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Nightcliff Primary Newsletter



Wednesday 20th April 2016

Term 2 Week 2

We celebrate life long learning in an innovative, challenging and collaborative community environment.

Dear Parents/Carers

On Thursday 14th April the NT branch of the Australian Council of Educational Leaders (ACEL) hosted the inaugural leadership awards at the Hilton, to recognise educators for their outstanding work in educational leadership.

Congratulations to Jo Glennon and Debra Witte – Leadership Awards, recognised for their contribution to the development of colleagues and contributions to the delivery of improved student outcomes at Nightcliff Primary School.

Helen Cleanthous, Nightcliff Primary School and Vanessa Haw, Moil Primary School – Inspiring Educator Awards. Helen's award recognised her impact on colleagues and preservice teachers while Vanessa's recognised her work establishing and driving the Assistant Principal network through NTPA. Sandy Cartwright – NT Fellowship Award, recognised for her significant contribution to leadership at a school, regional and system level.

The event, attended by the Minister of Education the Honourable Mr Peter Chandler, raised the profile of the profession, celebrating and recognising the strength and excellence of educators in the NT. Congratulations to our NPS teachers. We are very proud of you.



Graham with the Principal of Hefei Primary School, Zang Hong, after signing the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Graham, Jo and Matt are having an amazing time in China.

They are presenting to the staff and officials and Matt will run an AFL program. All are learning a lot and gaining ideas to share on their return Saturday 23rd April.

Kind regards
Jill Finch, Assistant
Principal



2016 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

Dear Parent,

The University of New South Wales is offering your child an opportunity to participate in the **International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)**.

ICAS assessments have taken place annually in schools for over thirty years and in twenty countries. Educational Assessments Australia (EAA), who design and deliver the assessments, is the not-for-profit arm of the University of New South Wales.

ICAS:

- is an annual skills development assessment program in key areas of learning for students in years 3 – 6; assessments are available in English and mathematics.
- gathers performance information through a 30-60 minute supervised in-school test
- provides a continuous, independent and comprehensive record of a student's performance, and maps their development over the full period of primary and secondary schooling
- enables the progress of each student to be mapped in each skill against their previous performance, demonstrating personal improvement no matter the starting point
- uses fellow students' results as a reference point; results are mapped against all students sitting at the same year level in Australia
- provides an excellent preparation for national testing
- enables students at all levels of ability to participate; ICAS contains questions designed to specifically explore the abilities of students of all standards – this includes those of both lower and higher levels of achievement
- medals are awarded to the top students per state in each subject and year level (when sufficiently meritorious and the test was sat on the official sitting date)
- achievement certificates are awarded to all students at a range of levels:
 1. **High Distinction** to the top 1% of students
 2. **Distinction** to the next 10% of students
 3. **Credit** to the next 25% of students
 4. **Merit** to the next 10% of students
 5. **Participation** to all other students
- results are available to parents and students online; these online reports and analyses remain available indefinitely. ICAS reports indicate which questions were answered correctly, compare student performance to that of the other students tested and are highly suitable for inclusion on a student's portfolio for future tertiary entrance or job opportunities.
- Entries are administered through the school, so teachers can also access the information

To enrol your child in ICAS, please complete the registration form overleaf and return it, with your entry fees, to Nightcliff Primary School by **21st June 2016**.

For more information about ICAS go to www.eaa.unsw.edu.au, contact Customer Service on (02) 8344 1010 or send an email to info@eaa.unsw.edu.au

Your child can also prepare for ICAS using Practice Online. Practice online tests are available for English, mathematics and Science. Find out more about Practice Online at www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/practice-online

Yours sincerely

Graham Chadwick
Principal
Nightcliff Primary School



2016 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

Registration and Expression of Interest Form

Please return this form to your child's School

I give permission for my child _____ of _____
(Child's Name) (Class)

to participate in the following 2016 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS):

Please select the subjects you would like your child to enter:

Subject/Paper	School Years	Closing date	Entry Fee, incl.GST	Yes I'm Interested
English	3-6	21 June 2016	\$8.80 or \$26.40 if less than 3	
Mathematics	3-6	21 June 2016	\$8.80 or \$26.40 if less than 3	

Total \$ _____

Students should sit on the official sitting date for each subject to be eligible for UNSW medals. However, your school may choose to sit at another time to fit in with other school activities and routines.

Name of Parent/Guardian

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Visible Learning at Nightcliff Primary School

The role of teachers is to develop positive relationships and to inform all about the language of learning. Teachers aspire to focus students so that they are able to articulate their learning, to describe what they are learning, to identify how they are going and where they will go next. One of the main tasks of teachers is to evaluate the effect of their teaching on students' learning and achievement. Teachers are change agents and assessment is about their impact. Effective, informative feedback is empowering to students.

To develop powerful and positive learners at Nightcliff Primary School the following attributes for all learners are being encouraged.




**Nightcliff Primary
School**

**Powerful and Positive
Learners**

Resilient

I am persistent.
I have a go and I don't give up when faced with things that are difficult.
I try different ways to find what works.
I am courageous and brave.



Independent

I can work well alone, concentrate and ignore disruptions.
I am self-confident and make my own decisions.



Co-operative

I work well in a team or with a partner, sharing ideas where needed.
I am supportive of others and a good listener.




Creative

I am imaginative and come up with original ideas.
I can think of different solutions to problems.




Adaptable

I love learning, enjoy a challenge and believe I can learn and improve with effort.
I learn from my mistakes.
I am open-minded and flexible.
I apply my learning to different settings.




Curious

I ask lots of questions and am keen to find out the answer to problems.
I am observant.
I enjoy discovering and exploring new things.



Problem Solver

I make plans and follow them, thinking carefully about the next steps.
I am organised, prepared and analytical.
I am a strategic thinker.



We are asking for Donations to help make our Annual Mother's Day Breakfast a wonderful success on Friday May 6th.

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| Bacon | Eggs | Bread |
| Tomato/BBQ sauce | Salt/Pepper | SR Flour |
| Maple Syrup | Sugar | Milk |
| Lemons | Jam | Coffee/Tea/Sugar |
| Orange Juice | Foam Cups | Paper Plates |
| Raffle Prizes | | |

Please bring all donations to the front office.

By Tuesday 3rd May

Thank You



Launch into Sailing

A sailing program designed for kids 8 - 12yrs old.

This program focuses on having fun in boats and creating a love of being on the water. Kids will learn fundamental sailing skills whilst making new friends.

Come and enjoy the sunset whilst your kids discover the magic of sailing...



TO REGISTER:

www.yachtingaustralia.com.au/Entry/?EID=76561

sailingmanager@dwinsail.com.au

89 811 700

Sponsored by Yachting Northern Territory

5-7 years

net



Learn netball related fundamental motor skills with fun music, dance and games.

8-10 years

set



Be a part of modified netball games with a focus on fun and teamwork.

go



Visit netsetgo.asn.au to find out more.

Centre: Netball NT

Phone: (08) 8945 1733

Email: Haylee Gillies - community@netballnt.org.au

Location: Sitzler Netball Centre
235 Abala Road, Marrara 0812

When: 4.00pm - 5.00pm - Friday 29 April - 17 June 2016

Cost: \$100.00



Scholastic Book Club

Dear Parents

At Nightcliff Primary School we strive to promote a love of good books and foster a joy of reading. Children who read at home, or are read to, have a head start on reading success in school.

Our school is participating in Scholastic Book Clubs this year. Twice a term during the school year a Club catalogue will be sent home with a different selection of books for sale. You'll find award winning books, as well as old and new favourites. They span a wide range of children's reading levels and interests.

If you would like to order any of the books on offer, look over the catalogue with your child, select the books you want, mark them on the order form on the back of the catalogue, and return the order form with payment to the office or your child's teacher in a sealed envelope by the due date. Alternatively, you may like to order books online through www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP (see additional information in this newsletter).

All orders for Issue 3 are due back at school by Tuesday 26.4.16. The books will arrive around three weeks after the order is submitted. Each order helps earn free books and teaching materials for our school.

Have fun reading!



SRC BLUE LIGHT DISCO THURSDAY 19TH MAY

EARLY CHILDHOOD T/1/2/3 - 5.30PM - 6.30PM

PRIMARY YEARS 3/4/5/6 - 6.40PM - 7.40PM

TICKETS ARE \$5 EACH = ENTRY, DRINK, PACKET OF CHIPS.
CANTEEN WILL BE OPEN FOR FOOD

THEME IS CRAZY COLOURS

GLOW PRODUCTS ON SALE: PRICE RANGE FROM \$1 TO \$10
MONIES RAISED GO TOWARDS:
STARLIGHT CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

MONDAY 25TH APRIL

TUESDAY 26TH APRIL

FRIDAY 29TH APRIL

MONDAY 2ND MAY

FRIDAY 6TH MAY

FRIDAY 13TH MAY

THURSDAY 19TH MAY

FRIDAY 27TH MAY

ANZAC DAY HOLIDAY

ANZAC DAY ASSEMBLY 9:15 AM

SCHOOL BANKING

MAY DAY HOLIDAY

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

SCHOOL BANKING

SCHOOL DISCO

SCHOOL BANKING

Year 4 Katherine Camp

Just a reminder then **\$400 payment** for the Year 4 Katherine Camp needs to be finalised at the front office by **Friday 22nd April**.

Thank you.

Mother's Day Gift Prices

Mug and Coaster Set	\$6.00
Scented Diffuser	\$6.00
Butterfly Bath Fizzer	\$5.00
Heart Tin Candle	\$4.00
Lip Gloss	\$4.00
Pom Pom Keyring	\$3.50
Heart Bath Fizzer	\$2.50
Chalk Board Clip	\$2.50
Sticky Notes	\$2.00
Nail File	\$2.00



Mother's Day Sunday 8th may