the great photos from the evening.

FORTHCOMING GRADUATION EVENINGS We still have two more Graduation Evenings coming up in the next week:

- Year 9 Graduation: Wednesday 2nd December.
- Year 5 Graduation: Thursday 3rd December.

CELEBRATION 2015 CONCERT – A GREAT NIGHT

On Friday night, our talented students entertained us with their dancing, singing, and musical performances. The Darwin Entertainment Centre was full on the evening, and at times, the stage was also very full of performers. Who can forget the 90+ students on the stage for their Bollywood Dance performance to end the night.

Congratulations to our students on their performances on the evening. Our students and teachers have worked hard to prepare the great evening of singing, dancing, and music.

INTERNATIONAL LEARNING LINKS: STEM STUDY TOURS TO SINGAPORE AND TOKYO IN 2016

Our focus on STEM Programs (Science Technology Engineering Mathematics) will continue in 2016, and will include two short tours for small groups of our students to see leading edge Science and Technology developments occurring in Singapore and Tokyo. These two short, separate tours will provide groups of interested students with the chance to see some of the latest developments in Science and Technology, and how students are learning about STEM areas in these two leading world cities. More information will be available at the beginning of the new school year.

FIRST YEAR SENIOR COLLEGE (YEARS 10/11) WORK EXPERIENCE

Our first year Senior College students (in Year 10/11) have their second Work Experience Program in the week of Monday 30th November. This is an important opportunity for our students to explore possible career pathways to make sure their current plans for courses and careers is what they really want to do. Peter Moore, Dean of Studies, is coordinating this program, and will be able to provide information and assistance to students finalising their programs for this week.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our Senior College teachers on being invited to be Year 12/Stage 2 moderators or markers for their subject in this year's Stage 2/Year 12 exams:

- Madelaine Brand - Chemistry
- Gillian Mercer - Creative Arts
- Lessa Gore-Brown - Geography
- Sharra Martin - Physics

COMBATING CYBERBULLYING

Cyberbullying is a concern for many adolescents (and children) these days. I received notice of a new initiative by the Federal Government to confront this area, and to deal with cyberbullying complaints. The program is an initiative of the Office of the Children’s eSafety Commission. We understand grants to develop programs to counter cyberbullying will be announced in the near future for 2016.

More information about the cyberbullying complaints scheme can be found under ‘Complaints and reporting’ on the eSafety Commission’s website: www.esafety.gov.au. With the support of the Children’s eSafety Commission, we look forward to working with our students and parents to assist them to deal with this difficult area.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL 2015

In line with all NT Government schools, our last day of school for 2015 is Thursday 10th December 2015. We will be following a full school program until this date, either completing work from the 2015 school year, or preparing students for their next year of schooling in 2016. We encourage parents to send their children to school through to the last day of school.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL 2016

In line with all NT Government schools, our first day of school for 2016 is Monday 25th January 2016, with the Australia Day Public Holiday.
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on Tuesday 26th January 2016. Again, we encourage parents to assist their children’s transition into their new school year by being at school from Monday 25th January. (Our teachers return to school on Wednesday 20th January 2016. Our Main School Office will re-open on Monday 4th January 2016).

David Cannon
Principal/CEO

From the Assistant Principal

Class Placements for 2016

Only two more weeks left until the end of this school year. Final enrolment numbers, staffing and teacher allocation for 2016 will be confirmed in late December 2015 and early January 2016. To provide students with stability and consistency, factors taken into consideration during the process of confirming class placements are to bear in mind their cohort friendships, whilst also maintaining gender balance.

Our aim is to provide each individual student, across all year levels, every opportunity to continue with their learning journey at Essington with minimal disruption. Classroom teachers’ recommendations for next year placements are taken into account while class placements are confirmed.

If you have a particular request for your child to be placed in a certain class, please email it directly to jaya.srinivas@essington.nt.edu.au. If you have any queries or concerns or require more information, please call me on Phone: 8985 0117.

Preschool Graduation

Congratulations to all our Preschoolers who graduated on Wednesday this week. My sincere thanks go to Renee Schultz, Nerida Cooper, Kristy Radford, Sonya Barrett, Joanne Bigwood and all our staff helpers on the night. Our sincere thanks go to Member for Nightcliff, Natasha Griggs for being our special guest.

Vacation Care Program

December 2015/January 2016

Our Vacation Care Program brochure is ready for collection from Essington Education Centre and Essington Administration Centre Reception areas. Sincere thanks go to Maddi Brown, After School Care and Holiday Care Program Coordinator, who has put together a fun-filled and engaging program for our students during the upcoming school holidays.

Jaya Srinivas
Assistant Principal - Preschool to Year 12

Junior School Orientation Session

As we move toward the end of the academic year, students and teachers have started discussion and preparations for the transition to a new year level in 2016. Whilst we aim to create fluid and effective transitions across year levels, students may have many questions surrounding their learning experience in a new year level.

In order to address questions and manage expectations surrounding the new academic year, all students from Transition to Year 4 will participate in an Orientation session on Wednesday 2nd December from 10:45am until 11:45am.

As new classes and teachers have not been finalised for the coming year, students will move with their current group into the higher year level of the corresponding class letter. For example, Year 1A will spend the Orientation session in Year 2A; Year 3D will spend the session in Year 4D. The only exception will be that Transition E will move to Year 1A. The session will provide an opportunity for teachers to explain new expectations, and outline major topics and events of the year.

Students will have the opportunity to ask questions and participate in an orientation task. Teachers have prepared a letter welcoming students to their new level, and highlighting some of the exciting events and opportunities planned for 2016. Departing students will attend the session with their classmates.

Final 2016 class lists and allocated teachers will be displayed in the Auditorium on the first day of the school year, Monday 25th January 2016.

Transition to Year 5 Booklists

Booklists for Transition to Year 5 students (and all Essington students) are on the school website within the Parents – Textbook tab. The textbook lists for the 2016 school year outline both text book resources and online learning programs students will be using in 2016. SBA Office National supply all textbook requirements, and offer a convenient ordering service.
Junior School Report

Please note orders must be made by Sunday 20th December 2015.

Year 5 Graduation – Barn Dance
On Thursday 3rd December, we will celebrate the achievements of our Year 5 students as they depart Junior School, with a Graduation Barn Dance in the Auditorium on Thursday 3rd December from 6:00 until 8:00pm.

Students, families, and staff will gather, dressed in neat casual attire ‘with a touch of country’, to congratulate our Junior School leaders, reflect on their growth and enjoy some light hearted music and dancing, after which we will share a light supper. Please be sure to purchase your tickets ($15 per person) at the Education Administration Centre Reception or Main Reception off Chrisp Street before the night.

Louise Hand
Assistant Principal Junior School

From the Junior School Coordinators

Celebration 2015 Morning Tea
On Tuesday morning, we welcomed over one hundred and twenty Transition families to the School for our ‘Celebrate 2015 Morning Tea’. The students shared their learning journey for this year, and parents and other family members, were able to share how proud they were of their achievements. Huge thanks to the teachers for their work in organising this event.

Sunday Territorian ‘Fabulous First Years’ Lift-Out
This weekend, in the Sunday Territorian, our Transition classes will feature in the ‘Fabulous First Years’ lift-out photo spread. Please ensure that you purchase a copy as this is a beautiful way to commemorate your child’s first year of school, and a priceless memory.

Preschool Graduation
Wednesday evening saw our gorgeous Preschool 5 students graduate from our Preschool Program. It has been so lovely to see this group of students grow in confidence over the year, and we all loved the amazing performances. Our sincerest thanks to our special guest Natasha Fyles, Member for Nightcliff, and our students, staff, and parents who made this night so successful.

Renee Schultz
Junior School Coordinator
Early Childhood Programs

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Preschool
We have had the most fantastic Preschool Graduation and the night could not have gone better. We are so proud of all our Graduates.

A huge thank you to all the parents who donated time ironing the gowns: Nicki Halikos, Karrie Weinert, Monique Kildare, Philippa Van Den Boom, Enoka Gunardane. Another big thank you to Adrian Mowbray and Dale Berk for creating the amazing set. Thank you to Daisy, Rhiannon, Jenifer, Jo, Sonya, and Robin for all their hard work behind the scenes on the night.

We are having a water week next week (Week 9), so please make sure you pack your child’s bathers, towel, and rash-vest each day next week. On Tuesday 8th December of Week 10, we will be having our Class Christmas Party. Notes have been put in the children’s pockets so please check them.

Our thank you this week goes to: Preschool 1: Kevin and Heidi - Willow’s Mum and Dad. Preschool 2: Carla - Lila’s Mum, Dianne - Leo’s Nan, Rohan - Tara’s brother as guest reader.

The Preschool Team

Junior School Notices
Year 1A Maddox
I cannot believe we only have three more weeks left of the school year.

Here are some updates for the upcoming week: in Week 9 and 10, we will be doing some Christmas craft activities. If there is anything special that you would like to do or share with the class, please let me know as soon as possible and we can try to arrange something. We currently have a class elf called Sparkles who brings a letter from Santa each day. He is watching over us, and reporting back to Santa. The children have enjoyed coming in each morning, trying to find the elf and telling him what they want for Christmas. We will be writing letters to Santa next week, telling him our Christmas requests. As mentioned in my previous email, if you do not want your child to participate in any Christmas activities, please let me know before Week 9 so that I can organise for them to do something else.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Michelle Maddox

Year 2D Scaturchio
Thank you to all families who came along to the 2D Celebrations Evening last week! It was a wonderful event, and a great opportunity to celebrate the students’ achievements and hard work this year. The class worked extra hard over the past couple of weeks preparing their work, and they should be very proud of their efforts and a successful presentation.

Last week, we welcomed Kaitlin Foo, a Year 9 student, to our class for her work observations. The class enjoyed having Kaitlin in the class on Thursday and Friday, and we would like to say a big ‘thank you’ to Kaitlin for helping out on those days.

This week in Literacy, the class continued developing their persuasive writing skills, and they wrote an exposition convincing the reader whether or not children should have homework. The class were able to apply a range of persuasive devices, and they included strong arguments and supporting reasons. In Art this week, the students enjoyed using air-drying clay to create a 3D model of a Komodo dragon using a toothpick to create texture.

As we prepare for the end of the year, please check at home in all of those overdue Library books and class readers to school as soon as possible. Well done to Ethan Christrup and Nathan O’Sullivan for being awarded Merit Certificates this week!

Susannah Scaturchio

Year 4B Lea
4B have been creating fractured fairy tales during our narrative writing sessions. Ms Reedman has asked
students, in groups, to turn their story into a script, and to create puppets to show the class. Students are currently working on their performances. In Mathematics, we have been looking at converting measurements. Our Humanities sessions have been focusing on sustainability, with the book 'Just a Dream' being used to hypothesise how the world could be if we did not look after it.

As the weather is very hot at the moment, can you please encourage your child to bring a water bottle and their hat to school every day. If you are leaving early for holidays, can you please notify me so that I can arrange for your child’s books to go home prior to them leaving.

Adene Lea

Year 4C O’Connor

Week 8 is my final week at school for this year. During Week 9, Michelle O’Reilly will be taking 4C and I am certain that everyone will have a great time.

Congratulations to the following students for their ICAS Mathematics test results:

**Distinction**: Natalie Waites, Mae Cowan, Ayu Hamaguchi, Jemma Thompson, Jie Ren, Nicolas Tremblay.

**Well Done!**

**Credit**: Masato Kurokawa, Natasha McAllister, Verity Hudson, Isabel Richards, Bella Lee, Grace Li-Hannam.

**Merit**: Howqua Gibson, Catherine Carter.

The year has gone so quickly, and I would like to thank parents for all the support I have received during 2015. It has been a pleasure to teach the children of 4C. I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe, restful festive season.

Selena O’Connor

Year 5A Noonan

This week in Geography, we looked at Australian savannahs and how we manage them. The students had to research and write a debate, for or against, the question: “Should more areas of the tropical savannahs be opened up for development that will benefit the Australian economy?” The students had mini debates against each other. It was great to see them using the rebuttal techniques we have learnt.

Next week is a very busy time for us:

- Monday 30th November: Parent Information Night for Middle School which starts at 7:00pm in the Library.
- Tuesday 1st December: the Choir students are singing Carols at Casuarina Square.
- Wednesday 2nd December: a final practice for the Year 5 Graduation.
- Thursday 3rd December: the Academic Awards presentation at 8:25am, and also our Graduation Barn Dance at 6-8pm. Please remember to buy your tickets at the Main Office.
- Friday 4th December: The Specialist Award Ceremony.

Thank you to all the parents who brought in their early student photos for our Graduation Celebration. It is lovely to see how they have grown and changed.

Marie Noonan

Year 5B Brierley

Students have had a busy week as they consolidated their knowledge in a range of subject areas. They have also been busy preparing for their Year 5 Graduation Barn Dance. Please buy tickets from the Education Administration Office or the Main Office off Chrisp Street if you are attending.

Students have also attended a Year 6 Orientation talk with Year 6 teachers and students to learn more about moving to Middle School next year. There will be a Parent Information Evening for Year 5 parents about the Middle School on Monday 30th December at 7:00pm in the Library.

Helen Brierley

Natasha Fyles MLA, Member for Nightcliff, was our special guest at the Preschool Graduation Ceremony, with Aidan Nuthall, Allegra DiSomma, and James Garraway.
Middle School Notices

Year 9 Science Excursion
Essington’s Year 9 cohort had the wonderful opportunity to experience the world-class facilities that Charles Darwin University (CDU) has to offer, by taking part in the Science Excursion in Week 6. Students travelled to the CDU campus to complete a practical lab session with CDU Scientists. The students worked in groups, and used their inquiry skills to determine the relationships between chemical concentration and reaction time. The staff at CDU were very impressed with our students’ enthusiasm and diligence in their work! Thank you Rhiana Jenkins, Year 8/9 Science teacher, for organising this valuable Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) experience.

Casuarina Storm Invitational Swimming Competition
Congratulations are in order for several of our superstar swimmers who participated in the Casuarina Storm Invitational Swimming Competition last weekend. Several of our students made waves in the pool, earning medals as well as personal bests. Congratulations to all swimmers, as well as supporting families and coaches involved. Well done.

Year 7 Graduation – Welcome to Year 8
Last week our Year 7 cohort had their Graduation Ceremony at Darwin Convention Centre. The evening was full of smiles, laughter, tears, and celebration, as our Year 7s took a step forward towards the next stage of Middle School. I am very excited to welcome you all to Year 8 next year, and look forward to getting to know each and every one of you. Congratulations.

Year 9 Graduation
The Year 9 Graduation is fast approaching. We are looking forward to celebrating our Year 9 students’ achievements, and their transition to the next phase of learning at the Senior College.

The Year 9 Graduation is scheduled for Wednesday 2nd December 2015. Students will be going on a Darwin Harbour Cruise aboard the vessel Charles Darwin, departing at 5:45pm and returning at 8:45pm. Throughout the evening students, will enjoy music, dancing, speeches, and presentations. See you all at the Graduation.

Year 9 Work Observations

Our Year 9 students completed the Work Observation program last week and this week, gaining much valuable experience and insight into the world of work. Students completed two separate two-day placements in order to get a variety of workplace experience. Placements included a multitude of disciplines, including retail, finance, law, medicine, aviation, hospitality, radio, and much more. We are very proud of our students for the maturity and professionalism they demonstrated in their placements.

Year 9 teachers visited each student on both of their placements, and were extremely impressed by the initiative and enthusiasm of the students, as well as the positive feedback from employers and supervisors. Some students even walked away with job offers. Well done to our Year 9 students!

I would like to sincerely thank all the employers who volunteered to supervise our students for this valuable program – it is amazing to see how many employers were
eager to take the time and effort out of their busy lives to support our youth in their future career endeavours. Thank you.

If you have any suggestions or comments regarding the Year 9 Work Observation Program, please contact Cassandra Kawiuk, Acting Middle School Coordinator. We are eager to continue improving the program in future years, and appreciate your feedback and support.

**Activities Week**
Student selection for Activities Week closed on Wednesday 18th November. Any students who have not entered their selections need to contact Mr Hogg as soon as possible. Also, students who have not signed and submitted their Behaviour Agreement Form for Activities Week will need to do so as soon as possible. You can submit this form to your homeroom teacher or to the Main Reception.

Activities week is a great way for students to partake in alternative activities at the end of the school year, and to incorporate new skills and fun into their last week of the year. If you have any questions, please contact Daniel Hogg or Cassandra Kawiuk.

**Year 9 Parent Information Evening**
An email was sent to all parents of Year 9 students in regards to a Parent Information Evening for transition into The Essington International Senior College. The information session is scheduled for Tuesday 1st December at 7:00pm, and will now take place in the Library instead of the Auditorium.

Cassandra Kawiuk
Acting Middle School Coordinator

**Chief Minister’s ANZAC Spirit Study Tour**
In Term 3, Arne Orstavik (9C) entered the Chief Minister’s ANZAC Spirit Study Tour, which promotes the importance of ANZAC Day. The prize involves a visit to France for three Northern Territory students across Year 9 and 10, to tour the World War I battlefields and also attend the 2016 ANZAC Day Commemorations in Villers-Bretonneux.

Arne’s entry consisted of an essay in which he addressed the question “The ANZAC Spirit arose from the actions of soldiers 100 years ago. Given their passing, what is it that keeps the ANZAC Spirit alive?” Arne was shortlisted to the final six students who were then interviewed. The final six students were then invited to attend the announcement of the successful candidates on 11th November at Larrakeyah Barracks. Unfortunately, he was not selected, but he has already stated that he is going to enter the competition next year. That definitely shows great ANZAC spirit, determination and perseverance! Well done Arne.

If you require further information about the competition please visit the following website: http://www.chiefminister.nt.gov.au/media-releases/anzac-spirit-lives-gallipoli-study-tour.

Jennifer Moloney
Middle School Humanities Teacher

**Middle School Student Representative Council (SRC)**
The semester is wrapping up very quickly, but we are still very busy running various SRC activities.

The Grand Final for Dodge Ball is on this Friday at the Auditorium. A huge thank you to all the teams that have turned up to compete in the Semi Finals, and also to the spectators who came to watch and cheer on. The lucky Grand Final winners get to compete against the teachers, so we will see who wins!

Next Thursday, Ms Keirl and Ms Sara are joining all SRC Representatives for a thank you dinner at The Vue Restaurant. It has been a pleasure to work with these special students, who give up their free time to help make Essington an even better place to be!

The Somerville Food Drive is a very important initiative that the entire school is supporting. Please bring non-perishable food or gift items to Ms Sara or Ms Keirl by next Friday, to be used to fill hampers to make Christmas special for a needy family. Furthermore, The Essington Christmas Wishing Tree is up in the Library. Please bring a gift or toy (not wrapped) to be placed under the tree. These gifts will also be delivered to Somerville to make a child's Christmas a little more special. Please contact us if you have any queries.

**Year 6A Keirl**

**Year 6 Keirl**

With only one more week of Year 6 to go, followed by our first Activities Week as part of Middle School, we have been working extremely hard to wrap up all our subjects. All our assessments have now been handed in, and the standard of assignments has been exceptional.

In Mathematics, we have been attempting group problem solving tasks, which allows us the opportunity to apply the skills we have learnt this semester into a real life context.

In English, we have been focusing on our advertising campaign for the Year 6 Christmas Market stalls. On Tuesday, we went to the Radio Studio and worked with Ms Hyde to create some fantastic radio adverts. We also wrote press memos and designed printed posters, which we have distributed around the school.

Do not forget to come down to our market on Wednesday 2nd December from 12:45pm and see our amazing work...
Senior College Report

Important Upcoming Senior College Dates:

- Monday 30th November to Friday 4th December: First Year Work Experience.
- Thursday 10th December: Last day of the Semester.
- Tuesday 15th December: Stage 2 NT CET Results and ATAR Scores released.
- Monday 4th January: Final closing date for University Preference Changes (SA and NT).
- Tuesday 19th January: First round of University Placement Offers (SA and NT).
- Wednesday 20th January: Senior College Staff Return.
- Monday 25th January: Senior College Students Return.
- Monday 26th January: Australia Day Public Holiday.
- Thursday 28th January: Second round of University Placement Offers (SA and NT).

Vocational Education and Training in Schools (VETIS) Completers 2015

Congratulations to the following Senior College students who completed their VETIS course in 2015:

Certificate III Tourism: Jorja Foster

Certificate III Information, Digital Media and Technology: Beau Anketell and Charles Ong

Certificate II Hospitality: Jessi Bonnin, Zoe Cork, Jordan Eldridge, Georgia English, Ariel Hamilton, Tyra Hughes, McKenzie Lawson, Anisha Sarib, and Keera Sklenars

Certificate II Automotive Vehicle Preparation: Ben Davis, Coco O’Halloran, Kieran Pearce, Ben Scott, Stephen Van Den Broek, and Jax Ward


Certificate II Information, Digital Media and Technology: Uday Alexander, Patrick Mott, and Vishv Rangi

Certificate II Business: Jaqueline Sedunary
Congratulations to all Stage 2 Students who have completed their Final Examinations

NTCET (Northern Territory Certificate of Education and Training) results for Year 12 students are scheduled to be released on Tuesday 15th December. Students will receive their results by mail. These results can also be accessed on 15th December through the SACE website: http://www.sace.sa.edu.au/students-online. All students were given access to this site during the term. If students have forgotten their passwords, they can contact Mr Moore to assist in resetting the password.

The results will include:
- A list of Stage 2 subjects studied and their final scaled score out of 20.
- A calculation of the University Aggregate out of 90. Best 4.5 Stage 2 subjects are counted.
- ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admission Rank) out of 99.95. This rank does not include any bonus points that are given separately by universities.

Mr Moore will be available up until COB on Friday 18th December at the Senior College on Phone: 8946 6451 to assist in interpreting the results.

Changing of preferences for university courses in South Australia and Northern Territory closes on 4th January 2015. Mr Moore will be available up until COB on Friday 19th December to assist if required.

The majority of offers for places at universities will occur in the main round starting on Tuesday 19th January. SATAC (South Australian Tertiary Admittance Centre), on behalf of the universities, will make an offer to the highest preference for which your son or daughter is eligible and sufficiently competitive. If they do not receive an offer to their second or a lower preference, they can keep their highest preference(s) alive for a possible later offering on 28th January. Mr Moore will be available from Monday 10th January at the Senior College on Phone: 8946 6451 to assist in this process.

Subject Choices 2016

All current students in Year 9 have attended a preliminary enrolment session at the main school and have attended an orientation session during week 10 at The Senior College. All students were introduced to the range of subjects on offer. Students and parents can access the full range of subjects on the Essington School website at the following address: http://www.essington.nt.edu.au/our_school/senior.htm.

This page includes copies of the 2016 Senior College Handbook and Prospectus. If you would like to discuss your child’s choices for next year, please contact the Senior College office on Phone: 8946 6821 to make an appointment to see Mr Moore. Students will be bringing their initial enrolment choices home early next week to sign off on.

Peter Moore
Dean of Studies
Music Notices

Celebration 2015 Concert
It has been a busy time in our Music and Dance Departments, in preparation for the Celebration Concert at the Darwin Entertainment Centre this evening. Our Dancers, Musicians, and Drama students are very excited, and will be putting on a fantastic show.

We are also looking forward to the entertainment in the foyer prior to the Concert. We thank the Junior Strings Ensemble, conducted by Claire Crocombe, for providing background music, and our Year 9 Drama group, Paparazzi, who will be making our guests feel very special. Our Art teachers, Gillian Mercer, Cathy Huggett, and Briony Warren have been busy collecting art over the last couple of months, and have organised a fantastic Art display.

Academy of Youth Arts NT
Well done to all our musicians who recently sat for their ANZCA (Australian and New Zealand music examinations board) Music Examinations on Tuesday 3rd November. Thank you to Andrew Arthur, Music Tutor, for preparing the students, and congratulations on their excellent results:

- Callum Geddes
  First Class Honours in Classical Piano Preliminary
- Riley Wood
  First Class Honours in Modern Guitar Preliminary
- Shari Adlam
  Honours in Modern Guitar Preliminary
- Barnaby Wood
  Credit in Modern Guitar Preliminary
- Ben Goldney
  Pass in Modern Piano Preliminary
- Amy Davison
  Honours in Modern Guitar Grade One
- Henry Carter
  Credit in Modern Piano Grade One
- Juchan Hwang
  First Class Honours in Modern Drum Kit Grade One
- Fraser McMahan-Judd
  Honours in Modern Drum Kit, Grade One
- Luke Magnusson
  Credit in Modern Guitar Grade Two
- Duke Gordon
  Honours in Modern Singing Grade Three.

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded with Music Achievement Certificates:

- Nicholas Bue Fontaine - making excellent progress on the cello
- Leonard Falhammer - making excellent progress in violin
- Jim Lee - excellent progress this semester
- Ewan Spring - Outstanding progress in Music
- Blake Sayers - Excellent progress in Drumming.

Christmas Carols
Our Junior School Choir and Songsters Choir are looking forward to singing Christmas Carols at Casuarina Square on Tuesday 1st December from 11:00am-12:00pm. If you are in the vicinity, you are most welcome to come along and hear the Choirs singing.

The Premier Choir and Senior Strings Ensemble will be performing Christmas songs at Pearl Care at Fannie Bay on Thursday 3rd December from 11:00am-12:00pm. It will be a great opportunity for our musicians to perform to an appreciative audience, and to spread Christmas cheer.

We request that students bring a plastic bag with their name clearly printed on it. They will change into their Choir/Band outfit and place their school clothes in the plastic bag, which will avoid any confusion with missing or lost school uniforms after the performance. Choir/Band outfits will be collected after the performance. Letters with all the details will be handed to students shortly.

Leanne Bakker
Music Administration Coordinator

Dance Notices
As I write the Dance Notices, we are in very busy preparations for our Celebrations 2015 Concert, and looking forward to the evening. We hope you all enjoy the evening and our Dance performances.

Next Friday 4th December is our end of year Dance Recital in the Auditorium commencing at 6:00pm. All Dance students from Dance Fitness Clubs, Contemporary Dance, Commando Boys Dance, and Dance Electives will perform in this Recital. We will conclude the Dance Recital at 8:00pm with a Dance Party and sausage sizzle to celebrate the end of the year together.

Middle School students, including the Commando Boys, will remain at school to help prepare for the Recital so will need to remember to bring costume, make-up, and hair requirements to school on 4th December. Please also remember to bring some snacks for afternoon tea.

The Monday Dance Fitness students will need to return to school at 5:00pm, and meet in the Transition area to have their faces painted. All other Junior Dance students need to sign in at the Transition area at 5:30pm (by the latest) with their hair and make-up already done and dressed in their leotards/tights. We will finish dressing and warm-up in preparation to start the Recital at 6:00pm.

There are still a number of WAR Dance Showcase DVDs available from the Main Reception off Chipp Street, including those that were pre-ordered. They are $15 each.

For more information regarding Junior and Middle School Dance, please contact Ms Lisa:
lisas.svara@essington.nt.edu.au
For Senior School Dance, please contact Ms Noonan:
joanna.noonan@essington.nt.edu.au

Community Dance Performances:
- ‘The Circle of Dance’ Darwin Performance Academy Sat 12th and Sun 13th December @ DEC.
- Melbourne Ballet Company April 2016 @ DEC.

Lisa Svara
Dance Teacher

Language Corner

Merit Certificates Year 8
Congratulations to the following Year 8 Japanese students for achieving outstanding results in the Term 4
Japanese Comprehension
Assessment task:
Ashley Setterfield
Joe Christie
Joshua Adigun
Kengo Hamaguchi
Leila Heinrich
Royce Ocampo
Reagan Wilkins

Year 7 Japanese
Year 7 students have been very busy learning about Japanese food, table manners, using chopsticks, green tea, and rice cultivation this term. They conducted a research project whilst I was away in Japan, and have now presented their findings to the class. We have had quite a few groups bring sushi in for the class to try, and we have also tried green tea and green tea ice cream.

Next week we will be holding an “Obento Masterchef” competition during Year 7 Japanese classes, and we look forward to seeing some creative lunch boxes following the あいえおく of obento making.

Middle School Language Electives 2016
Over the next two weeks, we will be speaking to Year 8 and Year 9 students in regards to Elective choices for 2016. An Elective Form will be sent out with the Semester 2 Reports.

In the area of Languages, we currently offer Year 8 and Year 9 Electives in Japanese and Indonesian. Within our language classes, we are not only teaching students about a specific language and culture, but teaching students about the structures of languages, and promoting the learning of skills which will allow them to become lifelong language learners. These skills allow students to learn not just one language, but to potentially move into two or three, or maybe even more, languages in the future.

The learning of languages requires the reorganisation of thinking to accommodate the structure of the language being studied. This process assists in the development of cognitive flexibility and problem solving skills, placing students in an improved position to participate in our rapidly changing world. It contributes and enhances the educational, intellectual, personal, social, and cultural development of our students.

Through learning a language, our students are learning to:
- communicate with people in another language;
- foster cross-cultural understanding and empathy with people from other cultures;
- strengthen literacy and communication skills;
- enhance career choices and deepen travel experiences;
- extend, diversify and enrich their way of thinking; and
- build upon their intercultural understanding and sense of identity as they are encouraged to explore and recognise their own linguistic, social, and cultural practices and identities, as well as those associated the target language.

If you have any questions in regards to Middle School Language Electives, please email linda.white@essington.nt.edu.au.

Linda White
Middle School Languages Coordinator

French After School Club - Term 4
During Term 4, students have used different ways to improve their French skills: listening, reading, writing, and speaking through playing.

They discovered new vocabulary about specific themes such as monsters and Christmas. They tried to make sentences with specific adjectives and verbs in order to describe characters. They also wrote and decorated a greeting card, and learnt some cultural facts about France.

Joyeux Noël (Merry Christmas). À l’année prochaine! (See you next year!).

Eléa Squinabol
French Teacher After School Clubs

Community Sports Notices Notice Board
We have a notice board in the Auditorium for all sports notices and community events. If you have any notices you would like attached to this board, please drop them off at the Sports Office or email a copy through to sport@essington.nt.edu.au.

Angela Foley
Director of Sport

Student Achievements in Sport
Please remember to email through any sporting achievements to sport@essington.nt.edu.au

Angela Foley
Director of Sport

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<td>Training session: Monday, Thursday 3:30-4:30pm Club Night fun, social and family friendly. Enquiries: <a href="mailto:casuarinastorm@gmail.com">casuarinastorm@gmail.com</a>.</td>
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Essington’s Middle School Student Representative Council
needs teachers and students to bring in food items for the SOMERVILLE CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE
We will be collecting items from Week 5 (please see the suggested food lists on the School Notice Boards). Help to make Christmas a little brighter for so many NT families. Please bring items to Year 6 classes, or see Sara Matarazzo of 6B for more information.

No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.
YEAR 9 ADVANCED MATERIALS TECHNOLOGY
ELECTIVE STUDENTS AND THEIR PROJECTS

TEDDY BEAR MAKING and WOODEN TOY MAKING
AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS
YEAR 12 GRADUATION CEREMONY - OCTOBER 2015
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Boys Captain, Freddie Webb

Boys Vice-Captain, Lewis Carey

Kulim, Malaysia
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