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School Holiday Programs at DASC



Term 2 Important Dates

DLC Term 2 starts Tue 15 Apr First Saturday Class Term 2 Sat 26 Apr Last Saturday Class Term 2 Sat 14 Jun Term 2 ends Fri 20 Jun

Our students have embarked on an exciting week-long journey around the world—without ever leaving the classroom! Throughout the week, they've explored diverse cultures and traditions, engaged in hands-on activities, and deepened their understanding of global connections. From interactive lessons to creative projects, it's been an incredible celebration of diversity, inclusion, and the richness of our world! See more great photos from across the week inside this issue.





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Message from the Principal

Salima Spring



As we come to the end of Term 1, I'd like to express my gratitude to DLC staff, students, and families for a huge term filled with language learning, cultural celebrations, and community spirit. It's been a term of growth, reflection, and connection, and we're excited to share some highlights from the past ten weeks.

In-Schools

In Term 1, all In-School teachers engaged in Professional Growth Plan (PGP) discussions, setting goals aligned with the DLC Annual School Improvement Plan and Australian Teaching Standards, to foster continuous professional development and enhance student learning outcomes.

Throughout the term, our In-School staff participated in professional development (PD) sessions on topics such as neurodiversity, self-regulated learning, and structured literacy. In Week 9, In-School teachers collaborated to clarify assessment tasks, ensuring alignment with achievement standards and student needs. These sessions have equipped our educators with new strategies for creating inclusive classrooms and supporting the diverse needs of our learners.

Teachers have also been learning about the importance of setting up classroom rules and routines to help students focus on learning. Rules and routines support students in being ready to engage and learn. Clear rules and routines help students know what's expected of them and what to expect from their teacher. This creates a safe, predictable environment where active participation leads to better learning and positive relationships.



As we near the end of the term, Pak Sahar is preparing for the next stage of the **BRIDGE program**, where he will travel to SD Kristen Citra Bangsa Kupang in East Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia, to visit the school and meet with the participating teachers. We wish Pak Sahar a safe journey and look forward to hearing about his travels and learning experiences.



After-Hours

We welcomed new tutors to the DLC team this term, including Ricado Montilla Giraldo (Spanish B), Sensei Chisato Enomoto (Japanese C), Lăoshī Stella Cheung (Mandarin Junior Beginner 1A), Nichole Davis, (Auslan B) and Lăoshī Daimeng Liu (Mandarin Senior Intermediate 1A). Their experience and enthusiasm have been a valuable addition to our teaching team.













On March 3rd, the **Japanese Day of Dolls, or Hinamatsuri,** was celebrated to honour young girls and pray for their happiness and health. Miki Sensei's Japanese Background class created mini displays of traditional dolls, offering students a hands-on experience of this cultural festival.





Harmony Week Celebrations

Week 9 marked a fantastic celebration of Harmony Week! Despite the rainy weather, students engaged enthusiastically in cultural explorations, learning about diverse countries and languages. Students loved their 'suitcases', which they carried as they travelled to different classrooms participating in language and cultural activities and collecting stickers representing the countries they 'visited.' It was a highlight to see students share their experiences with their families at the end of each day. A big thank you to everyone who contributed to making Harmony Week a success!

Darwin Adult Short Courses

We're thrilled to announce the launch of the new and improved Darwin Adult Short Courses (DASC) website! Our updated platform is designed to be user-friendly and easy to navigate, making it simpler than ever to explore our wide range of adult short courses. Whether you're looking to learn a new skill, take up a hobby, or advance your career, you'll find all the information and resources you need at <u>www.adultshortcourses.com</u>



But that's not all! As the school holidays approach, DASC is also offering an exciting lineup of holiday programs for both adults and young learners. From creative workshops to skill-based courses, there's something for everyone to enjoy over the break. Don't miss out—check out our website today to see what's on offer and secure your spot!

NT Education Library

Our wonderful Librarian, Michelle, has been working tirelessly to provide library services across the NT, regularly working with remote school to provide resources and support. Michelle has also been working at Malak Primary School every Wednesday, teaching all classes across the school and bringing their library to life.

Looking Ahead: Term 2

As we approach the holidays, we're already planning for the next term. The DLC admin team will be processing new enrolments and transitioning continuing students into their Term 2 classes over the holidays. We're excited to continue our journey of learning and growth as we move into the next phase of the school year.

Thank you again to all staff members, students, and families for your continued efforts, positivity, and collaboration throughout Term 1. Your hard work and dedication to our mission of fostering diversity, learning, and connection are truly appreciated. We look forward to more exciting learning opportunities in Term 2!

Wishing you all a restful and safe holiday break. See you in Term 2!

Regards,

Salima Spring Principal



Students from most After-Hours classes should now have their Language Nut logins which can be used from home. Please contact the front office if you are unsure how to access Language Nut.

Harmony Week: A Global Journey of Diversity & Inclusion!

What an incredible week of adventures! Our students collected their suitcases and embarked on a thrilling journey around the world, taking part in exciting activities and collecting passport stickers along the way. The feedback has been fantastic, with many children enjoying it so much that they wished it could happen every week! Check out these amazing photos!















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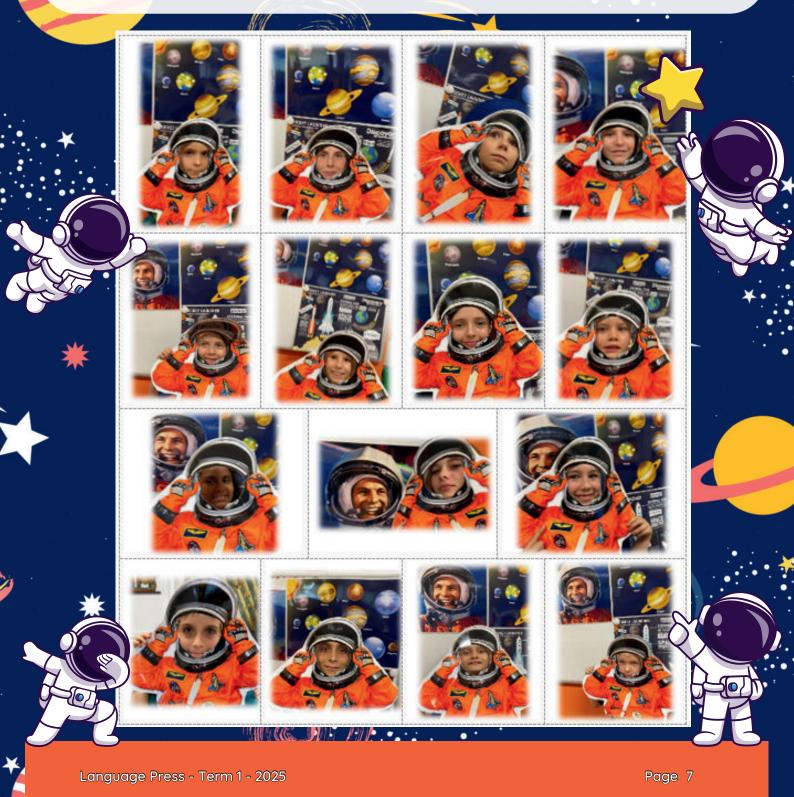
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Explore Russia's Amazing Journey to Space for Harmony Week!

Did you know that Russia was the first country to send a human into space? In 1961, Russian astronaut Yuri Gagarin made history by orbiting the Earth in the spacecraft Vostok 1!

Russia has played a huge role in space exploration, from launching the first satellite, Sputnik 1, to working with other countries on the International Space Station.

The students had a blast travelling through space with Ms Andreykina!



Darwin Adult Short Courses





Ready to learn something new and exciting?

Now's the perfect time to expand your skills!

Our Term 2 courses are packed with fantastic opportunities, from creative arts to hands-on workshops.

Plus, don't miss our school holiday classes for children —a great way to have fun while learning something new!

Check out the full list of courses and find the perfect one for you!







Hina Ningyo (Doll's Day Dolls)

March 3rd marks Hinamatsuri, or Doll's Day, in Japan—a special celebration where people display Hina Ningyo (Hinamatsuri Dolls) to wish for happiness and well-being. Students explored the traditions of Hinamatsuri and crafted their own beautiful dolls using origami.



Maneki Neko (Beckoning Cat / Lucky Cat) Students learned about Maneki Neko, the

Students learned about Maneki Neko, the famous lucky cat from Japan, and created their own dolls using clay. These charming figures are believed to bring good luck and fortune. Each Maneki Neko doll turned out unique, full of personality and character!



Term 2 Notices

Term 2 classes resume on **Tuesday 15 April**. Please note no classes will run on Monday 14 April as this is a Pupil Free Day. You will not be charged for bus or BBQ.

Invoices Term 2

Invoices for Term 2 have been sent out.

Please could we ask that payment is made by Monday 14 April.

Details of ways to pay can be found on your invoice.

Office Hours School Holidays

Office and Library hours during the school holidays will be:

9:00 - 3:00pm

Returning in Term 2

If your child is returning, you do not need to do anything, and they will be rolled over to Term 2 with the same arrangements.

Not returning in

Term 2

Please let us know

as soon as possible

Please email us at dlc.nt@education.nt.gov.au

We currently have students waiting for a place in Term 2.

