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Darwin Languages Centre - Term 3 - 2023



Selamat Jalan Pak Kevin

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- Tue 10 Oct - DLC Term 4 starts
- Sat 14 Oct - First Saturday Class Term 4
- Sat 9 Dec - Last Saturday Class Term 4
- Fri 15 Dec - Term 4 ends



At the end of this term, we bid farewell to Kevin Northcote as he retires from his position as Principal of Darwin Languages Centre.

Since joining the DLC family in 2021, Kevin has helped to grow DLC's profile, foster connections with the broader NT community and advocate for and strengthen languages learning pathways.

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Final Message from the Principal

Kevin Northcote



I will be ending my tenure as Principal at the Darwin Languages Centre in two weeks. It has been a privilege to lead this wonderful school and I leave with a feeling of mixed emotions. I am sad to be leaving the Darwin Languages Centre, but I am also excited about the next chapter in my life.

I moved to Darwin from Brisbane in 1989, and spent most of my time teaching Indonesian at various schools. Before coming to the Languages Centre, I was Assistant Principal at Darwin High School for 17 years. I continued to teach Indonesian and maintained my links with the language teaching community.

I have been the Principal of the Darwin Languages Centre for just under three years and it has been an incredible experience. I have had the privilege of working with so many talented teachers and students, and I have seen firsthand the power of language learning!

I know that the Darwin Languages Centre is in good hands with our newly appointed Principal Salima Spring, and the continued inspiration and commitment to language learning from Zoe Saliba - Assistant Principal.

The staff here are dedicated and passionate about their work, and I am confident that they will continue to provide high-quality language education to our students.

I want to thank everyone who has made my time here so special. To my teachers and support staff, thank you for your dedication and hard work, to my students, thank you for your enthusiasm and curiosity, and to the parents and community members, thank you for your support.

I will miss this place very much, but I know that I will always be a part of the Darwin Languages Centre family.

Kind regards

Kevin

Farewell Pak Kevin

We wish you all the very best for the future



As we say goodbye, we would like to recognise Kevin's decades of services to languages education in the Territory, with thousands of hours engaging students in Bahasa Indonesia, planning and leading exchange programs, creating resources and textbooks such as Suara Siswa, and supporting and mentoring teachers through his work with the Language Teachers' Association of the NT (LTANT).

For many years Kevin has been a true leader of languages, creating opportunities for teachers to connect and grow through tirelessly applying for grants, organising events and supporting staff to access professional development opportunities.

Kevin also planted the seed and personally tended pilot programs in Middle schools to create meaningful language pathways for students. In 2023 we saw the introduction of Auslan which has been well received by the Darwin community. And of course, who could forget the 2022 Harmony Day event that brought together students, teachers, families and community groups from around the Top End. The orange Harmony Day socks will continue to live on - students consistently wear them to After Hours classes to this day!

Another of Kevin's legacy's is the Language Survivor programs. He goes above and beyond to make language learning come alive - challenging students to use language in real-life situations. These programs have brought students to the DLC site during the day and have invigorated language learning with problem solving and physical challenges. We have witnessed the eagerness of students to effectively bid in Survivor Auctions in the hope of winning some choki choki!

But now Pak Kevin, the tribe has spoken. It is time for you to go ...and embark on new adventures in Queensland and well-deserved relaxation with your wife Robyn, and the rest of your family.

We felt it was a fitting way to remember Pak Kevin by officially naming a place on the DLC site that he often goes to for reflection, that connections people and brings much joy to our community. Not to mention the fish! The fishpond will forever be known as 'Kevin's Pond' in recognition of his contribution to Languages Education in the Northern Territory and his time leading Darwin Languages Centre.

Kevin, may we follow in your footsteps as champions of Languages Education for years to come.

Best wishes from everyone at Team DLC.

Farewell Pak Kevin

We wish you all the very best for the future





Auslan students get busy with their hands

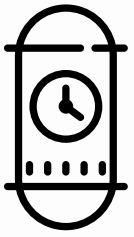


This term in Auslan class, students extended their skills to describe animals and communicate about food. In this game, students had to feel a concealed toy animal and then sign their guesses in Auslan.

Students also created their own shops in pairs and requested prices and bought items from each store. Voices were off - all communication was signed.

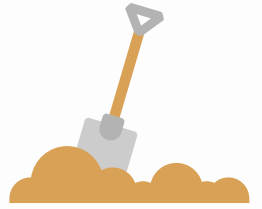
The class could sign back yes or no or give them clues. Students were also lucky to have a special guest, Kerrie Taylor, author and Auslan educator from Victoria, visit.





DLC Time Capsule

Celebrating 10 Years at Namarluk Drive



You may all remember that earlier in the year, DLC celebrated its 10 Year Anniversary, to mark the move to the Namarluk Drive Campus in 2013.

Darwin Languages Centre was formerly known as NT School of Languages and was established in 1997.

On 21 September 2023, staff at DLC buried the Time Capsule in our wonderful Asian Garden, and a plaque has been placed as a marker for remembrance. Enclosed in the capsule was memorabilia (photographs, documents, reports, newsletters, ministerial documents, advertisements, videos etc.) of NT School of Languages and Darwin Languages Centre, since its establishment.

We hope that in 10 years, whoever digs up the capsule will enjoy looking through the contents, and can add a further 10 years of memories (2023 - 2033) into the capsule and bury it again.



Japanese Senior Beginners



This term in Japanese Senior Beginners, students were using their knowledge of numbers to ask about items and their prices. In this activity they rotated around the room as customers and shop owners and communicated only in Japanese.

They also reached their goal of learning all the basic Hiragana characters and Saliba Sensei commented that they excelled in recognition games.

Well done!

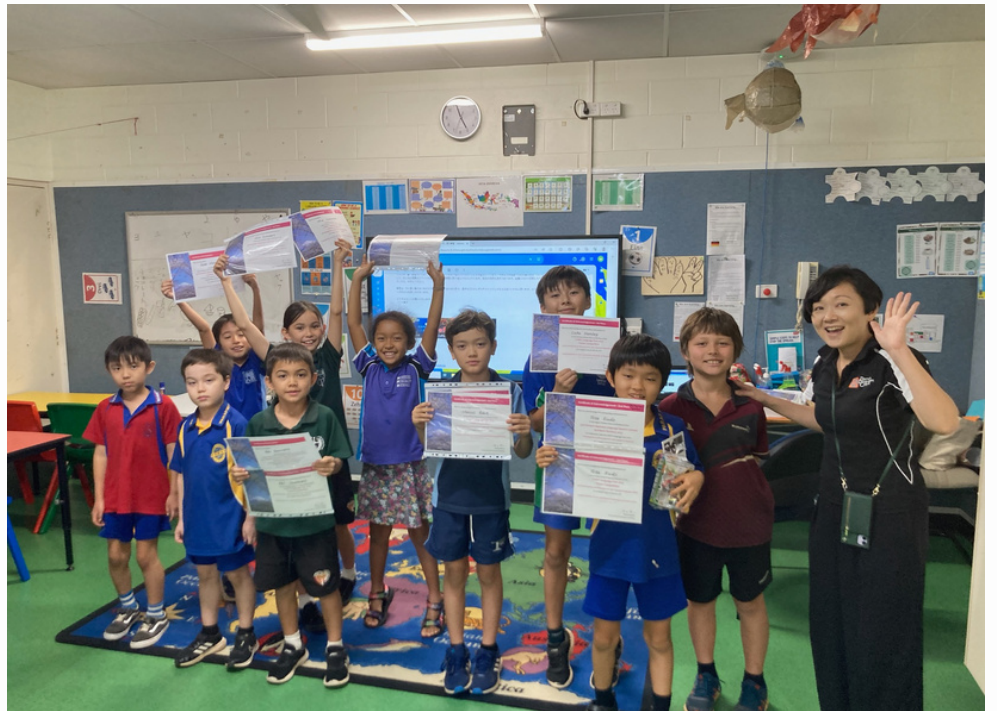


Japanese Background



In the Japanese Background class taught by Sensei Miki, the students learnt about our tragic history of the World Wars and made origami cranes hoping for world peace.

Also, many of the Japanese Background students challenged the speaking contest 2023, and achieved awards. Well done!!





Japanese Cooking



Japanese B and Japanese Senior Beginners students joined forces at the end of term to cook and share a meal together.

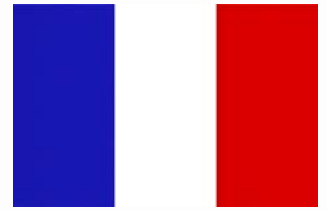
Students used Japanese to order their meal, show their gratitude (いただきます, ごちそうさま, ありがとう), and to talk about tastes.

On the menu for the lesson was yakisoba and homemade giant Pocky! Both Akane Sensei and Zoe Sensei were pleased that students used the Japanese they have been learning to communicate, tried their best to use chopsticks and showed respect and understanding of Japanese eating etiquette.





Italian and French build their own Minature Houses



This Term, the students of the Italian and French classes taught by Ms Caterina learnt about the vocabulary related to the house and the furniture. They created their own “miniature house” with cardboard, made the furniture and the decorations, and labelled it in Italian and French.

Here are some photos of their beautiful personal creations!



Italian Class



French Class



Darwin Languages Centre Exceeds Expectations in First-Ever School Review

The Darwin Languages Centre (DLC) received high praise in its first-ever school review. The DLC was commended for its outstanding partnership with some schools that prioritises language learning, its commitment to student success, and its positive learning environment. The high morale of the staff was also noted, which was attributed to the passion, commitment, and dedication of the staff to each other and their collective drive to improve the learning outcomes of all their students.

Teachers at the DLC were thrilled with the results of the review. They said that it was a wonderful feeling to be appreciated and that it was especially meaningful to have their work acknowledged by someone from outside the organisation. They also said that the review gave them valuable feedback that they can use to improve their teaching practice.

Out-going Principal Kevin Northcote said that he was proud of the work that the DLC has done, and that the commendations from the school review team made it a nice way to end his tenure at the school. He said that he is confident that the DLC will continue to excel in the future.



Indonesian Independence Day Ceremony



Our Indonesian teachers have recently been recognised for their wonderful work by the Indonesian Consulate at the Indonesian Independence Day Ceremony.

Congratulations to all our language teachers. You do an amazing job!



Stuart Park Primary - Indonesian Survivor Program

Students from Stuart Park Primary participated in the Survivor in Indonesian excursion hosted by the Darwin Languages Centre in Ludmilla. The students competed against each other and participated in a range of Indonesian language activities.

The Survivor in Indonesian program is an immersion language and culture program loosely based on the TV series 'Survivor'. Teams work together to solve different challenges in a fun and supportive environment.



Term 4 Notices

Term 4 classes resume on Tuesday 10 October. Please note no classes will run on Monday 9 October as this is a Pupil Free Day.

Invoices Term 4

Invoices for Term 4 - 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

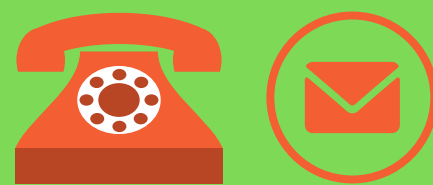
Not returning in

Term 4

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 4.



Returning in Term 4

If your child is returning, you do not need to do anything, and they will be rolled over to Term 4 with the same arrangements.

Mobile Phones Student use at DLC



Please could you remind your children that whilst attending Darwin Languages Centre:

Students in Year 1 to Year 6 are not permitted to have mobile phones in their possession during their time at DLC.

Students from Years 7 to 12 are permitted to have mobile phones at DLC. However, mobile phones **must be off and away all day and stored securely.**

Off and away means switched off, not accessed, not seen or heard at any time during their time at DLC.

These guidelines have been set by the Department of Education and DLC falls under their policies.

Enrol Now - Term 4
AFTER SCHOOL LANGUAGE CLASSES
YEAR 1 TO YEAR 12 STUDENTS

We have places available for **Beginners & Continuers** in:
Greek, Japanese, Korean, German, Portuguese & Spanish.

We also have places for **Continuers only** in:
Auslan, French, Italian, Mandarin & Indonesian.

Classes run Mon to Wed 4:00pm - 6:00pm and Sat 10:00am - 12:30pm (Mandarin Only)

CLASS FEES \$120 PER TERM

School pick up service available from many local Darwin primary schools

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