

# LANGUAGE PRESS

Darwin Languages Centre - Term 1 - 2024



## DLC Celebrates Harmony Week

## HARMONY WEEK

Let's come together to celebrate our cultural diversity.

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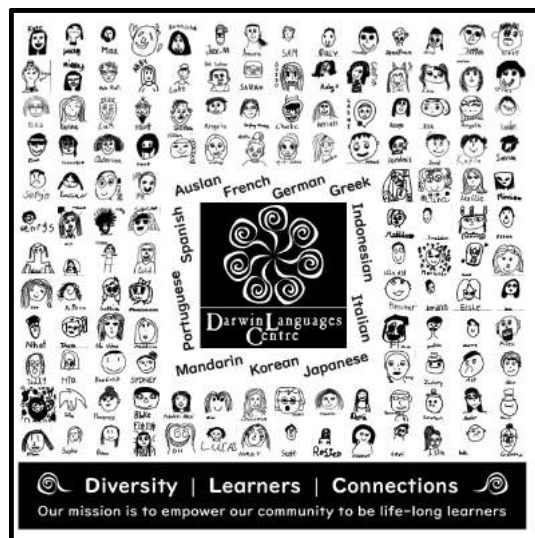
### Term 2 Important Dates

- Tue 16 Apr** DLC Term 2 starts
- Sat 20 Apr** First Saturday Class Term 2
- Sat 15 Jun** Last Saturday Class Term 2
- Fri 21 Jun** Term 2 ends

In alignment with the values of Harmony Day, students in our After-Hours languages program participated in an inclusive activity.

Staff and students each created a self-portrait which was then turned into a design alongside the portraits of all 250 participants and made into posters and tote bags.

Through this activity, we fostered a tangible representation of unity and connection among our learners, celebrating diversity and promoting a sense of belonging within our community.



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# Message from the Principal

Salima Spring



I would like to thank all members of our school community for supporting the Darwin Languages Centre (DLC) this term! The beginning of the school year has seen many exciting and engaging initiatives across all DLC functions, and we are all looking forward to continuing to provide these services next term.

Our In-School Teachers have also been exploring our newly launched DLC Professional Learning Portal where they can access world-class professional learning suited to their areas of growth and interest, from anywhere at any time. Teachers then go on to implement their learning in classrooms across all 24 DLC partner schools to achieve the goals they identified through their Professional Growth Plans.



At the Darwin Languages Centre, we are in partnership with a range of stakeholders from across the education and Languages community, both within Australia as well as internationally. We are currently in negotiations in the hopes of setting up a program where Indonesian undergraduate teachers come to Darwin to shadow our Indonesian teachers and learn from them as they deliver the Indonesian program across partner schools. If successful in establishing this program, we will not only be sharing excellent teaching practice and strengthening the Indonesian program, but we will also be strengthening our international relations and attracting teachers to the NT.

During Week 8 and 9 this term, Harmony Week was celebrated across many of our partner schools. We had the privilege of visiting Karama Primary School for their special assembly. Watching Pak Sahar's students perform a song while playing the Angklung as well as Ibu Rika's students singing, highlighted the values of Harmony Day as well as the importance of celebrating every child. We were also able to visit Stuart Park and The Essington School for their Harmony Day assemblies, and seeing the culmination of the term's teaching and learning in a group performance was something truly memorable.

Our After-Hours classes have continued to see great attendance this term, with around 250 students participating in the 10 languages that were on offer. Learning statements for each class were sent home earlier in the term, and these can be used to talk with students about what they have learned and to support them to continue to practice their language skills when not at DLC. We are currently taking enrolments for Term 2, and all students will automatically be rolled over unless we are informed that they will not be returning.

# Message from the Principal Cont.

DLC continues to partner with four Community Language Schools, hosting teachers and students from the Korean, Tamil, Malayalam, and Nepalese Associations every weekend during term time. DLC has been working with the Department of Education's Languages Advisor, 7-12, to support senior students from these associations to apply for Private Candidature when they reach Year 11 & 12 to have their language skills recognised and contribute to their NTCE.

Our wonderful Teacher Librarian Michelle, from NT Education Library has been busy this term presenting at two different forums to all Principals in the Darwin, Palmerston, and Rural regions. Additionally, Michelle has been hosting students from Palmerston College when they have come to DLC to engage in researching skills sessions. Michelle has also visited many schools across the Top End this term to support them to order and maintain their library collections, making them inviting, accessible and useful spaces for students. Please remember that the NT Education Library is an excellent resource that all NT educators can access.

Pak Engeldis, who has been tutoring Indonesian for DASC, has also taken over the Indonesian B After-Hours class from Week 9. We welcome Pak Engeldis to the After-Hours team. Our welcomes continue with two new tutors to the DASC family. Welcome to Kylie Cuff who is a senior school Japanese teacher with many years experiences and will be tutoring Japanese. Welcome also to Veronica Hodges who joins us with a strong arts background and will be tutoring Zentangle, a unique drawing and mindfulness technique.

Welcome also to Yasmine Pastrokos who will be commencing as our new German tutor. Yasmine comes to us with over five years teaching children and is fluent in German.

The Darwin Languages Centre team wishes everyone a safe and relaxing mid-semester break and we look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for learning in Term 2.

Regards,

Salima Spring  
Principal

## Annual School Improvement Plan 2024

Our whole school improvement initiatives have been guided by our Annual School Improvement Plan (ASIP), which sets out what we hope to achieve this year and how we plan to achieve it. The goals in our ASIP are around Strengthening Instruction and Improving Engagement and inform all Professional Learning that our In-School teachers engage in. Throughout Term 1, teachers have been developing a common understanding of the DLC Instructional Model and collaborating to embed each step into their lesson planning with appropriate activities.

The infographic for the Annual School Improvement Plan 2024 features a central circular diagram with 'DIVERSITY', 'LEARNERS', and 'CONNECTIONS' at the top, and 'STRATEGY 2021-2025' in the center. It is surrounded by four main pillars: 'Strengthening Instruction through High Quality Teaching & Learning', 'Engaging Every Child & Student in Learning through Positive Classroom and Behaviour Engagement', 'Metrics', and 'Instructional Model'. The 'Metrics' section lists specific goals such as increasing the proportion of students meeting or exceeding proficiency benchmarks (C or above) in languages from 90% in 2023 to 94% by 2024, and increasing the number of students actively engaged in classroom activities and discussions.



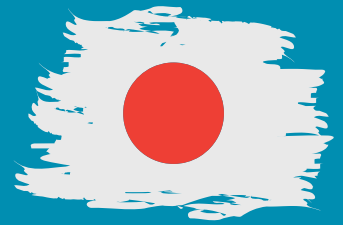
# EASTER EGG HUNT



Our annual DLC Easter Egg Hunt is a favourite among the kids! This year, students searched for eggs all around the DLC gardens. If they found one, they could swap it for a cute Easter pencil. Every day, a fortunate winner who discovered the egg with a chicken inside received a grand prize. Despite a bit of rain on some days, the children still had a blast!

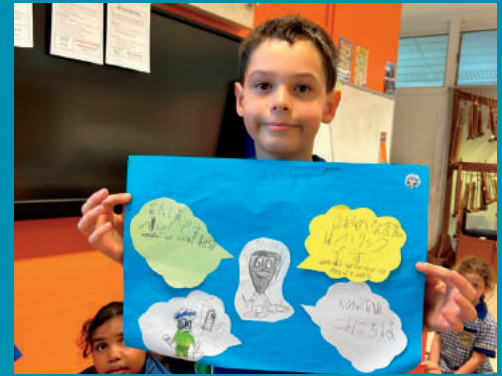


# Japanese A group learn Hiragana, Katakana and Kanji



This term, students in Japanese A class have been learning about Japanese scripts (Hiragana, Katakana and Kanji).

The students were divided into different levels and were given various challenges. Beginner students were able to recognise colours in Japanese using flash cards, and continuers were challenged with more difficult domino cards. They also made posters and introduced themselves in Japanese. Beginners created sentences using a combination of simple Japanese words, while continuing students were challenged to write sentences in Japanese.

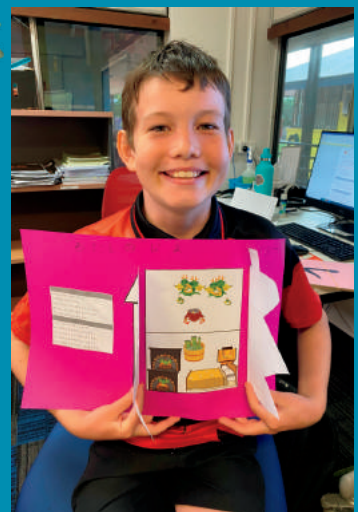
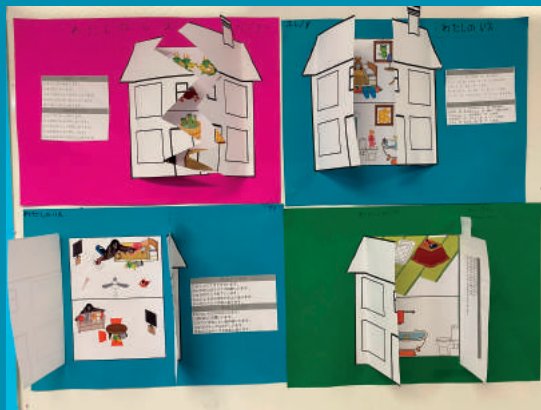


## Japanese Senior Continuers research Japanese housing



This term Japanese Senior Continuers became confident in recognising and using the Katakana script. They also examined Japanese housing, prepositional phrases and learnt to type in Japanese on the computer.

The completed the term by designing two of their own rooms and typing a description of where all items were located.



# Darwin Adult Short Courses



**DARWIN  
ADULT SHORT  
COURSES**  
A learning community

During Week 8 we farewelled our Darwin Adult Short Courses (DASC) Coordinator, Sarah Triffitt, as she traveled to Melbourne to join her partner and begin an exciting new chapter. We are thrilled to announce that our new DASC Coordinator, Jackie O'Toole, will be starting in Week 10. Jackie brings with her a wealth of experience, having worked in the team administering the adult short courses when they were at Casuarina Senior College before they were moved to DLC. Jackie has also worked as a tutor for the adult short courses, offering sewing and pattern making, so she has experience in both sides of the role. Jackie has many connections in the arts community, and we can't wait for her to join the team!



## Whats on in Term 2 @ DASC

**DARWIN ADULT SHORT COURSES**  
A learning community

**BEGINNERS**

### ZENTANGLE

4 week course | \$220 course fee  
Saturdays, 1:30pm - 3:30pm - Starts 20 April 2024  
Thursdays, 5:30pm to 7:30pm - Starts 2 May 2024

Zentangle® is an easy, relaxing, fun way to create beautiful images using structured, guided patterns in a non-representative way. Learning to draw "One Stroke at a Time" is the philosophy of mindful drawing to develop a practice in a deliberate manner to get into a state of creative flow. No prior drawing experience is necessary.

Book now: [www.adultshortcourses.com](http://www.adultshortcourses.com)

Enrol now for Term 2

**DASC**

### MOSAIC TABLE TOP

5 WEEK COURSE

SATURDAYS  
APRIL 6TH TO MAY 4TH  
1:00 - 4:00PM

Course Fee: \$365

OVER THE FIVE WEEK COURSE, PARTICIPANTS WILL BE GUIDED IN THE USE OF MATERIALS AND MOSAIC TECHNIQUES WITH SUPPORT FROM TUTOR JANIE ANDREWS.

BY THE END OF THE COURSE YOU WILL TAKE HOME YOUR OWN UNIQUE MASTERPIECE!

Sign up now at:  
[www.adultshortcourses.com](http://www.adultshortcourses.com)

### CAD and Technology @DASC in Term 2

Book at [www.adultshortcourses.com](http://www.adultshortcourses.com)

**Adobe InDesign**

- 6 weeks with Brooke
- Starts 16th of April
- Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30pm
- \$250 course fee

*In this course, students will learn the fundamentals of InDesign including document setup, working with typography, placing graphics and making the most of styles.*

**Adobe Photoshop**

- 6 weeks with Brooke
- Starts 17th of April
- Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30pm
- \$250 course fee

*In this course, students will learn how to create, edit and manipulate images to achieve professional quality results.*

**Digital Literacy ICT Essentials**

- 8 weeks with Sergei
- Starts 18th of April
- Thursdays, 6:00- 8:00pm
- \$230 course fee

*All the basics you need to know to get the most out of your computer!*

**Intro to 3D Printing & Laser Cut Art**

- 8 weeks with Sergei
- Starts 20th of April
- Saturdays, 1:00-3:00pm
- \$320 course fee

*A quick introduction to laser cutting and 3D printing, which are popular manufacturing technologies globally.*

### Term 2 Pottery Courses @ DASC

Book now at [www.adultshortcourses.com](http://www.adultshortcourses.com)!

**Hand Building with Clay**

- 4 weeks with Kate of @Studioevenlee!
- Starts April 29th
- Mondays, 6:30-8:30pm
- \$310 course fee
- 8 participants maximum

*In this course you will dive into various clay hand building techniques that will support you to create your own beautiful and unique sculptures for the home.*

**Creative Clay**

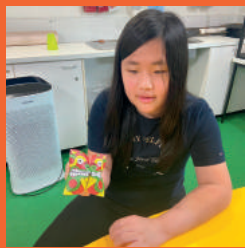
- 6 weeks with Gerald of @Studioevenlee!
- Starts April 24th
- Wednesdays, 6:30-9:00pm
- \$400 course fee
- 8 participants maximum

*In this creative clay class, you will get the opportunity to practice throwing clay on the wheel and create different projects using handbuilding techniques.*



# Lunar New Year Activities

Students from our Saturday Mandarin classes, participated in Lunar New Year activities. Students enjoyed making Dragon fortune puppet paper crafts and lanterns. Some also had a go at writing spring couplets using calligraphy, conveying heartfelt wishes for a prosperous year ahead.



# Spanish A Group Harmony Day and Easter Celebrations

It's been a busy term in Spanish A, with Teachers Lilli and Pilli planning some fun activities to celebrate cultural occasions with the children.

This term, they celebrated Harmony Day, where the students learned a Harmony Day song, as well as some energising actions. Everyone enjoyed this activity and the atmosphere in the classroom was great.

The students also enjoyed some Easter arts and crafts activities. Below you can see some of their amazing creations.



## Auslan Bingo Fun



Auslan A and Auslan B joined together to introduce themselves and share their learning.

Voices were strictly off and they asked and answered questions using only signs.

They then teamed up to use their knowledge of numbers to complete a game of Bingo.





# Indonesian classes make Canang Sari for Harmony Week



During Harmony Week, students from Ibu Asnat and Pak Rafi's classes joined together to learn about the Balinese traditions of making canang sari.

The Balinese offering known as canang sari is made every day to honour and show gratitude to the creators of life, also known as Sang Hyang Widhi Wasa. In order to preserve harmony and peace on earth, the offerings stand for gratitude and prayer.

Our students did a really great job - well done!



# Humpty Doo Primary make Klepon in Indonesian classes



For Harmony Day at Humpty Doo Primary, our in-schools teachers, Pak Sahar and Ibu Lasmi ran a workshop on how to make one of Indonesian dessert called Klepon.

Klepon is an Indonesian sweet treat made from glutinous rice flour combined with the amazing flavour combination of pandan, coconut and palm sugar. It's a popular street food snack, often found at morning and afternoon markets around Indonesia.



# Harmony Week - Millner Primary School



At Millner Primary School, students enjoyed creating canang sari with coconut leaves alongside our in-school Indonesian teacher, Ibu Asnat. Check out these lovely creations crafted by the children.





# New Mini Mandarin Class Success

In Term 1, we launched our Mini Mandarin class on Saturday mornings for Transition and Year 1 students. This engaging class is led by Chinese Teacher, Crystal Guppy, and is designed to introduce young learners to the Chinese language.

The initial term kicked off wonderfully, with children forming new friendships, enjoying themselves, and exploring new activities.

There are vacancies for Term 2, so if your little ones are interested, please contact us to enrol!



After School and Weekend Classes

## Mandarin

Year 1 to Year 12 Students  
Multiple levels available from  
Beginners, Intermediate & Advanced

In our programs children learn to listen, speak, read and write  
in Chinese (Mandarin) and gain a greater understanding of  
Chinese culture and traditions.

**Term 2  
Enrol Now**

Classes  
Wednesdays - 4:00pm - 6:00pm  
Saturdays - 10:00am to 12:30pm

**TERM FEES  
\$180**

Call us on 8997 7000  
For more Information visit:  
[www.darwinlanguagescentre.nt.edu.au](http://www.darwinlanguagescentre.nt.edu.au)

**Enrol now for  
Term 2**

## MINI MANDARIN

**Saturdays 10:00am - 12:30pm**  
**Transition & Year 1 Children Welcome**

**TERM FEES  
\$180**

Join us for our all new Saturday Mandarin  
classes, tailored for Transition and Year 1  
Beginners.

Fun and educational activities to engage  
children into learning the Chinese language.

**Contact us to enrol & find out more:**

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# Term 2 Notices

Term 2 classes resume on Tuesday 16 April. Please note no classes will run on Monday 15 April as this is a Pupil Free Day.

## Invoices Term 2

Invoices for Term 2 were sent out in week 10.

Please could we ask that payment is made before the start of Term 2 - Tuesday 16 April.

To pay over the phone, please contact the office during the hours of 9:00am and 3:00pm during the school holidays.

## Office Hours School Holidays

Office and Library hours during the school holidays will be:

9:00am - 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](mailto:dlc.nt@education.nt.gov.au)

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



**ENROL FOR TERM 2**

# AFTER SCHOOL LANGUAGE CLASSES

**TERM FEES \$180**

**YEAR 1 TO YEAR 12 STUDENTS**

Classes run Mon to Wed 4:00pm - 6:00pm  
Sat 10.00am - 12.30pm (Mandarin Only)

We offer classes in the following languages:  
Auslan - French - German - Greek - Italian - Indonesian  
Japanese - Korean - Mandarin - Portuguese - Spanish

School pick up service available from many local Darwin primary schools fees apply - ask for details

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Hi!  
Hola!

**Term 2**

**Portuguese AFTER SCHOOL LANGUAGE CLASSES**

Year 1 to Year 12 Students

**TERM FEES \$180**

In our programs children learn to listen, speak, read and write in Portuguese and gain a greater understanding of Portuguese culture and traditions.

All students enrolled in our Portuguese programme will be given access to a Microsoft Surface tablet device, which they may take home and use while enrolled. This can be utilised to help your child's language learning journey. The Portuguese Consulate graciously donated these devices.

Join us on Mondays 4:00 - 6:00pm  
All levels welcome

Call us on 8997 7000

For more information visit:  
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**Greek AFTER SCHOOL LANGUAGE CLASSES**

**Term 2**

**TERM FEES \$180**

ENROL NOW

Year 1 to Year 12 Students

In our programs students learn to listen, speak, read and write in Greek and gain a greater understanding of Greek culture and traditions.

After school bus collection available from local Darwin Primary Schools (fees apply - ask for details)

Join us on Mondays 4:00 - 6:00pm  
All levels welcome

Call us on 8997 7000

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