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Darwin Languages Centre - Term 2 - 2023



Open Classroom Success!

What's happening at DLC? In Schools Survivor Days

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<u>Term 3</u> <u>Important Dates</u>

Mon 17 July - DLC Term 3 starts

Sat 22 July - First Saturday Class Term 3

Mon 7 Aug - Public Holiday
Picnic Day

Sat 16 Sept - Last Saturday

Class Term 2

Fri 22 Sept - Term 3 ends

This term we opened our classroom doors and invited parents, family members and caregivers to come and see what the students have been learning this semester.

It was really great to see so many of you attend and take an interest in what your child has been learning.

We had treasure hunts, bingo, cultural games, quizzes, songs, arts and crafts plus much more. These are just some of the fun and engaging ways our talented tutors use resources to teach your children another language.

We hope you all agree that Open Classrooms are worthwhile events, that keep you involved in your child's language learning journey.

See pages 4 - 7 for the great photos that were captured during the 4 openings.









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Message from the Principal

Kevin Northcote



As we come to the end of another term, I would like to thank all our staff for their hard work and dedication. A lot has been achieved this term, and I hope your child has enjoyed learning at DLC.

We have been very fortunate to have a number of experienced teachers within our team, particularly for Mandarin, Spanish, Portuguese, Italian, Indonesian, Japanese, and Modern Greek. We continue to have difficulty finding suitably qualified German and French teachers, but we are hopeful that we will be able to find more qualified teachers in the near future. If you know of anyone who would be interested in teaching German or French at DLC, please let us know.

What's new at DLC?

- This term, we introduced Auslan as one of our after-hours classes on Tuesday's. This is a wonderful addition to our language offering, and I have been amazed at how quickly students have been able to remember some of the signed words. As with all languages, perseverance is the key.
- The Tamil and Nepalese Community Language classes have been operating at DLC for the past two years. This term, we welcomed the Malayalam and Syriac classes to the Centre. We are always looking for new community language groups to run classes at DLC, so if you are interested in starting a class, please let us know.

Enjoy Dinidjanggama!

Dinidjanggama is the Larrakia name for this time of the year, which is known as the "heavy dew time". It is a wonderful time of year in Darwin, and I hope you all enjoy the cooler weather and the beautiful scenery.

Classes for Term 3 will commence on Monday 17 July. Please make sure to let us know if your child will not be returning next term.

Thank you for your continued support of DLC. We look forward to seeing you all in Term 3!

Kind regards

Kevin



Children's Chinese Lantern Competition



Run by City of Darwin and CDU Confucius Institute

We are really proud to announce that we had 3 winners from Darwin Languages Centre:

Andrew Ding – Intermediate 2A – Wed Priash Jain – Intermediate 2A – Sat Megan Leung – Senior Intermediate 1A – Sat

The awards ceremony took place on Sunday 4 June at the Waterfront.

The students were awarded a certificate and a small gift.

Thank you to the dedication of all teachers who prepared for this activity and supported their students to enter.







The traditional Chinese lantern is an important symbol in Chinese culture, with lanterns decorating homes and public places.

The origin of the lantern comes from needing to protect the candle's flame from the wind. By surrounding a candle with paper or silk, the flame is protected.

In ancient China, the art of making lanterns involves painting, paper-cutting and needlework. Lanterns can be made from bamboo, wood, wheat straw, metal, paper or silk.

Over time, people began to decorate lanterns with Chinese characters, pictures and colours. Popular illustrations include dragons, birds, fish, landscapes and portraits of people. As red represents prosperity, happiness and good fortune, and is the national colour of China, it is the most popular choice for Chinese lantern design.

Red paper lanterns are used to celebrate occasions of joy, harmony, and the celebration of festivals.

Open Classrooms Monday

Greek ~ Japanese ~ Portuguese ~ Spanish































Indonesian ~ Italian ~ Auslan































Open Classrooms Wednesday



French ~ German ~ Mandarin

























Open Classrooms Saturday

Mandarin

























Japanese Haiku Competition

Run by Darwin Memorial Uniting Church



Students from our Japanese Background class with Teacher Miki Back, entered the Japanese Haiku Competition which was run by the Darwin Memorial Uniting Church.

Congratulations to our winners:

Dean Kubota - First Place Yota Kudo - Second Place

















DLC New Website

The new DLC Website is now live, and we are encouraging all DLC families and caregivers to start to use this useful platform and also share it with your family and friends.

We will use our website to promote events and showcase all of the wonderful learning that is happening at DLC.

We have a useful Parent Resources page, which has some handy tips that you can download to help your child to continue their language learning journey at home.

Please visit our new website and have a look around.

www.darwinlanguagescentre.nt.edu.au





Darwin Languages Centres Survivor in Language programs are back!



In Week 7, teams from Wagaman and Manunda Primary Schools competed in Japanese Survivor. In Week 9, Nightcliff students went head-to-head with teams from Essington, and Moil students challenged students from Milkwood-Steiner School in Survivor in Indonesian.

The Survivor in Language Programs are a fun and engaging way for students to learn a new language. The programs require students to complete a range of activities that challenge them to use their language skills. Most of the activities involve a high level of teamwork, and there are some activities that include physical challenges. For each activity, students can win 'Survivor Money – Yen or Rupiah'. They can then use this money at our Indonesian Auction or Japanese Shop.

Congratulations to everyone who participated! We would also like to give a big shout out to the Indonesian Consulate for providing morning tea and prizes for the Survivor in Indonesian.

Next term, we are hosting another 7 Survivor in Language Programs.











Term 3 Notices

Term 3 classes resume on **Monday 17 July**. Please note this is a Pupil Free Day, however, our language classes will run as normal from 4:00pm to 6:00pm. We will **not run the bus pick up service on this day** and you will not be charged for the bus collection. You can drop your child at DLC from 3:30pm on Monday 17 July, and they will be fully supervised by the DLC team and the BBQ will be available.

Invoices Term 3

Invoices for Term 3 - 2023 fees will be sent out in Week 2.

Please could we ask that payment is made within 2 weeks of receiving the invoice.

Failure to make payment or arrange a payment plan may result in your child losing their place at DLC.

Office Hours School Holidays

Office and Library hours during the school holidays will be

9:00am - 3:00pm

Returning in Term 3

If your child is returning, you do not need to do anything, and they will be rolled over to Term 3 with the same arrangements.

Not returning in Term 3

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 3.





'Korean Language Classes' are back!

Starting in Term 3, we are now able to re-start up Korean language classes. These will take place on a Tuesday - 4:00 - 6:00pm.

We have Korean Tutor - Heeyeon Kim joining us, and she is really excited to get started.

We are pleased to be welcoming back some of our former students, and we are opening this up to new enrolments from grade 3 and above. Beginners are welcome!

If your child would like to enrol in this language class, please get in touch with us via the DLC email.

We offer a bus collection service from the following schools on a Tuesday: Parap, Stuart Park, Nightcliff and Alawa Primary schools.



