

# Nightcliff Middle School Newsletter

## Principal's Report

Term 1 Week 10 2021

### Upcoming Events

#### Students Return

19th April

ANZAC Day

25th April

Public Holiday

26th April

Public Holiday

May Day

3rd May

NAPLAN

11th—21st May

Sports Day

28th May

It is hard to believe that we are already a quarter of the way through the year. It was great to see so many parents on Parent Teacher evening. I understand that some parents are disappointed that they were unable to see all their child's teachers, however, if you contact the school we can facilitate a meeting with teachers, or you can email teachers directly to get feedback on a particular subject.

We have had several teams in the debating competition being held on Tuesday afternoons this term and I am pleased to say that 2 of the teams have made it through to the finals that will be running early next term. We wish the teams well and thank Ms Erin Shannon for the great job she has done coaching them and assisting the teams with transport.

Term two is shaping up to be a busy one, with NAPLAN, transition programs, reports, the Seabreeze Festival and the 50<sup>th</sup> year celebration that was postponed from last year. This year we are also introducing an Arts Festival to display the wonderful talents of our students across the arts sector. More information will come out next term as the program is finalised. I would like to wish everyone a safe and relaxing mid semester break to prepare for the big term ahead.

Nightcliff Middle School is looking to start the rollout of the Compass App next term. The phone app enables us as a school to better communicate with parents and parents to more easily contact individual teachers. While we aren't able to use all the features of this platform immediately we will keep you informed when we the different elements become available.

A quick reminder to all our students and families that the school uniform is the school shirt and shorts. We are starting to see some different coloured shorts creeping back into the school and these students are out of uniform. Shoes must be fully enclosed for Work Health and Safety reasons.

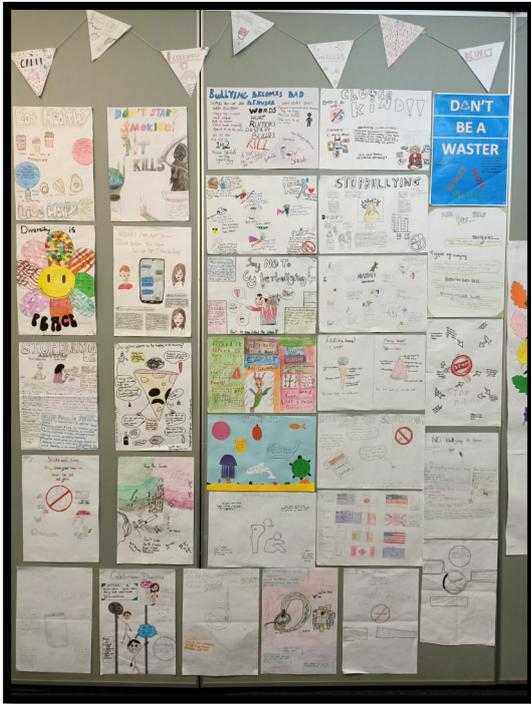
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Marty Isaksen  
Principal

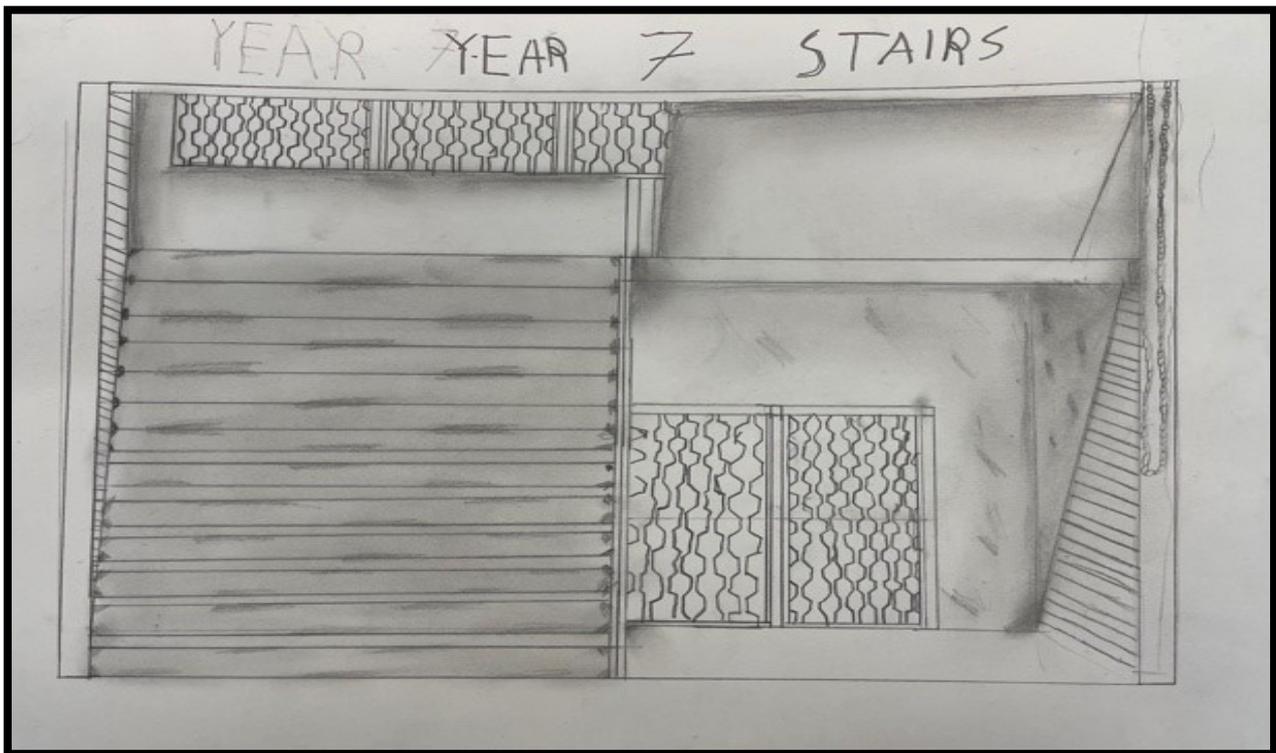


## Year 7

The year 7s have been learning about persuasive techniques and so have created posters to demonstrate their knowledge. They had to create a poster that would persuade the community of Nightcliff to live better lives.



## Year 7 Art



Interior Perspective by Billy Hunkin year 7.

## Music

Term 1 has been very successful for all Music and Band Groups. Classes have recently started to bring their instruments together and play as a class ensemble with various instruments such as the keyboard, guitar, ukulele, trumpet, saxophone and drums. Year 8 Music are scheduled to start their second song, with a true 1960's vibe. Year 7 is displaying some amazing musical talents which we look forward to seeing develop during their musical journey here are Nightcliff Middle School. They currently are rehearsing weekly for their bucket drum performance of La Bamba, to be performed at Assembly during Term 2. Year 9 Band are showing good progression with their class song Photograph while Year 9 Music are working hard rehearsing Blinding Lights.



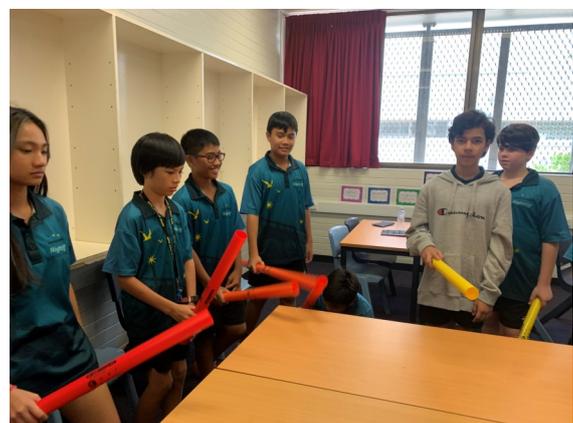
## Battle of the Bands

The school have been very lucky to have a group of wonderful musicians who are currently composing their own song to participate in Battle of the Bands with NT Music School. The Band will compete in the regionals at Dripstone Middle School and if successful, will proceed to the finals with the wonderful opportunity of performing at Bass in the Grass in May! We wish them luck as they prepare for their big competition.



## Choir

The school choir have been rehearsing weekly as they prepare for the 2021 Beat Festival in September. The student's have been showing great preparation and rehearsals are very successful. On Wednesday the 31<sup>st</sup> of March, the choir attended a cluster rehearsal with NT Music School, rehearsing with various schools participating in the 2021 Beat Festival. All students are super excited and are counting down the weeks until their big performance!



## The Duke Of Edinburgh's Award



This year NMS has 200 students participating in the Duke of Edinburgh award. Students work towards completing their goals towards a physical activity, a skill and a service to their community. They also complete an adventurous journey.

The Duke of Edinburgh program is run in over 100 countries around the world and challenges young people to develop real life skills, such as creating short and long term goals and reflecting on their progress as they work towards achieving their goals. On completion of each level of the program (Bronze, Silver and Gold) students receive credit points towards their NTCET, attend an award ceremony and they can use the highly regarded Dukes Award on their resumes to seek employment.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award at NMS is coordinated by Lead Teacher, Deb Lamb. If you would like more information about your child participating in the program, or if you would like to help out with the program please email [deb.lamb@education.nt.gov.au](mailto:deb.lamb@education.nt.gov.au)

## Year 9-Coding

In coding class led by fellow student, Shane West (Y9), students have been learning to code using Python. They use "Turtle" which is commonly used in coding to draw on the screen.



## Year 9 Graduation Shirts update

Just a quick up date, art work has been approved and orders for the shirt have now been submitted. We hope to have the shirts back in approx. 8 weeks.



In week 8 we took 9 girls to the Stars Basketball carnival to reward them for excellent school attendance and engagement. The girls played four fantastic games of basketball against other Stars programs from Dripstone, Sanderson, Palmerston Middle and Katherine, winning all but one game. Each of them showed great sportsmanship and were encouraging towards each other and the opposition. Allirah Cabiddu was awarded MVP of the day for her positive attitude and defensive efforts.



## Natasha Fyles Awards



## Henbury Outreach

The Henbury School Outreach class have been working hard at Henbury on Aralia Café, Aralia Street, serving customers, learning to cook and understand the busy cleaning schedule required for hospitality.

The class work at HOA every Thursday from 11.30 to 1.30pm. Be sure to come down and fulfill your drinks, food or plant needs, in each Thursday, Friday or Saturday morning when the shop is open.



## Drama News

Our awesome students have made a great start to Drama in 2021. The Year 7's have been building on their understanding of role, character and relationships while finding creative ways to manipulate the elements of drama to produce engaging performances.

### Year 8 Drama Class

The Year 8 Drama students will be performing Conflict, by Wade .B, in Nightcliff Middle School's first ever Annual Art's Week in Term 2 Week 10. Conflict is a very amusing explanation of how we crave stories in which the protagonist experiences all kinds of hardship.

### Year 9 Drama Class

The Year 9 Drama students will be performing an original skit based off the various themes we have learned in Drama. Some of the themes we have learned include; Power and Corruption, Survival, Courage and Heroism, Prejudice, Love, Death, Coming of Age and Good vs Evil.

Thank you to all of our students for making an incredible start to Drama this year!



# NMS School Office Hours For Holidays

Monday 12th April—Friday 19th April

Open

8am-12noon

## Students Absent from School

If your child is going to be away from school we ask that parents notify the school for the time they will be absent.

Please call 89837677, text message to 0410 856 534  
or email : [admin.nightms@education.nt.gov.au](mailto:admin.nightms@education.nt.gov.au)

### Medical certificates are required for absences from school of three days or more

Updates to the Attendance and Participation policy, and the Attendance Recording and Reporting guidelines, have been made to clarify that schools must advise parents they need to provide a medical certificate, where their child is absent from school for a period exceeding three days.

The Attendance and Participation policy and guidelines are available on the [Department of Education policies website](#). For more information on enrolment and attendance, contact:

8944 9273 or [sat.det@nt.gov.au](mailto:sat.det@nt.gov.au)

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