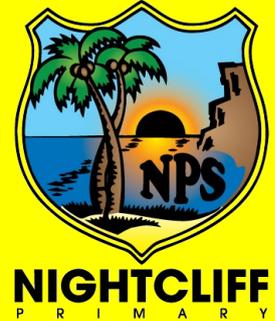


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# Nightcliff Primary Newsletter



**Wednesday 31st January**

**Term 1 Week 1**

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

Dear Parents and Guardians

Welcome back to the 2018 school year everyone and a special welcome to our new families who have moved to Darwin this year. Our first day back started smoothly and considering the weather we had full classes with very eager students who were excited to start their new school year.

We would like to welcome our new teachers to NPS and I know they are very excited to be working at our school, Ms. Phoebe Fell in Transition, Mr. Tom Rosenberg in years 2/3, Mr. Joel Fladrich in Year 5 and Ms. Katerina Vlamos in years 1/2. It was sad to say farewell to Mrs. Jo Glennon who has decided to move to Coolum in Queensland and has taken up a new position at a local Coolum school. We would like to thank Mrs. Glennon for all of her support and commitment to NPS in her role as both teacher and Assistant Principal over the past 6 years. Throughout first term Ms. Briseis More will be acting Assistant Principal.

Our staff participated in a training workshop last Thursday supporting our commitment to the PRIME Maths strategy we implemented 12 months ago. Our presenter focused on building and targeting improved methods of how our teachers can improve our students understanding of mathematical techniques and targeted classroom strategies to break down difficult concepts in practical ways to further support our student's mathematical engagement and knowledge.



Once again it was very exciting for our students to be invited for a second time to the Australian Open to play on Rod Laver Arena and to attend training sessions with the world's elite tennis players. Nightcliff Primary has been awarded the opportunity to be one of a few Australian schools to be invited to Melbourne on an annual basis. This is very exciting for our students and thank you to those parents who also made the time to travel to Melbourne to support their children and our school.

We look forward to a wonderful year ahead and as always, if you are in the school grounds please drop in and say hello.

Graham Chadwick  
Principal

## 2018 Nightcliff PS Australian Open Tour

Tennis Australia's 2013 Most Outstanding School winner, Nightcliff Primary School have continued their tennis tradition with their second consecutive tour of the Australian Open.

Seven Nightcliff Primary students traveled to Melbourne with their parents to participate in the 'Kids Tennis Day' on January 13th and the 'On Court Experience' on January 15th.

The 'Kids Tennis Day' saw Nightcliff students participate in ANZ Tennis Hot Shots, face painting, rock climbing, zip-lining and the 'Rod Laver Arena Spectacular' stage show. The show featured 6 of the world's top tennis players Federer, Djokovic, Raonic, Wozniacki, Kyrios and Kokkinakis as well as Disney and Marvel characters Thor, Black Widow, Ant Man and Spiderman. It also included live music and dancers. NPS students and parents were wowed by the performance and the jaw dropping experience of seeing World Tennis greats in real life.

The 'On Court Experience' featured Nightcliff Primary students playing 'ANZ Hot Shots tennis' on Rod Laver Arena as the curtain raiser to Jelena Ostapenko's (LAT) and Francesca Schiavone's (ITA) match. The students were supplied with free ANZ and New Balance 'Hot Shots' shirts & hats and played for 15 minutes on Australia's premier tennis court that hosts all of AO Finals with their proud NPS parents watching them in the stands. They were then allowed to stay for the rest of the day to watch world class tennis players in action and soak up the Australian Open atmosphere.

The Nightcliff Primary School students and Staff who attended were: Deepshikha Banjade, Zac Withers, William Innes, Arlo Everett, Augustin Mullany, Tatye Niscioli, Riju Poudel and Mathew Ryan (HPE Teacher & Sporting Schools Coordinator).

"Overall this Australian Open experience has been amazing and has inspired our students to aim for new heights in hopefully becoming professional tennis players one day. On their return to school they can now tell their schoolmates they played on the same court as the 'all time greats', watched some world class tennis players and experienced all of what the Australian Open had to offer", Mat Ryan said.

Nightcliff Primary School are planning to make the Australian Open tour an annual event for their school tennis team with Mat Ryan having positive discussions with Tennis Australia. This initiative is strongly supported by NPS Principal, Graham Chadwick who has been a huge supporter of the 'Hot Shots' tennis program as well as many NPS parents, such as Katie Serone, Michelle Niscioli and Nicole Everett:

"The Australian Open", wow what an experience of a life time. Zac and I want to thank Mat Ryan and NPS for this amazing opportunity to go and be part of this unreal event. We had the best time sharing this very special mum and son adventure to Melbourne. Zac had such a great time being involved in the 'Kids Tennis Day' and to top it off his "On Court Experience" was on the Grand Slam Court "Rod Laver Arena". I am one very proud mum and will cherish the memories we made."

Katie Serone

"Just want to thank you again for including Tayte in the once in a lifetime opportunity to play at such an amazing venue."

Michelle Niscioli

"Thanks again for providing a fantastic opportunity. Arlo had a fantastic time."

Nicole Everett

Mathew Ryan  
Nightcliff Primary School  
HPE Teacher  
Sporting Schools Coordinator



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