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Darwin Languages Centre - Term 4 - 2022



Darwin Languages Centre

DLC In-Schools Presentation Evening

On December 1, Darwin Languages Centre held their inaugural In-Schools Language Presentation Evening. This was the chance to celebrate the achievements of students in Indonesian, Japanese and Mandarin from the 24 schools in the Top End where we teach.

Our team of 12 teachers work with over 5000 students every week to teach quality learning in line with the Australian Curriculum and share their love of languages and culture. This was an opportunity for DLC to live our values and connect communities through the celebration of languages.

The Tamil Society of the NT, who run language classes at DLC on weekends, also recognised their students. We thank Bapak consul Gulfan Afero and the Indonesian Consulate for their support in presenting and providing the Indonesian Consulate awards for excellence in Indonesian studies.



Wishing all of our DLC families a relaxing Christmas break and best wishes for 2023.

2023 Important Dates

- Sat 4 Feb - DLC Term 1 starts
- Sat 4 Feb - First Saturday Class Term 1
- Sat 1 Apr - Last Saturday Class Term 4
- Thu 6 Apr - Term 1 ends



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Kevin Northcote



As the 2022 academic year comes to end, it is time to reflect on the year that was and look ahead to 2023. Covid continued to play havoc with our programs at the start of the year, and unfortunately has become an issue as the year draws to a close. Nevertheless, 2022 has been an exciting year at the Darwin Languages Centre.

At the start of the year, with our language programs in full swing, we celebrated Harmony week with every student receiving a pair of Harmony Day orange socks. The week ended with our Harmony Day Connecting Cultures Festival. It was a celebration of our multicultural community, with performances from dozens of community groups. It was a huge success, and we really appreciated the support of the Darwin community.

In Term 3, we ran a series of Survivor Programs in Indonesian, Japanese and Mandarin. These programs are designed to get students to use the language they are learning in a fun and interesting way. Over 400 students visited the Centre to take part in these survivor programs.

This term we celebrated our 10th Anniversary at the Ludmilla Campus. We were delighted to welcome the founding Principal, Carol Bursa. When Carol was the Principal, the school was located at Nightcliff Middle school and was called the NT School of Languages. Ten years ago, the school moved to our current site with Jeannie Bennett responsible for setting up the classrooms and our beautiful surrounds. We had a short ceremony to recognise this milestone and recognise the contribution of these two past Principals.

Why Learn a Language?

In many parts of the world, school systems have chosen to make learning a second language and, in some countries, even a third language a requirement. In some other states in Australia, the learning of a language is mandated up to Year 8.

We live in a multilingual world, yet in Australia many people have a monolingual mindset, and they are normalised to think that English is the world's language and that's all that they need know. There is no denying the importance of English. However, learning another language is about recognising one of the realities of life - that is 94% of the world's population currently speak a language other than English.

In Australia more than 200 different languages are spoken and it is through learning Languages that students can understand and value their own culture and the cultures of other people. They start to view the world from a wider perspective and appreciate and respect the different ways of thinking and being. This is just one example of the benefits of learning a language.

It is often forgotten that learning an additional language can also develop English literacy skills. By comparing features of their first language with those of another language, learners are better able to understand the structure and workings of English. They also develop the skills and strategies to decode and make meaning from words and this skill transfers to English. One of the best things about learning another language is that it can be lots of fun!

I hope your children have enjoyed learning languages at the Darwin Languages Centre this year and wish you and your families all the best for the festive season.

Regards,

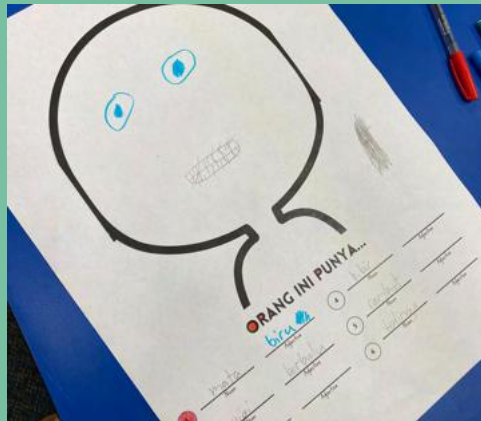
Kevin Northcote
Principal

Open Classrooms

We loved sharing our work with you at this term's Open Classrooms. We hope you enjoyed seeing what we have been learning and practising in our language classes, and that you found it a valuable opportunity to support your child at home.



Open Classrooms



DLC In Schools Presentation Evening

We were overwhelmed with the amount of people who attended our event and thank all students, parents and school representatives for attending. During the night we acknowledged students who have embodied what it is to be a successful language learner. These were students who were brave and took opportunities to use the Language studied. They persevered and didn't give up when they didn't understand something the first time. They worked like detectives, making connections within and between languages and building up memory strategies.



DLC In Schools Presentation Evening



DLC 10 Year Anniversary - Time Capsule

TEN **10** YEARS

On Monday 17 October, DLC celebrated its 10-year Anniversary at Ludmilla campus. Former Principals Carol Bursa and Jeannie Bennett attended the ceremony, and gave speeches about how the 'Languages Centre' originally established itself and continued to develop and grow over the years. We also welcomed Luke Gosling, OAM MP, to give a speech about how important language learning is in today's society.

All attendees were invited to a walk down 'Memory Lane' with displays of staff past and present, and some of the brilliant posters our After-Hours classes made to put in the time capsule.

We will finalise the contents and bury the time capsule in 2023 - watch this space!



Crafty Christmas Tree Making in Spanish Junior

Students used Spanish to ask for the coloured paints they needed. They then described their final creation in Spanish too. Well done everyone!



German Junior A & B Baking Weckmänner

Celebrating St.Martin's Day



Asian Explorer

In Term 4, Gray Primary School visited Darwin Languages Centre to take part in the Asian Explorer program aimed to develop global competence and focused on the Asian region. Each student had a passport to fill by visiting a range of activities throughout the day.

They explored how languages look and sound different, toys and games children play, how landforms affect our lives and where we live and how food from other places looks and tastes.



LTANT Conference

On Friday 9 Dec the annual Language Teachers' Association of the Northern Territory (LTANT) conference was held. Both our Principal and Assistant Principal are part of the LTANT executive committee and supported all our In-School teachers to attend this important event.

There were keynote speakers invited us to consider Australia's linguistic diversity and implications for the Northern Territory situation and developed our understanding of intercultural orientation in language classrooms.

It was also a chance for networking and LTANT members presented ways of teaching, games and activities they had learned at various conferences throughout the year.





Mandarin - Christmas Snowman Competition



On Saturday 10 December and Wednesday 14 December, some of our Mandarin groups joined together to create some festive snowmen. Assistant Principal Zoe was called in to judge some of these wonderful creations. The children had lots of fun, and this was a wonderful way to end the year!



Indonesian Consulate



We thank the Indonesian Consulate for their ongoing support of Indonesian education in the NT.

This year they have supported Darwin Languages Centre to run Survivor events and run cultural workshops such as Angklung (traditional musical instrument) in schools.

On 21 November they held an Indonesian teachers gathering at the the Consul's residence where teachers could connect and discuss their achievements from the year and ideas for 2023.



2023 Notices



TERM FEES 2023



LANGUAGE CLASSES \$120 PER TERM

Classes run 4:00 - 6:00pm Monday to Wednesday
10:00am - 12:30pm Saturday (Mandarin only)

Monday - Greek . Japanese . Portuguese . Spanish
Tuesday - Indonesian . Italian . French . Korean
Wednesday - French . German . Mandarin
Saturday - Mandarin

BUS COLLECTION \$6.50 PER WEEK , \$65.00 PER TERM

Bus collections are \$6.50 per week from the following primary schools :

Anula . Alawa . Essington . Jingili . Larrekegah . Leanger . Nakara . Nightcliff . Parap . St Pauls . Stuart Park . Wujagi

Contact us for further details.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE \$3.50 PER WEEK, \$35.00 PER TERM

Sausage and a popper juice

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Invoices Term 1

Invoices for Term 1 - 2023 fees will be sent out in February.

Please could we ask that payment is made within the first 2 weeks of term.

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

Is your child returning to DLC next year?

If you haven't already done so, please let us know if your child will not be returning next year.

If you are returning - no need to do anything. We will automatically roll over your child's enrolment and bus and BBQ arrangements.

2023 TERM DATES

AFTER HOURS CLASSES



TERM 1	TERM 2	TERM 3	TERM 4
6 FEB 2023 - 6 APR 2023	17 APR 2023 - 23 JUNE 2023	17 JUL 2023 - 22 SEPT 2023	9 OCT 2023 - 15 DEC 2023
FIRST SATURDAY CLASS 4 FEB 2023	FIRST SATURDAY CLASS 22 APR 2023	FIRST SATURDAY CLASS 22 JUL 2023	FIRST SATURDAY CLASS 14 OCT 2023
LAST SATURDAY CLASS 1 APRIL 2023	LAST SATURDAY CLASS 17 JUN 2023	LAST SATURDAY CLASS 16 SEPT 2023	LAST SATURDAY CLASS 9 DEC 2023
	PUBLIC HOLIDAYS TUE 25 APR - ANZAC DAY MON 1 MAY - MAY DAY	PUBLIC HOLIDAYS FRI 28 JULY - SHOWDAY MON 7 AUG - PICNIC DAY	



Office Hours School Holidays

DLC Office and Library will closed for the holidays from Friday 23 December and will re-open on Monday 9 January 2023.

Office hours will be Monday to Friday 9:00am - 3:00pm

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO EVERYONE FROM THE DLC TEAM!

