Dear Parents and Guardians

Welcome back to the new school year everyone. It has been an exciting start to the school year with 48 new students beginning their learning at NPS. Our pre-school has 88 students enrolled and we are very excited to begin our three classroom model for 2015. Our early year’s programs grow from strength to strength, with four new transition classes for the 2015 school year it will be certainly be an exciting year for our younger students.

Over the school break there were major works completed to our air-conditioning systems, an extensive gardening program was undertaken, improvements to our pre-school and new fencing to ensure safety for our students as they move around the campus. It is also exciting to note that the plans for our new outdoor learning area have been completed and this will go out to tender in the coming weeks. This area will be cornered off and all safety precautions will be adhered to whilst the project is in the building stage. We envisage the project to be completed by the end of the school term.

Our school has now been approved for DGR status. A deductible gift recipient (DGR) is an entity or fund that can receive tax deductible gifts. Nightcliff Primary has two types of DGR endorsements: Our school building fund and our school library fund. Family members can receive a tax deduction by paying into either of these accounts.

We would like to sincerely thank the Niblock family who have donated a considerable amount of money to our school building fund. The funds raised in these categories will specifically support special projects endorsed by the school council to further improve our facilities for our current and future students. If you wish to know more about our DGR program please feel free to contact our front office.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Ms. More, Ms. Ruane and Mr. Pugh to our school community and I know they are very excited to be teaching at Nightcliff Primary School.

Last Friday all teachers in the Northern Territory gathered together in various locations to participate in a workshop delivered by Professor John Hattie’s team entitled Visible Learning. Visible Learning in general means an enhanced role for teachers as they become evaluators of their own teaching. According to John Hattie Visible Learning and Teaching occurs when teachers see learning through the eyes of students and help them become their own teachers. It was a very busy and rewarding day for teachers. This initiative will continue throughout the school year with each school designating staff members to become school coaches.

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

Graham Chadwick
Principal