

# LANGUAGE PRESS

Darwin Languages Centre - Term 4 - 2024



## DLC strengthens international ties through the Australia-Indonesia BRIDGE Program

In Term 4, two DLC teachers successfully joined the prestigious Australia-Indonesia BRIDGE School Partnership Program. Funded by the Australia-Indonesia Institute and delivered by the Asia Education Foundation, this initiative has built over 220 partnerships since 2008, fostering educational collaboration between Australian and Indonesian schools.

DLC partnered with Kristen Citra Bangsa Mandiri in Kupang, furthering its commitment to cross-cultural understanding and language education. This partnership has already enabled language exchange, technology-driven collaboration, and cultural immersion, enriching learning experiences for students and staff alike.

A special thank you to Pak Sahar and Ibu Lasmi for their dedication in facilitating this program, including hosting two visiting teachers from Kupang in Week 6. Congratulations on this achievement!



Wishing all of our DLC families a relaxing Christmas break and best wishes for 2025.

### 2025 Important Dates

1 Feb 2025	DLC Term 1 starts
1 Feb 2025	First Saturday Class Term 1
29 Mar 2025	Last Sat Class Term 1
4 Apr 2025	Term 1 ends

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Are you returning in 2025?

Please complete the survey.



# Message from the Principal

Salima Spring



As we draw the 2024 school year to a close, I want to extend a huge thank you to all DLC staff, students, and families for an absolutely outstanding year of language learning here at DLC and across our 24 different partner schools and their communities.

In Week 4 this term, all DLC teachers and some After-Hours tutors participated in the annual LTANT Conference held at CDU. This year's conference focused on Transformative Technology in Language Classrooms Today and featured keynote speakers from both the international and local community of language teachers.

Term 4 also saw two DLC teachers successfully apply to participate in the Australia-Indonesia BRIDGE School Partnership Program. This partnership has provided opportunities for language exchange, technology-driven collaboration, and cultural immersion, enhancing the educational experience for students and teachers at both schools. A special thank you and congratulations to Pak Sahar and Ibu Lasmi, who have facilitated this program, including hosting two visiting teachers from our partner school.



One hundred and fifty students from all participating Darwin Languages Centre (DLC) partner schools, across Darwin, Palmerston, and the rural areas, came together on Thursday evening in Week 8 to celebrate the DLC End of Year Awards Evening.

Students were recognised for either outstanding academic achievement or consistent improvement in language learning. Representatives from the Indonesian Consulate and the Language Teachers Association of the Northern Territory attended, along with families and representatives from each partner school.



The evening highlighted the importance and benefits of learning another language, including strengthening literacy, improving engagement, and developing intercultural understanding and empathy by building personal and social capabilities.

It was also a perfect opportunity to acknowledge the dedicated team of language teachers at the Darwin Languages Centre, who currently work across 24 different schools, impacting the lives of over 5,000 students each week.

All DLC In-School teachers completed the final components of their online training this semester on Understanding and Supporting Positive Behaviour in the Classroom. Their learning continues to strengthen their ability to effectively deliver the language program to over 5,000 students across partner schools each week.



This term, we saw a great turnout for Open Classrooms. Many classes had over 75% parent attendance, with students and families alike engaged and excited to showcase this semester's learning. Activities ranged from cooking to a makeshift shop, to songs and verbal recitals.

Our wonderful Teacher-Librarian, Michelle Turner, has also had a huge term delivering NT Education Library services to all schools in the NT. Michelle has been working very closely with many schools in the Top End region, including partnering with Malak Primary School, where she has been piloting a library skills program to show its impact on boosting literacy levels. We can't wait to see the growth from this school and share their journey with others.

This week, we also farewelled two of our wonderful In-School teachers. I'd like to thank Ibu Rika for bringing her wealth of experience and passion for teaching Bahasa Indonesia to the partner schools she has worked at since joining DLC in July 2023, including Essington, Sacred Heart, Howard Springs, Karama, Moil, Gray, and Moulden. Ibu Rika, we wish you all the very best in your future endeavors.



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Thank you also to Clayton, who has worked closely with Zoe to build the Auslan program. Clayton's passion for teaching Auslan began at an early age, and he has been committed to helping students learn by breaking down barriers to communication and giving them the tools to understand and express themselves. Clayton has taught a class in the After-Hours program, as well as Year 5/6s at Zuccoli and Year 1-6 at Leanyer Primary School over the last two years. Thank you, Clayton, for all you have brought to DLC, and we wish you the very best in the future.

I wish you all a safe and relaxing break over the school holidays, and we can't wait to see you all back in 2025 for another year of growing and learning together.

*Salima Spring*

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Principal

## Flavourful Cultural Journey: Chinese Hot Pot

Students in the Mandarin Combined Intermediate 2B class with Ling, recently took their learning beyond the classroom with an immersive cultural experience centered on Chinese Hot Pot. This communal and interactive dining tradition offered them not only a taste of authentic Chinese cuisine but also a deeper connection to the culture and language they are studying.

A Chinese Hot Pot experience involves cooking a variety of fresh ingredients in a simmering pot of flavourful broth right at the table. It's a warm and social meal, often enjoyed with family and friends.





# DLC In-Schools Presentation Evening

Take a look at the fantastic photos of our In-Schools Language Teachers celebrating the achievements of the 2024 Language Award winners! A special thanks to the Indonesian Consulate, Tania Kolomitsev (Early Years and Primary Senior Director - Teaching and Learning Services), Darcy Fitzgerald (LTANT President) and Candice Slingerland (LTANT Secretary) for presenting the awards and making the event memorable.





# DLC In-Schools Presentation Evening





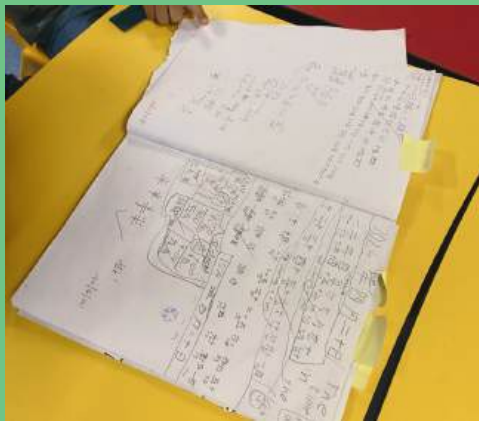
# Open Classrooms

This semester, we were thrilled to welcome our families to the Open Classroom events. Students had the chance to showcase their progress in language classes, and everyone enjoyed participating in some fantastic activities. A huge thank you to our incredible After-Hours Teachers for their outstanding work!





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# Sticker Champs: Celebrating Achievement in Italian and French Classes



This year, students in the Italian and French classes, led by Ms. Caterina, participated in an exciting initiative known as The Sticker Competition.

Throughout the year, students earned stickers for successfully completing various classroom activities. Each sticker was proudly added to the Class Top Chart, creating a visual record of their achievements.

Congratulations to Lola, the top performer in the Italian class, and Blake, the winner in the French class! Their outstanding dedication, consistency, and commitment earned them the most stickers this year.

Fantastic work everyone!



## Halloween Fun with Spanish A Class

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



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# Darwin Adult Short Courses

## We are **HIRING TUTORS!**

Japanese Language, Art, French Beginners Language, Painting, Drama, Music, Recycling & Repurposing Clothes, Thai Cooking, German Beginners Language, Creative Writing, Mexican Cooking, Dance, Creative Costume Design, Greek Cooking, Book Binding, Quilling, Resin Art, Screen Printing, Meditation and Wellbeing, Bookkeeping Basics, Photography, Tai Chi, and more...  
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For more details visit:  
[www.adultshortcourses.com](http://www.adultshortcourses.com).

If you're eager to try something new and expand your skills, we have a variety of exciting courses for you in 2025!

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## Indonesian Language Competition Winners

Congratulations to Sarah and Andy, the well-deserved winners of the Indonesian Language Competition!



## Australia - Indonesia BRIDGE School Partnership Program 2024

Students from Humpty Doo Primary School and SD Kristen Citra Bangsa Mandiri Kupang in Indonesia came together via Zoom for an engaging cultural exchange. They introduced themselves and enjoyed a lively game of Animal Charades, fostering teamwork and enhancing their language skills.



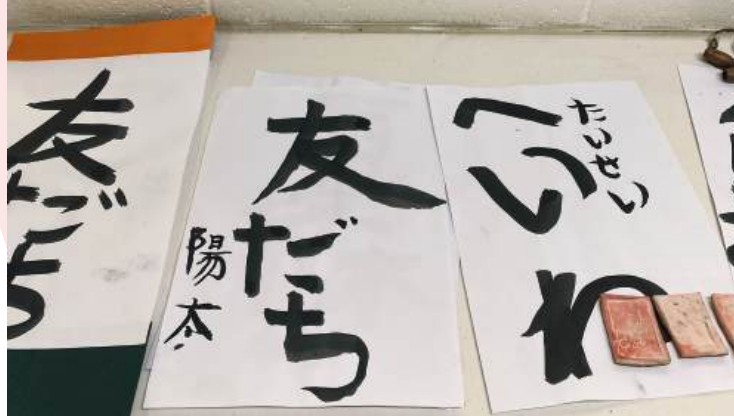
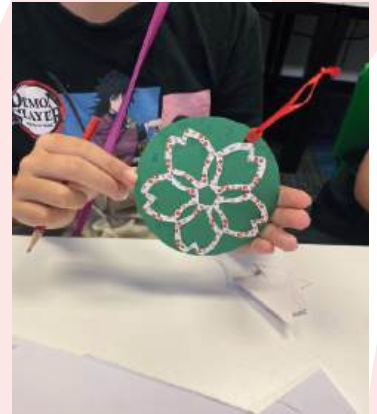
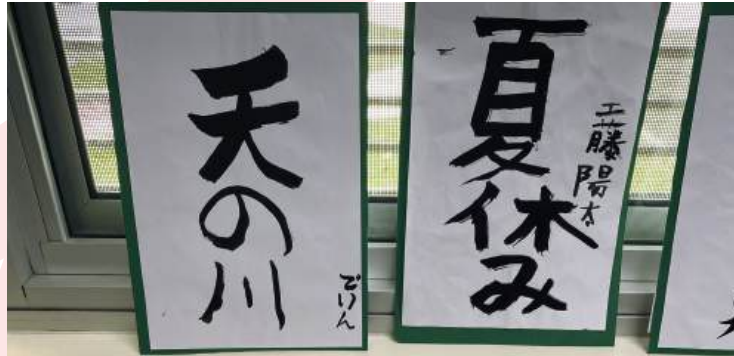




# A Season of Creativity and Culture in Japanese Classes

This term, our Japanese classes have been buzzing with creativity and cultural expression! Students explored seasonal themes through art and poetry, as seen in Miki Sensei's class showcasing their stunning seasonal artwork and poem display. Meanwhile, Akane Sensei and Zoe Sensei's classes cooked and tasted 'Shiratama Dango' and used Japanese patterns and designs to create Christmas ornaments.

Check out these photos to see their amazing work!





## Memorable Moments:

# Indonesian Teachers Visit Partner Schools and DLC

Here are some fantastic photos from when our visiting teachers from Indonesia toured several partner schools and the DLC. It was a truly memorable experience for everyone involved.







# Are you returning in 2025?



## Important 2025 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 – 2025.

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 2025.

**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 13 December, to ensure your child/ren get priority over new enrolments.



### Term Fees 2025

Please be aware that fees will remain the same in 2025. Details can be found on our website.

### Bus Collection

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](mailto:dlc.nt@education.nt.gov.au)

**Darwin Languages Centre**

**Does your child want to learn a language?**

Students welcome from Year 1 - Year 12

We offer the following after-school language classes:

- Monday: Greek, Japanese, Portuguese, Spanish
- Tuesday: Austan, Greek, Indonesian, Italian
- Wednesday: French, German, Mandarin, Russian
- Saturday: Mandarin (10:00am - 12:30pm)

**Join us in 2025**

**\$180 PER TERM**

- Mon-Wed - 4:00 - 6:00pm
- School pick-up service
- Sports Vouchers accepted

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Contact Us 8997 7000 [www.darwinlanguagescentre.nt.edu.au](http://www.darwinlanguagescentre.nt.edu.au)

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**ENROL FOR 2025**

**MINI MANDARIN**

**Is your child in Transition or Year 1?**

Join us for engaging, fun-filled sessions that introduce Mandarin through games, crafts, and activities!

- Saturday's during Term time - 10:00am - 12:30pm
- Tailored for beginners – the perfect mix of fun and learning!

Enrol now and watch your child discover the joy of learning a new language!

Contact us to enrol & find out more:  
[www.darwinlanguagescentre.nt.edu.au](http://www.darwinlanguagescentre.nt.edu.au)

Call us on 8997 7000

**TERM FEES \$180**





# 2025 Notices



## Office Hours School Holidays

DLC Office and Library will be closed for the holidays from Friday 20 December and will re-open on Monday 6 January 2025.

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 fees for 2025.

## Term 1 will start back in Week 2

**FIRST SATURDAY CLASS IS 1 FEB**

**FIRST MONDAY CLASS IS 3 FEB**

# 2025 TERM DATES

AFTER HOURS CLASSES



### TERM 1

**1 FEB 2025 -  
4 APR 2025**

FIRST SATURDAY CLASS  
1 FEB 2025

LAST SATURDAY CLASS  
29 MAR 2025

**NO SATURDAY CLASS 19 APRIL  
EASTER WEEKEND**

**PUBLIC HOLIDAYS**  
MON 27 JAN - AUSTRALIA DAY

**After-hours classes  
start back in Week 2**

### TERM 2

**14 APR 2025 -  
20 JUN 2025**

FIRST SATURDAY CLASS  
26 APR 2025

LAST SATURDAY CLASS  
14 JUN 2025

**MONDAY 14 APR  
PUPIL FREE DAY - NO CLASSES**

**PUBLIC HOLIDAYS**  
FRI 18 APR - GOOD FRIDAY  
MON 21 APR - EASTER MONDAY  
FRI 25 APR - ANZAC DAY  
MON 5 MAY - MAY DAY  
MON 9 JUN - KINGS BIRTHDAY

### TERM 3

**14 JUL 2025 -  
19 SEP 2025**

FIRST SATURDAY CLASS  
19 JUL 2025

LAST SATURDAY CLASS  
13 SEP 2025

**MONDAY 14 JUL  
PUPIL FREE DAY - NO CLASSES**

**PUBLIC HOLIDAYS**  
FRI 25 JUL - DARWIN SHOW DAY  
MON 4 AUG - PICNIC DAY

### TERM 4

**6 OCT 2025 -  
12 DEC 2025**

FIRST SATURDAY CLASS  
11 OCT 2025

LAST SATURDAY CLASS  
6 DEC 2025

**MONDAY 6 OCT  
PUPIL FREE DAY - NO CLASSES**



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

