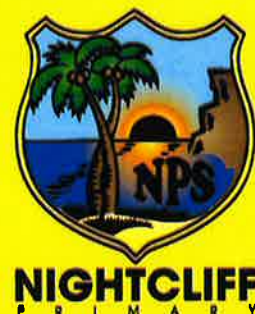


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Nightcliff Primary Newsletter



Wednesday 16th August 2017

Term 3 Week 4

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

Dear Parents and Guardians

'Science Week' has been a special focus for our school this week and it was great to see our students celebrating their success in building a weather station and how this station will continue to be a focus this semester with the project linking in to our school website and eventually the government BOM site gathering our weather stations statistics. A big thank you to our parent volunteer Justin Schmidt and teacher Ms. Clare Visentin for their support of 'Science Week' and the ongoing weather station program.



This week Swimming Australia has endorsed our school as their NT pilot school to expand our school swimming program offering students the chance to access free swimming sessions for 10 weeks at the Casuarina Swimming Pool. This is a great opportunity for our students and further supports our ongoing commitment to our swimming program and school swimming squad.

Information is available at school and also the Skoolbag App.

Over the past week we have continued to focus on safety in our school and to highlight the importance of what students need to do if they are feeling unsafe when out and about in the community. Our 'Stranger Danger' (The 4 R's) information is an important conversation to be discussed both at school and at home. To support this I have included this information in today's newsletter so parents and carers can further support this discussion at home. It is very important that students understand this information and to also know the designated 'Safe Houses' in our community. Your support with this would be most appreciated.



Our Father's Day breakfast will be a great morning for all families to meet together and enjoy the festivities on offer by the school and school council. The addition of the 'Smoothie Bikes' and extended menu has been very successful. Our school council has been very proactive in developing our whole school food/nutrition policy and our school menus follow the Red, Amber, Green national food standards. I would like to thank Ms. Kate Race for her tireless work in bringing this together. The Policy is now available on our Skoolbag App and Website.

Our jump rope team completed their Jump Rope, Jump off on Monday and our students had a wonderful time learning how to be agile, coordinate their steps whilst jumping in time to music. Congratulations to our skipping team, our teachers Ms. Mihailou and Ms. Maxsted for their support of this wonderful program.

As always, if you are in the school grounds please drop in and say hello.

Graham Chadwick
Principal

Dates to Remember



August

Thursday 17th: Year 6 excursion - Parliament House
Thursday 17th: School Photos
Friday 18th: School Photos
Friday 18th: Year 2 Excursion - Crocodylus Park

September

Friday 1st: Fathers Day Breakfast
Friday 1st: Muscular Dystrophy **Super Hero Day** Fundraiser—Gold Coin Donation
Friday 15th: School Extravaganza

2017 School Survey

An infographic for the NT School Survey. At the top, it says 'NT School Survey' in large white letters on a dark blue background. Below this is a large blue speech bubble containing the text: 'Our Opinion Matters. The Northern Territory Department of Education provides education services to more than 34,000 students across 153 government schools. The annual School Survey collects the opinions of students, parents and staff about school performance, culture and services.' The infographic is surrounded by illustrations of people: a man and woman talking, a student sitting on the ground, a student sitting on the floor with a laptop, and a family. Below the speech bubble are three circular icons: a laptop and tablet, a padlock, and a group of people. Under each icon is a section header and text: 'Collecting and Sharing Data', 'Privacy', and 'Our Opinion Matters'. At the bottom right is the Northern Territory Government logo.

NT School Survey

Our Opinion Matters

The Northern Territory Department of Education provides education services to more than 34,000 students across 153 government schools. The annual School Survey collects the opinions of students, parents and staff about school performance, culture and services.

Collecting and Sharing Data

The School Survey is conducted across Weeks 4-6 in Term 3 each year. The results of the survey will be used to inform planning activities, identify school improvement, enhance student outcomes and meet student, parent and staff expectations.

Feedback will be shared with school communities so they can gain a deeper understanding of their school, what it does well and where it can improve.

Privacy

All individual responses are kept confidential and strict rules are in place to safeguard this at every stage of the survey process.

All survey responses are stored securely by the department in line with the *Information Act*.

Our Opinion Matters

The survey is completed online and should take about 15-20 minutes to finish.

Schools will send out a special link to students, parents and staff so they can complete the relevant school survey online.

For more information visit www.education.nt.gov.au

NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT

Calling all parents and guardians, students and school staff— **have your say** about the operations of your school by participating in the 2017 School Survey. Open from **Monday, 14 August to Friday, 1 September 2017**, the survey will help drive Improvement in your school.

Talk to your school principal or teacher for assistance in completing this year's school survey.

For more information visit www.education.nt.gov.au



School Photos



Thursday 17th and Friday 18th August

Photos can be ordered online www.advancedlife.com.au

Father's Day Price List



\$4.00



\$4.00



\$4.50



\$2.00



\$6.00



\$6.00



\$8.00



\$5.00



\$6.00

Father's Day Donations

Wanted Donations for Father's Day
Breakfast
Friday September 1st @ 7.30am.



2017 Dance Extravaganza The Environment



Date: Friday 15th September
Food: Available at the canteen ~ 5pm ~ 7pm
Performance: 7pm to 8pm at Nightcliff Primary
School Basketball Courts.

BYO picnic rug

Jump Rope For Heart

We held our Jump Off day for 2017 on Monday August 14th. It was a whole-school event to celebrate the conclusion of this year's Jump Rope program and a great opportunity for students to show their new skipping skills. We would like to acknowledge the work of the school jump rope team who ran the stations and explained the activities to each class. Their dedication to the task is to be commended. Well done everyone.

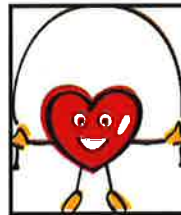
Now it's time to send your funds to school. Just fill out the form and send it with the money to either your teacher or the school office. You can also go online to register your child. Thank you gifts will be sent by the Heart Foundation to the school in the coming weeks.

Visit: www.jumprope.org.au go to the Kids tab and click on REGISTER

Thank you for joining us in the fight against heart disease and we look forward to getting the whole school jumping!

Yours sincerely,
Sue Mihailou and Tara Maxsted.

Nightcliff Primary school Jump Rope for Heart School Coordinator



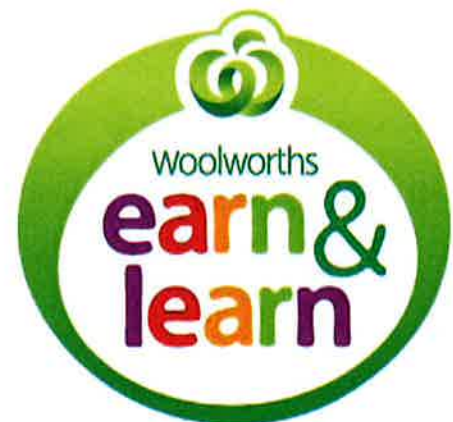
Nightcliff Primary School has registered!

We are excited to be taking part in 2017 Woolworths Earn and Learn Program. This enables us to purchase some great resources with the points we earned, thanks to you.

Collect your stickers at Woolworths for every \$10 you spend and you will receive a sticker.

Your children can then place them on the special sticker sheet.

Once completed, bring it to school or you can drop them into your local Woolworths collection box



Support your local school

Year 4 Territory Wildlife Park - Camp Woollybutt

Last week the Year 4 classes went to the Territory Wildlife Park for a camp to learn about flora and fauna of our top end environment. When we got there we unpacked the bus and set up our tents. Once everyone was done we had a quick snack. We were then split into two groups with two park rangers, Luke and Comfort or Michael and Andy. One talked about gadgets, survival, flora and fauna. We learnt that the "Turkey Bush" can heal wounds, is made into musical instruments, spears and can make mosquitoes go away.

The other talked about snakes. He brought in a Black Headed Python and we learnt what to do if a snake bites you. We practiced putting on bandages. We learnt that they feed the snakes tiny mice that take a week to digest. They also let two types of snakes run free around the park (The Green snake and the Brown Snake)

Next we took the shuttle bus to have a look around some of the animal displays before coming back for dinner. (The dinner was really yummy).

After dinner the rangers took us on the shuttle bus to see the plants and animals of the monsoon forest. Then we went cane toad busting. (Watch out they pee on you!!) Billy and Edward were the king catchers in our group. We learnt to treat toads with kindness by putting them to sleep in a freezer, even when you are trying to get rid of them from the environment.

It was then time for showers and then we sat around the campfire and had marshmallows before brushing our teeth and going to bed.

In the morning we got up and had breakfast. After breakfast we went on the shuttle bus up to the Aquarium for a talk about "Being Croc-wise". We got to touch a baby saltwater crocodile.

We went back to pack-up our campsite and then caught the shuttle bus to the billabong to watch the pelican and Croc feeding. The big crocodile was very active. We then went to see the bird-show and the nocturnal house.

Then it was time for lunch and Group 2 got to sing "Happy Birthday" to Jack and share some cupcakes before the bus arrived to take us back to school.

We all loved the camp and learnt a lot about surviving in the wild, the animals and how to use bush plants (which is pretty amazing). The things we loved the best things were the cane toad busting and the campfire at night.



Year 4 Woollybutt Campers





Merit Awards

Class	Name	Reason for Merit Award
Transition Cleanthous/Witte	Reuben Pascoe	Inquisitive and thoughtful contributions to class discussions.
	Boi Tun	Excellent effort when having a go at writing.
1 Dunbar	Zara Chadwick	Consistently showing our school values.
1 Folley	Emily Worby Aadya Vemuganti	Great focus and excellent work Welcome to NPS
1/2 Hite	Benjamin Taylor	His enthusiasm towards information report writing.
2 Bryson	Nikita Trikilis	For improvement in maths.
2/3 Slack-Smith	La Rae La Canna	For her motivation to extend her writing this term.
4 Chan	Emmanouel Andreou	For trying hard to complete his work.
4 Patterson	Leon Zammit	Showing great enthusiasm and responsibility towards his learning.
Transition Cleanthous/Witte	Marley Dysart	Welcome to Nightcliff Primary School
1/2Hite	Piper Buck	Welcome to Nightcliff Primary School
1/2Hite	Ronil Patel	Welcome to Nightcliff Primary School

Stranger Danger

- **Recognise the danger**
- **Refuse any offer**
- **Run away**
- **Report it to the first adult you trust**



Stranger Danger

Important tips to discuss with children to protect themselves:

- Know your name, address, and phone number.
- Use the school buddy system – avoid walking anywhere alone.
- Trust your feelings – if you feel you are being followed or something is not right, seek help immediately. **(Know your Safety Houses in the Nightcliff area)**
- If a stranger approaches you, you do not have to speak to him or her.
- Never approach a stranger in a motor vehicle. Just keep walking.
- Do not accept lollies or any other items from a stranger.
- Never walk off with a stranger no matter what he or she tells you.
- If someone is following you try to remember the license plate of his or her vehicle and immediately tell a trusted adult.
- If a stranger grabs you, do everything you can to stop him or her from pulling you away or dragging you into his or her car.

(Drop to the ground, kick, hit, bite, and scream out 'Help'.