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Term 2 Week 1

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## MAYILEMA

*Speargrass, goose egg and knockem' down season*

*"The flowering of Mayilema (speargrass) signifies the start of Biyinba (goose egg) collection on the floodplains. As the speargrass heads turn brown, the eggs hatch, marking the end of goose egg season. Knockem' down storms knock the speargrass over and mark the end of the Wet Season.*

*Flatback Turtle are laying eggs. On the Easter full moon turtle eggs are collected. Only a few eggs are taken from each nest.*

*After the late rains we await the first signs of Birrdibirripba (dragonflies) who announce the Dry Season is here. Damibila (Barramundi) move downstream from the floodplains to the sea water. Salmon are plentiful and are caught at the mouth of estuaries. Many saltwater fish have roe and Red Claw yabbies are plentiful.*

*From Gulumoerrgin Seasons - <http://www.larrakia.csiro.au>*

### From the Principal...

The Chief Minister for the Northern Territory and Minister for Education have informed us that "schools will be open on day 1, Term 2, 2020 and all students will be expected to attend." This means that from Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> April all children should attend school.

Today we had 92% of our children at school and it has been great to have them all back with their friends and teachers, learning together. Monday was an exciting day of catch ups and now we are back into routine and all feels good.

The days seem to be busier than ever and we may not always get the chance to follow up absences. Please call us if your child will be late or absent as this will make life for our office staff much easier.

We will continue to develop and refine our new way of working together and I will keep you informed of any changes. I look forward to catching up with you all again in the future as we work our way through this interesting time.

### Some changes to being at school

I have sent a more detailed explanation of these points but here is a reminder:

- ✓ Drop off and Pick up should happen with as few interactions with others as possible.
- ✓ Parents should not stay around at school or be in the buildings.
- ✓ Minimise time at the office and call ahead.
- ✓ If you need to contact your child's teacher, please call the office or email the teacher direct. Don't drop in.
- ✓ Do not send food to share even on special occasions such as birthdays. Individually packed food is fine.
- ✓ If your child is unwell, keep them at home.
- ✓ Send a water bottle with your child's name on it as they will not be drinking out of bubblers. They will fill up their bottles here at school from the cold water bubblers or taps. Send two bottles if they go to after school care.

If you have access to multiple water bottles through a business or club or other group, we could certainly use them here at school.



These changes can be hard on us all. You want to be with your child and we want you here in our school. This just isn't the right time for it but that right time will return and we will return to the happy school crowds of the past.



## School Assemblies and Awards

While we do not have assemblies where we all gather together, we do still have an assembly by Skype every second week. If you would like your child to receive a Principal's Award, send in their four Merit Awards and we will still make the presentation and send you the photo.



## Out of School Hours Care

You may have heard that child care is now free. This means that our after school care service (Out of School Hours Care) will not be charging during Term 2. The same level of care will be offered by the same people. It is a service that is available if required but you will still need to register and let us know the days care will be required so that we can staff accordingly. Darwin Languages School is closed for the first 5 weeks of term.

## Back to School Vouchers

These have been extended until the end of Term 2. Call the office if you would like to find out where yours is at.

## Anzac Biscuits for sale in Term 2

Miss Sheryl will be selling ANZAC biscuits in Week 1 of Term 2. They will be sold for .70 cents each at the canteen or put in an order with her:

**\$8.00/dozen or  
\$5.00/dozen fresh uncooked dough.**

\*Please note - Our canteen is a registered food business.



## Thank You!

A special thank you goes out to the Dowrie family for their donation of two ANZAC Day books for our library. These books were presented by Emily and her dad, Stuart Dowrie, Group Captain, Deputy Commander Northern Command, in honour of past and present service men and women.

## ANZAC Day Assembly

Stuart Park Primary School will acknowledge and celebrate ANZAC Day with a Skype assembly on, **Friday 24 April**. All classes will join our Skype assembly at 8:30am. The ceremony will consist of the reading of the book *Anzac Ted*, a musical performance, the Ode, Last Post and a minute of silence to honour the fallen. The full program of the Ceremony can be seen in this newsletter.

We would still like to continue the tradition of laying flowers under the flagpole, so we would **encourage students to bring flowers from home** to remember those who have given their lives in the service of our country. It isn't necessary to purchase flowers, as most home gardens have something suitable.



### ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATIVE ASSEMBLY 2020

#### Introduction

Mr. Bernie Bree



#### Book - *ANZAC Ted*

by Belinda Landsberry

Read by - Peter Diamandopoulos, Lucy Marshall, Ralph Stephens and  
Chloe Warthold

#### *We Still Call Australia Home*

Ensemble group accompanied on guitar by Mr. Alastair Marshall

#### *The Ode*

Recited by - Charlotte Lei

#### *The Last Post*

Trumpet - Reuben Bryett

**One minute of silence in remembrance**

#### *Reveille*

Raising of the Flag - Hamish Samuels

#### National Anthem

#### Closing Address

Mr. Bernie Bree



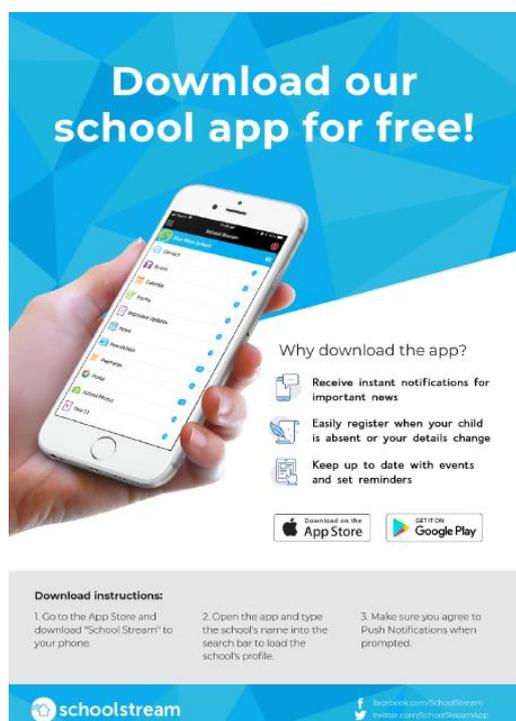
## The Term Calendar

There isn't much in the calendar for Term Two. It is usually the busiest term as it is such a beautiful time to be out and about. This year we will just have to do things differently and start again in 2021.

This means no ANZAC Day assembly, no sports carnival, no school Arts Festival, no Term 2 camps and no excursions. We are, however, thinking outside the box with all of these events and we will be able to have some events but they will look different.

## CALENDAR

DATE	DAY	EVENT
25 <sup>th</sup> April	Saturday	ANZAC Day
4 <sup>th</sup> May	Monday	May Day Holiday
12-22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Tues-Fri	No NAPLAN
8 <sup>th</sup> June	Monday	Queen's Birthday Holiday
26 <sup>th</sup> June	Friday	Last day of Term 2
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Tuesday	First day of Term 3



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## School Stream App

We seem to have now caught up approving your requests to join our School Stream app. This process is important as the app is not available to those outside the school community.

We will soon move to School Stream so please download it if you have not already done so. Notifications have probably started to pop up. Remember that you can limit these so you just get them for your child's year level and when the information is relevant to all (e.g. newsletter).