

Upcoming Events

Children's Week

6th-10th September

Wildlife visit

6th September

Students V's Staff

Volleyball match

6th September

Nightcliff Middle School Newsletter

Principal's Report

Term 3 Week 5 2021

Welcome back to Term 3. I trust that it was an enjoyable break where students had an opportunity to recharge their batteries for the semester ahead. I am happy to report that classes have resumed smoothly after the mid-year break and the students were able to get straight back into their learning. Although it may seem like a long time ago that you received reports, there is still time to reflect on those results, and set goals for the rest of the year.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mr Matthew Rivas to the staff. He will be teaching Year 8 Science classes taking over from Ms Sabrina Katras. Ms Val Momuat is on long service leave for 4 weeks and Mr Dominic Fecteau has moved up from Year 8 Senior Teacher to Year 9 for this time and Mr John Studnicky is backfilling as Year 8 Senior Teacher. We also welcome Ms Briseis More who is taking on the Year 7 Senior Teacher position, as Mr Reg Rose is working in the role of Student Engagement and Wellbeing.

The 2021 Nightcliff Middle School Perception Survey will be open for a three-week period from Monday 10 August – Friday 28 August. This annual survey is open to students, parents and staff and takes approximately 10 minutes to complete. It will be made available through email, our Facebook page, the QR code at the bottom of this page and through hard copies at reception. Please take the time to fill this out as the feedback from this survey helps inform our strategic planning for the future.

This week, sadly, one of our Nightcliff Middle School students from last year's Year 9 cohort has passed away after a sudden medical condition. We are incredibly saddened by this news. There are support services at our school, which all students have been welcome to access. These services are available for as long as required. Staff are also being supported during this time.

Kind Regards



Marty Isaksen

Principal



<https://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/5wzdRJZR>

Annual Science Expo

Alyssa Boase-Senge, Sharna Edwards, Rafaela Tabora (year 8) and Daniel Rivas (year 7) presented a stall at the Jingili Science Expo. The students delivered a series of small experiments using dry ice. There was lots of interaction, plenty of smiles and amazement from over 300 Jingili Primary students as Daniel, Sharna, Alyssa and Rafaela engaged and presented the activities. Well done to all the students involved, they represented Nightcliff Middle School with maturity and excellence.

We look forward to attending more future events like this where we can promote our school and Science engagement to the community.

Mr Rivas

Year 8 Science Teacher



Oxford University Computing Challenge

The Oxford University Computing Challenge (OUCC) is a two-round online competition held in Term 2, 2021. It builds on the principles used in the Computational and Algorithmic Thinking (CAT) competition and helps students develop their skills further to produce programmed solutions to computational thinking problems. Questions are solved using the Blockly programming language. Tui, Shane and Kim were invited to the second round and did very well. Result for OUCC 2021:

Shane West—Yr 9	Merit
George Naishel— Yr 7	Participation
Tui Westacott—Yr 9	Participation
Kim Hall— Yr 9	Participation

Well done!

Miss Lenny

Year 9 Mathematics Teacher

New Canteen Menu—Term 3



Nightcliff Middle School Canteen Price List 2021



HOME MADE (HM) FOOD

Spaghetti Bolognese	\$5.00
Fried Rice	\$5.00
Cheese Pie	\$3.50
Cheese-Spinach Pie	\$4.00
Large Puffy Dog	\$4.50
Chicken Pie	\$5.00

HOT FOOD

Chicken burger	\$5.00
Pies	\$5.00
Sausage Roll	\$5.00
Party Pie	\$2.00

Beef burger (HM)	\$5.00
Chicken Popcorn Wedges	\$8.00

(*Thursday only*)

Hot Dog with sauce	\$4.50
Hot Dog with cheese	\$5.00
Pizza Supreme	\$4.50
Cheesy Garlic Bread	\$4.00
Chicken nuggets	.50c each
Mini Hash Browns	.50c each
Chicken YIROS (homemade garlic sauce, salad and Pita bread)	\$10 (*Fridays only*)



Contact:

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Email: Maria_782@icloud.com

EFTPOS now available

ROLLS –available from counter

Ham, Cheese, Salad Rolls	\$6.00
Chicken & Salad Rolls	\$6.00

SANDWICHES (*email orders only*)

Ham and cheese	\$4.00
Egg	\$3.50
Vegetemite	\$2.00

(other sandwiches as requested)

SALADS (*email orders only*)

Greek salad	\$5.00
Chili tender wrap with salad	\$5.00
<i>(tomato, cucumber, beetroot, lettuce, tender)</i>	
Fresh seasonal fruit salad	\$5.00

DRINK

Water	\$2.50
Sparkling Mineral Water	\$4.50
Golden Circle Poppers	\$3.00
Flavoured Milk	\$4.00
Juice Bombs	\$4.00

MISCELLANEOUS

Ice Poles sugar free	\$2.00
Fruit Jelly mini's	.50c each
Fruit Jelly medium	\$1.00
Fruit Jelly large	\$2.00
Popcorn	\$2.00
Noodles	\$2.00
Jumpy's	\$2.00
Rice Sticks	\$2.00

Year 8

English

We are currently reading the novel *The Outsiders* in Year 8 English. *The Outsiders* is a classic young adult novel, touching on family, friendship, loyalty, social belonging and societal expectations. Students are completing several activities based upon the book including comprehension and vocabulary questions, character studies, social media profiles and posters.

Mr Sheen and Ms Kambourakis

Humanities – Geography

In Humanities this term we are studying Geography. Our first unit is focused on Landscapes and Landforms, on how our earth is shaped and how we live in these spaces with the constant change and disaster that can occur. We are also looking at how we as a people connect to the land around us, including the Traditional Stories of the Aboriginal people on which our landforms are situated. So far, we have studied Uluru in depth – its natural creation and the cultural significance of it. To help us study these landforms, we have also learned how to use detailed topographical maps.

Mr Fecteau, Ms Kambourakis and Mr. Siciliano

Science

The Year 8 Science students had the opportunity to perform some simple experiments with Dry ice, to look at the states of matter and what is happening to the particles as they heat up (Particle Model Theory). Students really enjoyed the practical and put in a sublime effort to explain the phenomenon of sublimation.

Mr Rivas and Mrs Staggs

Math

Students have been using Graphs and Tables to explore Linear Relationships and Patterns. This is an important topic used to model real-life problems and display solutions that everyone can understand quickly through effective visual communication.

Mr Studnicky



Year 9 Camp

The 2021 Year 9/Duke of Edinburgh camp was held in Mataranka last week. Seventy one students headed off from Tuesday to Friday. Students camped at the Mataranka Homestead camping grounds and visited Bitter Springs, the We of the Never Never homestead at the Elsey National Park. Students learned camp skills such as setting up tents, cooking and they swam in the beautiful Mataranka Hot Springs.

Teachers, Deb Lamb, Andrew Savvas, Lorenzo Siciliano and Roy Smith, were joined by the CE of Dukes NT, Rachel Mayhead. Students had an amazing time and were a credit to Nightcliff Middle School.



Clontarf

Just before the semester break, the Clontarf Academy at Nightcliff Middle School were fortunate enough to meet highly accomplished V8 professional race car drivers Jamie Whincup and Shane van Gisbergen who are both part of the Triple Eight Race Engineering team. Current and former academy members designed a special piece of art work which was then imprinted on both vehicles for the race. The artwork features colour circles of the Aboriginal flag, and is skippered by a blue and white path through the middle of the design. The path symbolises a connection to the theme of NAIDOC and new beginnings.



Jack Ludlow and Travis McDougall continue to work hard in their respective VET in schools program, undertaking one day a week at the workshop on school grounds. It's great that some of our older members of the Clontarf group are making the most of this opportunity in order to build their skills, knowledge and competencies for the work environment. As it also counts towards NTCET credits, this will benefit both boys in the long term when they go on to complete Stage 1 and Stage 2.



Stars

Stars Naidoc Day

The Stars Naidoc Day last term was with all the Darwin, Palmerston, Nhulunbuy and Jabiru Programs coming together to celebrate our Indigenous heritage and connection to country. The girls participated in a range of activities such as a round robin game of Edor, Johnny cake making and art. We had a Welcome to Country ceremony and performance which ended with all our Stars Girls and Staff walking through a smoking ceremony.

Bunnings Visit

Five of our stars recently participated in a workplace visit to Bunnings creating toolboxes, visiting different areas of work, touring the store and discussing employment opportunities.

Attendance Lunch

To boost attendance, we have decided to host an attendance lunch every Monday which has kicked off massively! To receive the lunch, our girls must come to school every day, attend all their classes and display the Stars values. If they miss out, that's ok as every week we start fresh giving all the girls the opportunity to receive the next lunch. We haven't forgot about our girls that may still be struggling with attendance, there will always be food in our Stars room.



Interest Groups

Bicycle Repairs

The Bicycle repairs activity has almost tripled in size, more bikes, more parts and more fun. Pictured below are Adam, Chase, Rowan, Rose and Fahim proudly displaying their almost completed NMS Custom Chopper.

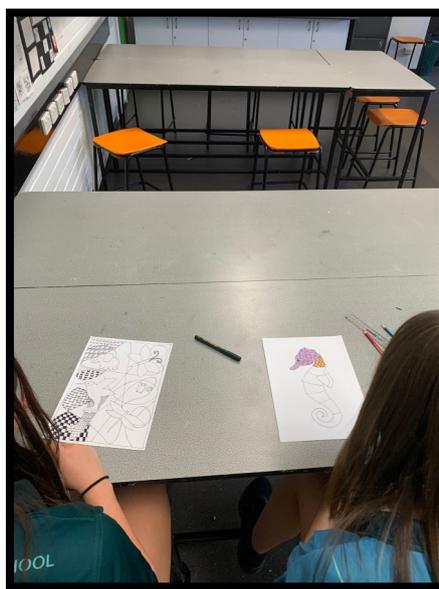
The “Bikings” as they coin themselves, have been building choppers this term, yep big front wheels, little back wheels full custom choppers. We even have a go cart we are in the planning process of restoring

The “Bikings” would like to thank Shoal Bay Recycle Shop for selling NMS all the bikes so cheaply, the kids really appreciate and enjoy this activity.

We are calling out for anybody with pushbikes that are broken down or simply not ridden anymore, we want your bikes today.



Interest Groups for Term 3 have now settled and everyone is enjoying their activity. This term we have introduced a few new activities eg swimming, boxing, Origami and Zentangles.





Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD)

Every year, all schools in Australia participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). The NCCD process requires schools to identify information already available in the school about supports provided to students with disability. These relate to legislative requirements under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, in line with the *NCCD guidelines* (2019).

Information provided about students to the Australian Government for the NCCD includes:

- year of schooling
- category of disability: physical, cognitive, sensory or social/emotional
- level of adjustment provided: support provided within quality differentiated teaching practice, supplementary, substantial or extensive.

This information assists schools to:

- formally recognise the supports and adjustments provided to students with disability in schools
- consider how they can strengthen the support of students with disability in schools
- develop shared practices so that they can review their learning programs in order to improve educational outcomes for students with disability.

The NCCD provides state and federal governments with the information they need to plan more broadly for the support of students with disability.

The NCCD will have no direct impact on your child and your child will not be involved in any testing process. The school will provide data to the Australian Government in such a way that no individual student will be able to be identified – the privacy and confidentiality of all students is ensured. All information is protected by privacy laws that regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. To find out more about these matters, please refer to the [Australian Government's Privacy Policy](https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy) (<https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy>).

Further information about the NCCD can be found on the [NCCD Portal](https://www.nccd.edu.au) (<https://www.nccd.edu.au>).

If you have any questions about the NCCD, please contact the school.

Kind regards

Marty Isaksen
Principal



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

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

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