

LANGUAGE PRESS

Darwin Languages Centre - Term 4 - 2023



In-Schools Presentation Evening Success

The DLC annual In-Schools Presentation Evening was held on Thursday 30 November, at CDU's Mal Nairn Auditorium. This event is a celebration to recognise and award In-Schools language students from our partner schools across Darwin, Palmerston and Rural areas for outstanding achievement in language learning.

We received an amazing response from families and award receivers at the event and would like to thank everyone who attended.

We would also like to thank the staff at DLC who contributed to coordinating this event and ensuring that it ran so smoothly.

Wishing all of our DLC families a relaxing Christmas break and best wishes for 2024.

2024 Important Dates

Sat 3 Feb	DLC Term 1 starts
Sat 3 Feb	First Saturday Class Term 1
Sat 23 Mar	Last Sat Class Term 1
Fri 5 Apr	Term 1 ends



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Message from the Principal

Salima Spring



Dear members of the Darwin Languages Centre (DLC) community,

At DLC, we have had a huge term filled with language learning and engaging events and I would like to thank you all for welcoming me and for your support in my first term as Principal of DLC. It has been an incredible experience joining the DLC family, and I am grateful to be part of this wonderful community. As we reach the end of the school year, I would like to recap on some of the highlights we have shared this term.

Miki Sensei ran the Japanese Survivor Program at Durack Primary School in Week 8, where students immersed themselves in Japanese language and culture activities, creating lasting memories and valuable language skills. They worked in teams to solve problems and win Yen which they then used to purchase Japanese snacks from their makeshift shop. In our After-Hours program, Miki Sensei has also guided our students in exploring Japanese culture, through watercolour activities and noodle making.

Participation in the Language Teachers Association of the Northern Territory (LTANT) continues to strengthen with the annual conference in Week 5 receiving the highest attendance so far. Language Teachers from across the NT participated, engaging in sessions provided by thought leaders in the field as well as in fellow member sharing sessions.

Spanish students in our After-Hours program had a spooktacular time celebrating Halloween by learning spooky words in Spanish including monstruo (monster), esqueleto (skeleton), and calabaza (pumpkin).

Thanks to the efforts of Huiying and Ling, our Mandarin learners have expanded their culinary skills during Mandarin cooking activities.

Our Open Classrooms, in Week 9, were well attended with families coming to DLC to share in the learning journeys of their children. Students showcased their newly acquired language skills across a range of activities from cooking in Italian to signing the different areas of their houses in Auslan.

Our End of Year Awards Ceremony ran like a well-oiled machine, thanks to all the efforts of our dedicated staff over the weeks leading up to the evening. Our language teachers impressed in traditional dress and the feedback from audience members was overwhelmingly positive. The Mal Nairn Auditorium and Charles Darwin University was full of proud family members and partner school representatives. The real stars of the evening were our wonderful students who have shown true courage not only in their language learning but also in standing up in front of so many people to receive their awards.

This week we will bid a fond farewell to Ibu Oceana and Shinobu Sensei, two valued members of our DLC family. Their contributions to Indonesian and Japanese Language teaching in our In-Schools program have left a lasting impact, and they will be missed dearly. We also bid farewell to Richard our After-Hours Greek tutor and Zoe, our After-Hours, Indonesian classroom assistant. We wish them both every success in their future endeavours.

I would like to extend the warmest of wishes from the DLC family to you and your loved ones. As we all head into a well-deserved break, I would like us remember that the journey of language learning never truly stops. It's a lifelong adventure that enriches our lives and brings us closer together as a community. Merry Christmas from the Darwin Languages Centre! Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday season.

Regards,

Salima Spring
Principal

DLC In-Schools Presentation Evening

Check out the wonderful photos of our In-Schools Language Teachers celebrating the success of the 2023 Language Award winners. Special thanks to Ibu Gina, Consul for Information and Social Cultural Affairs for Indonesian Consulate, Kate Roberts, Senior Director, Differentiated Services, Teaching and Learning Services and Candice Slingerland, Chair of the Language Teachers Association of the Northern Territory (LTANT) Committee for presenting the awards at the event.



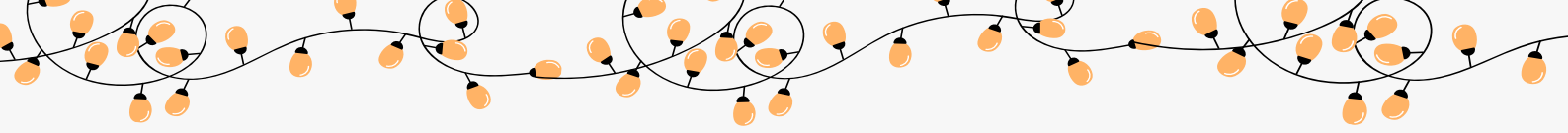
Open Classrooms

It was great to welcome our families this semester to the Open Classroom events. Students had the opportunity to showcase what they have been learning in language classes, and we had some really excellent activities for everyone to engage in. Thank you to all of our After-Hours Teachers who do an amazing job!



Open Classrooms





Catch your Noodles!

This term, students from Japanese Background, taught by Miki Sensei had great fun catching flowing noodles in the *nagashi somen* activity. We would like to say a huge thank you to all of the parent helpers who came along. A special thank you goes out to Noah's dad - Matthew, who kindly made DLC a new noodle slide to use for future activities. Students from Shinobu sensei and Zoe sensei's classes also joined in on the fun!



French Delights!

Students of the French Continuers class, taught by Ms Caterina are now learning to construct sentences and following instructions in French. What is the best way to learn? Certainly, trying their hand at typical French cuisine recipes! Here are the students preparing les crêpes, la quiche Lorraine and les macarons and finally assembling their work in their Carnet de Recettes. Bon appétit!



Italian Master Chef!

This term, the Italian class, taught by Ms Caterina learnt about food through some “Master Chef” style cooking lessons. Students prepared some fancy fruit salads, chocolate Halloween spiders and an Italian classic: Pizza Margherita. Buon appetito!





Chinese Cuisine

In Saturday Mandarin, our Teachers Huiying and Ling joined forces with their classes to create some delicious Asian dishes!



SPANISH STUDENTS GET SPOOKY!

Our Spanish Teachers Lili and Pilli had lots of spooky fun creating masks and learning about Halloween with Spanish B students.



Lets go fly a Kite

Japanese B students, who are taught by Akane Sensei, learnt about New Year customs and traditional games. In Japan people welcome the New Year by flying kites. Students had the opportunity to create their own kite and fly them in our garden.



Durack Primary Japanese Survivor Success!

This year, Durack Primary School held a Japanese survivor event, following the success of the Darwin Languages Centre Survivor Program. All Year 6 students participated in 3 team activities, they spoke in Japanese, and learnt about using Japanese money, yen. Students then bought Japanese snacks with their yen. Japanese extension students prepared and ran the events with Miki Sensei. The event's culmination was a huge success and the Year 6 students enjoyed purchasing Japanese snacks in our makeshift shop. We were so impressed with how the extension students explained the rules clearly and led the event proudly.





German A & B Classes get Festive & Creative



This term German A & B students taught by Ms Alexi and Ms Katrin had lots of fun baking Engelsaugen cookies and making a card for Father's Day.

The students enjoyed learning German by reading the recipe, measuring the ingredients, and following the instructions.

Students also got the chance to be creative by making Christmas ornaments. This is a great way to celebrate the holidays and to integrate seasonal vocabulary.



!!! Are you returning in 2024? !!!

Important 2024 Re-enrolment Information

As we approach the end of Term 4, we are working towards planning our After-Hours language classes and staffing for Term 1 – 2024.

We would like to ask all families to confirm if your child/ren will or will not be returning next year. Please scan the QR code to complete the short survey or check your email which contains a URL link and advise us if your child/ren will be back in Term 1 2024.

IMPORTANT: If you do not complete the survey, we will not be able to guarantee a place for your child next term. The survey must be completed by Friday 15 December, to ensure your child/ren get priority over new enrolments.

Darwin Languages Centre 2024 -
Parent Survey - Returning Students
in 2024



Term Fees 2024

Please be aware that fees have been updated for 2024. Details have been emailed to you and can also be found on our website.

Bus Collection

Starting from next term, bus fees will be \$7.50 per child/per pick up to be paid in advance - \$75.00 per term. It is important that you confirm on the survey if you would like the bus next term, so that we can plan the buses and staffing. Minimum student numbers for pick up will apply. If we are unable to confirm enough students, then some collections will not be offered/available.

If you require the bus collection next year, you must complete and return the Bus Collection Parental Consent Form which can be downloaded from our website. Please return your completed form to dlc.nt@education.nt.gov.au

2024 AFTER SCHOOL LANGUAGE PROGRAMS
Year 1 to Year 12 Students
Monday to Wednesday - 4:00pm to 6:00pm
Saturdays (Mandarin only) - 10:00am to 12:30pm
Choose from 11 different languages
Auslan - French - German - Greek - Japanese - Korean - Indonesian - Italian - Mandarin - Portuguese - Spanish
School pick up service available from some local Darwin schools (fees apply)
Term fees are \$180 for a term, based on 1 class per week, per child.
ENROL NOW
for more information visit www.darwinlanguagescentre.nt.edu.au
SCAN ME

2024 Enrolments are now open!

Please spread the word with friends and family.

Enrolment forms and further details can be found on our website:

www.darwinlanguagescentre.nt.edu.au



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2024 Notices



Office Hours School Holidays

DLC Office and Library will be closed for the holidays from Friday 22 December and will re-open on Monday 8 January 2024.

Office hours are 9:00am - 3:00pm during holidays.

Invoices Term 1

Invoices for Term 1 - 2024 fees will be sent out in February.

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

Please visit our website to see our updated fees for 2024.

Term 1 will start back in Week 2

FIRST SATURDAY CLASS IS 3 FEB

FIRST MONDAY CLASS IS 5 FEB

2024 TERM DATES

AFTER HOURS CLASSES



TERM 1

**3 FEB 2024 -
5 APR 2024**

FIRST SATURDAY CLASS
3 FEB 2024

LAST SATURDAY CLASS
23 MAR 2024

**NO SATURDAY CLASS 30 MAR
EASTER WEEKEND**

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

29 MAR - GOOD FRIDAY
MON 1 APR - EASTER MONDAY

TERM 2

**15 APR 2024 -
21 JUN 2024**

FIRST SATURDAY CLASS
20 APR 2024

LAST SATURDAY CLASS
15 JUN 2024

**MONDAY 15 APR
PUPIL FREE DAY - NO CLASSES**

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

FRI 26 APR - ANZAC DAY
MON 6 MAY - MAY DAY
MON 10 JUN - KINGS BIRTHDAY

TERM 3

**15 JUL 2024 -
20 SEP 2024**

FIRST SATURDAY CLASS
20 JUL 2024

LAST SATURDAY CLASS
14 SEP 2024

**MONDAY 15 JUL
PUPIL FREE DAY - NO CLASSES**

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

FRI 26 JUL - DARWIN SHOW DAY
MON 5 AUG - PICNIC DAY

TERM 4

**7 OCT 2024 -
13 DEC 2024**

FIRST SATURDAY CLASS
12 OCT 2024

LAST SATURDAY CLASS
7 DEC 2024

**MONDAY 7 OCT
PUPIL FREE DAY - NO CLASSES**



**Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year
from everyone at DLC**