

## Upcoming Events

*Sports Day*

*28th May*

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*SWELL*

*( Students Arts*

*Showcase )*

*15th to 17th June*

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*Last Day Term*

*25th June*

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# Nightcliff Middle School Newsletter

## Principal's Report

Term 2 Week 6 2021

The last couple of weeks our students have participated in the NAPLAN testing. This is the first time the whole of the NT have done NAPLAN on line. I am pleased to say that we have been able to complete the tests without any band width issues.

It is timely to remind parents and students of our Mobile Phone Policy. We currently have some students who are finding it very challenging to adhere to our school wide expectations and we would appreciate your support with reminding students about the expectations and the importance of not being distracted by phones during the school day.

Mobile phones are required to be switched off and securely stored in lockers during class time. While we live in a world surrounded by technology, we are aware that mobile phones are causing a distraction from learning and impacting on the development of respectful and supportive relationships.

Likewise, I ask all parents and carers to contact the school office if they need to contact their child rather than call them directly on their communication devices.

I am really looking forward to our sports day, which is Friday 28 May. These days are a great opportunity to see our students perform in a different environment where many students are able to shine.

Kind Regards

Marty Isaksen  
Principal



## Debating

This year saw a return to debating after a cancelled 2020 season due to COVID-19. The call for debaters to represent Nightcliff Middle School was met with amazing enthusiasm, meaning that this year we had three teams in the competition, more than any other middle school. For many, it was their first time debating, so there were many rules and protocols to be learned.

Despite their inexperience, the three NMS teams were tough competitors, earning praise and encouragement from the adjudicators. Team A made the semi-finals, competing in week 2 of term 2 against a very experienced Essington team. They were given a secret topic and only an hour to prepare, with no access to any resources or the internet. Their topic 'that we should change the Australian flag' was a challenging one, particularly as they were arguing in the negative. All three debaters did an excellent job, but were beaten in what was described as a very high quality debate and a 'very close result' by the adjudicator.

Congratulations to all NMS debaters this season. The improvement in all speakers has been phenomenal and we are already looking forward to coming back stronger and more experienced in 2022. A special mention to Anaa Sarmast, who is finishing her middle school debating run after three years on the team.



## NT School Sport

The following students have or are going to be representing Darwin Region in the following sports. Some students were also selected in the School Sports NT Squad.

- 12 Years and Under Netball Squad – Charlie Hohnen
- 15 Years and Under Girls Netball Squad – Abbey Pope
- 12 Years and 15 Years and Under Touch Football Development and Interstate Selection Camp which was held at Territory Rugby League on the May Day long weekend. Nellie Robertson, Jo Jo Craigie and Ms Gloria (team official). Jo Jo was selected for the Sport Education NT 2021 Touch Football 15 Years and Under Boys Squad.

### School Sport NT 2021 Swimming 10 -19 Years Squad

Andrei Dans and Joseph Bonson participated in the swimming competition at Parap Pool. Andrei competed in the freestyle and butterfly. While Joseph competed in breast stroke and back stroke. They were both selected into the SSNT squad for best qualifying times.

### Sports Education NT 2021 Australian Football 15 years and Under Boys and Girls Squad

Mia Gilbert

Xavier Robertson

Adrian Scott

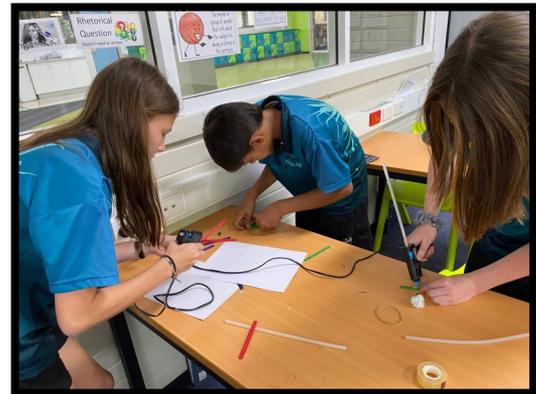
Connor McDonald

Yanni Stefanidakis



## Year 7

We have started a new class this term called Design and Technology in which the major assessment task is to create a real life version of the Angry Birds game. Today we did lots of problem solving as we began work on the propulsion method to fling the 'angry birds'. Lots of questions were asked and various methods tried. Some techniques were more successful than others but all will need refining over the coming weeks. Here are some of our initial attempts.



On Monday 17 May 2021, as part of Heritage Week, forty five people took part in the historical walk around the 1919 heritage listed Garden's Cemetery. The walk included the launch of the Cemetery Stories project. The project is an illustrated resource being developed by students from Nightcliff Middle School. Under the shade of a tree, Marty Isaksen, Principal introduced the project and thanked the people who made it possible, including Rotary Darwin and National Trust NT. Belinda Mawby, Project Lead then delivered a theatrical performance, introducing the group to 'Andy'. Andy, a railway worker and loyal unionist, born around 1880 is buried in an unknown plot in the cemetery. Walk Darwin then guided everyone around the cemetery, sharing stories from various graves. The highlight of the tour was undoubtedly, Xavier Murphy (student), who read an excerpt from his story about the Norwegian, Captain Hansen of the SS Pronto, a large screw steamer. One of the audience said, "It was great to hear the students read their work and to hear about people from Darwin's past." Marty Isaksen also said thank you to Artist, George Aldridge for his fantastic, illustrated interpretation of the students stories, one is shown here. An exhibition of George's work will be at Audit House in August 2021 which includes the original illustrations from the book. Of course, last but not least, the students, Alaina Kmon, Joseph Bonson, Lily Grant, Gabe Perry, Matilda Crowe, Xavier Murphy and Tristan Killick were acknowledged for their fabulous work on the project.

Belinda Mawby

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# NMS SPORTS DAY 2021



## Friday 28th May

Please bring water bottle, hat, sunscreen and  
your loudest cheer!!



**CELEBRATING 50 YEARS**

## JINGILI PRIMARY SCHOOL 50TH BIRTHDAY WEDNESDAY 16TH JUNE

BYO Picnic Dinner to share with your family or buy a crepe from Ken's Crepes Mindil. A Sausage Sizzle will also be available. Visit the hallways, classrooms and Library to view our Museum of Jingili through the ages.

Come and Celebrate with us. All past and present staff, students and parents welcome.

**TIME : 5.30PM - 7.30PM**  
**WHERE : JINGILI PRIMARY SCHOOL**




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## JINGILI PRIMARY SCHOOL 50TH BIRTHDAY FRIDAY 18TH JUNE

Whole School Assembly  
Cutting of the Birthday Cake  
Coffee and cake after Assembly

Colour Fun run and cupcakes for the students

**TIME : 8.30AM**  
**WHERE : JINGILI PRIMARY SCHOOL**




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## JINGILI PRIMARY SCHOOL 50TH BIRTHDAY SATURDAY 19TH JUNE

Cocktail Evening

**TIME : 6.30PM - 10.30PM**  
**WHERE : WHARF ONE, WATERFRONT**  
**\$110.00 PER PERSON**

Tickets available to purchase from the Front Office.  
08 89837555




**Only 4 weeks to Go**

Tickets need to be purchased by the June 16th as we can only withdraw and dietary requirements to the venue. Please call the front office on 8983 7555.

Price includes drink package, finger food and live music. There will also be a raffle on the night.



## Year 8

Year 8 Humanities class applied all the knowledge gained on small business. They developed their own Business plan, marketed their products, did a pre-sales audit and finally sold various food items to their peers and school staff.

The proceeds will be used by the school to purchase sports equipment.



**NEW DATES!**

NIGHTCLIFF MIDDLE SCHOOL

DATE: 15TH & 17TH OF JUNE

**SWELL**  
STUDENT ARTS SHOWCASE

5 PM - 7 PM BOTH NIGHTS

PLACE: HIBISCUS ROOM

A promotional poster for the 'Swell Student Arts Showcase' at Nightcliff Middle School. The background is dark blue with white stars and teal circular accents. The text is arranged in a central, eye-catching layout. A pink banner in the top left corner announces 'NEW DATES!'. The dates '15TH & 17TH OF JUNE' are written inside a white star. The event name 'SWELL STUDENT ARTS SHOWCASE' is prominently displayed in the center, with 'SWELL' in a larger font. The time '5 PM - 7 PM BOTH NIGHTS' is written inside another white star. The location 'PLACE: HIBISCUS ROOM' is at the bottom.

## Position Vacant

We are looking for a reliable casual cleaner for the school Monday & Friday only, 5 hours per day.

Hours are : 1pm-6pm

Must have an ochre card or the ability to get one.

For more information contact

Lyn Waugh 89837677



## 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.nights@education.nt.gov.au](mailto:admin.nights@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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