



From the Principal...

Welcome back to all our students, staff, and families! We hope you had a refreshing break. It's been a warm and wonderful start to the term—even with two short weeks, there's already been a great buzz of energy around the school. We've hit the ground running with plenty of learning, laughter and meaningful connections happening across classrooms and playgrounds.

In Week 1, our staff engaged in two fantastic professional learning opportunities. On our Start Up Day, we welcomed Guy Constable, who led a session focused on effective strategies to teach number and operations. Teachers explored how to break down complex tasks into manageable parts, and how small, purposeful shifts in practice, can make a big difference. We were pleased to host this session alongside colleagues from Larrakeyah, Moil, Wulagi, and Middle Point Primary Schools—creating a great opportunity to learn together as a network.

Later in the week, we were fortunate to hear from Sarah Asome, Principal of Bentleigh West Primary School in Melbourne. Bentleigh West is widely recognised for its significant growth in student achievement through the implementation of evidence-based practices aligned to the science of learning. Sarah's session focused on the MTSS (Multi-Tiered System of Supports) framework, which highlights:

- Precision and quality in Tier 1 instruction
- Well-planned Tier 2 interventions
- Intensive Tier 3 supports for students with significant needs

Attended by over 40 educators from across our system, this session offered valuable insights into how a whole-school, structured approach to teaching and intervention can lead to sustained success. We feel incredibly lucky to have had such high-calibre presenters working with our staff and are excited to implement these ideas and share our progress with you over the coming months.

Don't forget to check your child's bag—the swimming note was sent home today with all the key information you'll need.

We also warmly invite you to join us for our special **ANZAC Assembly tomorrow**, where we will take time as a school community to reflect, remember and honour the service and sacrifice of our veterans. As always, thank you for your continued support and partnership. We're looking forward to a fantastic term ahead.

Warm regards - Maria Albion

Schedule of Events

Thursday, April 24

Whole School
ANZAC Day Assembly

Friday, April 25

ANZAC Day Public Holiday
No School

Monday, April 28

School Council Meeting
5:30pm

April 28 to May 2

Sports Week

Friday, May 2

SPPS Sports Day

Monday, May 5

May Day Public Holiday
No School





ANZAC *Day* ASSEMBLY

Please join us for assembly
on Thursday, April 24th



8:30am



Bring a flower from your garden to lay on the stage

ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATIVE CEREMONY 2025

Acknowledgement of Country - Raahi Patel

Introduction - Mrs. Maria Albion

The Address - Flight Lieutenant Fiona Earl - 13 Squadron

In Flanders Fields By John McCrae - 1872-1918

Recited by – Eve McMahan, Dom Adams, Chloe Baylis

I Still Call Australia Home - Performed by the Stuart Park Primary School Choir

Laying of Flowers

The Ode of Remembrance - Recited by Austin Howe

The Last Post - Trumpeter – Reuben Bryett

One Minute of Silence in Remembrance

Rouse - Trumpeter – Reuben Bryett

Raising of the Flag - Eden Evans

National Anthem

The ANZAC Biscuit - Told by Daniel Greyling, Cayson Rogan, Will Trobbiani, Noah Hyke

Closing Address - Mrs. Leisha Crompton





Sports Day - May 2

SPPS Sports Day will be held on Friday, May 2. Please see timetable below. Children are encouraged to wear their sport shirts or their house colours on the day. Please ensure they bring their water bottles, hats and wear sunscreen.

Friday 2nd May

TIME	Preschool	Early Childhood	Upper Primary
8:10 – 8:30am	Morning Routine in class – Roll, lunches, message bag & wristbands		
8:30 – 8:40am	Morning Routines	Welcome Assembly & Chants <i>Line up in House Teams – EC at the back & UP at the front. Remember Hats and water bottles.</i>	
8:45am	50m sprints	T-2 Races (oval)	Years 3-6 Tabloids (all over UP)
9am	Class as normal		
10:10-10:40am	Classes as normal	Recess	
10:50-12:15pm		T-2 Tabloids 10:40am - line up as normal 10:50am – EC teachers to take classes to EC verandah. <i>When complete, return to class for rest.</i>	Years 3-6 Races (oval) 10:40am – line up as normal 10:50am – UP teachers to take classes to the Assembly Area. Ribbons awarded for 200m & 800m events.
12:15 – 12:45		Year 6s Vs Staff Races on the oval EC classes to come out and join in the fun.	
12:45 – 1pm		Lunch in class	
1-1:30pm		Lunch Play	
1:30 – 2:15pm		In class - Rest	
2:15pm		Assembly Area - Sports Day Winners announced. Bags to remain at classrooms	
2:25pm		Return to class for home time	

Track and Field Events for 10, 11 and 12 year olds

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Shot Put	High Jump	200m races High Jump	800m races Long Jump



Parents and Families Welcome!

Congratulations to our 2025 Easter Raffle Winners

Congratulations to all our lucky Easter basket winners from our 2025 Easter Raffle last week. Thank you to everyone who donated and bought tickets. Once again, special thanks to the below businesses for donating vouchers and products for our raffle this year. Thanks to everyone's generosity, we raised \$2170 for our school.

- Isaac Sameer
- Brooke Henry
- Diyana Jayathilake
- Ball Family
- Ngawang Jamtso
- Brady Family
- Edith Loughman
- Tilly Bruce
- Louise Randall
- Harper McFarlane
- Praseen Dhakal
- Hudson Abraham
- Mappas Family
- Harvey Pinnell
- Alistair Kelly
- Sheryl Humphreys
- John B
- Leal Family
- Alonzo Anunciacion
- Clara Hore
- Shae Bellenger



WHOLESALE AND RETAIL SEAFOOD SUPPLIES

HOT TAMALE



Thank you very much!



What is a Nogard?

The nogard is an animal. Its body is oval-shaped like a sideways football. It has a long neck and tail. The top of the neck, back and tail are covered with a row of triangular-shaped plates. The nogard's head is shaped like a long triangle. It has big red coloured eyes and hairy eyebrows that stick out. It also has big nostrils. The nogard has four short legs. At the end of each leg is a foot and five toes. Each toe has a sharp claw at the end. Its body is covered with scales. The nogard has two wings attached to its body. These are found behind the front legs towards the top of its back. Nogards are usually green in colour but change to a deep purple during the winter months.

Descriptive Writing in Year 3 Hancock

In Year 3 Hancock, we have been working on visualising and improving the vocabulary used in our texts to paint a more detailed picture in the minds for readers. This included choosing more precise words and phrases by using Tier 2 and Tier 3 words in our writing.

Our shared reading text, 'What is a Nogard' was the springboard to understanding the importance of writing precise words and phrases. From the text, we visualised and drew what was written. We then practiced and applied these skills to improve plain sentence examples before relooking at our own past writing samples and editing them to improve the original vocabulary we used.

We are now learning about figurative language such as similes, metaphors and idioms in texts and how to use them to improve our own writing even further.

When writing in 3 Hancock, we show...don't tell

As writers, we have the power to paint a picture in the reader's mind through our word choice (vocabulary). When we use precise words and phrases, our reader can easily visualise what we are describing.

Tell: Brian was nervous about his speech.

Show: Brian's legs were like jelly. His voice was muffled as he looked out over the stage and read his lines. (Haydn)

Show: Brian was tapping his feet on the ground. His hands were covering his face, butterflies churned in his tummy and his knees shook. He stood up and tried to talk but all they could hear was mumbling. (Milya)

Tell: Abby was cold after the pool.

Show: Abby shivered. Freezing cold water dropped from her legs. Her teeth clenched together and her hands felt as cold as Antarctica! (Shenaya)

Tell: Abby was hot.

Show: Abby was burning like a chicken nugget! (Saoirse)

Wednesday 2nd April / 2025

Zeus



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Sadev



Maya



Khaleesi

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DARWIN LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL


For kids aged 8-13 – all skill levels welcome!

- Location: Tracy Village Sports Complex, Lyons NT
- Dates: Wednesdays, 14 May – 27 August
- Time: 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

- Registration: \$194 + \$56 BA Membership (Sept-Aug)
- Uniform: \$95 (if needed) | Glove: \$62 (optional)
- NT Sports Vouchers accepted
- Learn baseball skills, make friends & have fun!

Register Online at:
<https://baseballnt.com.au/event/darwin-little-league-2025-season/>

YOUNG TERRITORY AUTHOR AWARDS




Write and create a book and you could be the 2025 Young Territory Author of the Year!

The competition is open to all Territorians 18 years and under residing in the Territory at the time of entering a submission.


- First prize - \$500
- Variety NT Runner-up Award - \$250
- School Entry prize - \$500
- CBCA NT Wow Award - \$200

Enter online, by mail, at any City of Darwin Library or your local library.


To find out more, go to: darwin.nt.gov.au/ytaa or scan the QR code.



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All ages Tuesday 6.30 to 8 pm

All ages Thursday 6.30 to 8 pm

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Come and Try. First two lessons free.

Celebrating National Reconciliation Week
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Darwin Trailer Boat Club
Thursday 29 May
6:30PM for 7PM start

Register and get a free schooner of Coopers
\$20 per person - Tables of up to 10

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or contact Variety NT 89812544



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MONDAYS 5PM
STARTS APRIL 28TH
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SATURDAYS 9AM
STARTS MAY 3RD
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BASEBALL

T-BALL

REGISTER TODAY

HAVE FUN, MAKE NEW FRIENDS, STAY ACTIVE

Includes a free glove

Quiz Night

Raising funds to help send NT students to Sydney for the International Finals of Tournament of Minds (TOM)

Challenging the world

Tournament of Minds

An International educational program 'challenging the world' to develop creative problem solving skills

Saturday 17th May, 2025
6pm for a 7pm start

Palmerston Golf & Country Club

Tables of 6
Entry Fee - \$15
per person

Bring along some Gold Coins for added fun

Get ready for some fun games and Raffles as well

For further information or to pre-purchase tickets:
email nt-director@tom.edu.au