Transition Photos in the NT News

We have been informed that the NT News - Transition photos taken earlier this year will appear in the NT News this Sunday the 11th of May.

NT News – Chatterbox

The NT News was at Nakara today interviewing Mr Andre and our Year 6 students who developed our first app. While they were here the reporters also interviewed another five Year 6 students on the topic of Technology for the “Chatterbox” section in the NT News. We are all excited about seeing the article in next Tuesday’s newspaper.

Wicksee works with staff and students

Ex Nakara student Daniel Wicks has been working closely with Miss Linda and a number of Year 4 students with our new Wicksee Android tablet devices. Daniel is the owner and General Manager of a local IT company which provides equipment and support to schools and businesses. The photo attached shows Daniel helping our Year 4 students with individualised learning in the area of Literacy.

Chess Club up and going in 2014

Mrs Scott has the chess club up and going again for 2014. Students are encouraged to come along on Tuesday lunchtimes in Neptune Block and join in the game. All skill levels are welcome.

Lunch time activities

Now that we are well into the dry season Mrs Austin our PE Teacher has commenced her lunch time games. This term she is focusing on Yr 3&4 soccer. It is terrific to watch the students play competitively while displaying our BEST value of Encouraging and Fun! Well done everyone.

NAPLAN Testing

Please see note below from the Department of Education

‘NAPLAN testing for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will take place on 13 to 16 May 2014. It is used by governments, education authorities and schools, to determine if Australian students are meeting important educational goals in literacy and numeracy.

NAPLAN is not a pass or fail test – it looks at what level students are achieving in literacy and numeracy against the national standards and compared with their peers throughout Australia. NAPLAN assesses skills that students are already learning through the school curriculum. It is not a test that can be studied for, and students are not expected to do so.

As a parent, you can help your child by treating test days just like any other school day. You can contact your child’s teacher if you have any concerns or questions about NAPLAN testing. More information about NAPLAN can be found at www.education.nt.gov.au.

Later in the year we will send you an individual student NAPLAN report that you can use to view and monitor how your child is progressing.
Supervision Times

Teacher supervision in the playgrounds commences at 8:00am each day. Parents and carers must NOT drop students at school prior to supervision commencing. After 2:40pm, (final bell) students are asked to vacate the school as soon as possible. There is bus supervision from 2:40pm until the bus departs and also pick up zone supervision until 3:00pm. Any students who have not been picked up by 3:00pm will be taken to the office and parents must collect them from there. They will be supervised by an Assistant Principal.

School Council members also endorsed the installation of new playground equipment in the Early Childhood Playground and the removal of the smaller/older one of the two existing playgrounds. The new construction will include rubber soft fall under both playgrounds and the provision to cost shade over the new playground area.

A further 120m of boundary fencing was also endorsed and will be installed on Goodman St and Nakara Tce up to the crossing. Old fencing will be removed.

We are hoping all of this work will occur over the upcoming dry season. Thank you to Council members for their support!

Independent Public Schools – Information Session

Recently I received a letter from Natasha Griggs MP regarding one the Federal Governments education agendas – Independent Public School. This is a new initiative to the NT and Natasha would like to talk to parents and staff about how it could benefit us. The information session will be held on Wednesday 7 May at 5:30pm in the school library. I would encourage as many parents and staff as possible to come along to this information session.

Website

http://web.ntschools.net/w/nakaraprimary

Kind Regards

Brendan Wessley

Principal

WWF Fundraising Event

This term, Year 4 Wilkie and Year 4 Ford, have been examining relationships between living things and their dependence on the environment. All students agree that it’s hard to imagine a world without tigers, turtles or orang-utans in the wild. Sadly, that’s the way these precious animals are heading. They are on the slide to extinction. The future for these animals could not look more bleak.

Did you know that in just 100 years, the wild tiger population has dropped to as low as 3,200. The destruction of forest habitat threatens orang-utan survival and six out of the world’s seven species of marine turtle live in Australia’s waters and are listed nationally as either endangered or vulnerable. When endangered animals are gone, they’re gone forever, but we can help stop this from happening. Source - WWF website

On Friday, 30th May, for a gold coin donation, come to school dressed as your sporting hero, in your team colours or simply ready to play your favourite sport.

All money raised will go towards the adoption of an endangered animal from the World Wildlife Fund. WWF has been protecting the future of nature for over 50 years and is the world’s leading conservation organisation.
CONGRATULATIONS
Izaak Fernando: Izaak attended the U12 NT trials for soccer over the past few weeks and made the All Stars Squad. Later this year Izaak and his team will be representing the NT in Coffs Harbour at the Soccer All Schools Championships.
Well done Izaak.
Henrique Thomas: Henrique will attend the Darwin Regional Rugby League Championships being held in Darwin on 28th -30th May. We wish Henrique and his team all the best.
Clancy McComick: Clancy represented the Darwin Regional Tennis Championships that were held in Katherine on 6th-9th May. Overall Clancy and his squad came 3rd. Well done.
HELP NEEDED - BILLETS
28th – 30th May, Darwin Regional sports will be holding the Rugby League Championships in Darwin. Jenny Verrell who co-ordinates the Championships is looking for families who could host a player or 2 during this competition.
Billeting a student requires giving them a bed, dropping and picking them up from the venue and providing them with breakfast and dinner.
If you can help please call Jenny on the details below.
Jenny Verrall
School Sports Coordinator – Darwin Region (combined Northern Suburbs and City Clusters)
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Fax: 89274561
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UP AND COMING EVENTS

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THURSDAY CANTEEN SPECIAL
Jacket Potato with mince meat, cheese and light sour cream
$5.00

Mother's Day Raffle
1st prize
Darwin Central Hotel: Two nights’ Accommodation & breakfast
Infocus: Portrait package (Value $400.00)
Pearl Galleria: One set pearl necklace $300.00
Sky City: Dinner for two at Sunset Restaurant
Bark Painting
Hair By Mc: Silver Bullet Hair Straightener & products
Majestic Orchids: $100.00 voucher
House: Pizza Stone $60.00
White Wine

2nd Prize
Crocosaurus Cove: Family pass $124.00
Pearl Galleria: One set Pearl necklace $145.00
Pavonia Place: $50.00 Voucher
Price Attack: Hair Products
Croc Stock and Barra: Ladies purse
House: Platter $45.00
White Wine

3rd Prize
Uniq Hair: $55.00 Voucher
Bakers Delight Casuarina: $50.00 Voucher
Luminary Beauty: ½ Hour Massage
Coles: $25.00 gift card
Pearl Bracelet $25.00
Wine cooler $20.00
Champagne

TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE
DRAWN AT FRIDAYS ASSEMBLY
The Nakara Eclipse

Achievement Awards

T– LH
Britlee Lazar– for doing his best in all learning areas.
Kea Blarrey– for being a well organized leader during Motor Sensory.

T– RL
Tiffini Keirs– for a great oral retell of Goldilocks and the three bears.
Crystal Sanu– for a great oral retell of Goldilocks and the three bears.

T– AM
Olivia Palmer– for consistently demonstrating the 5L’s (looking, listening,lips still, hands in Lap & Legs Crossed)
Glory Nice– for consistently demonstrating the 5L’s (looking, listening,lips still, hands in Lap & Legs Crossed)

T– P/B
Niquisha Stanford– for excellent effort in all learning areas.
Deepanshu Panwar– for trying very hard to be his BEST.

1 - RW
Jordan Stanford– for working really hard to achieve good results.
Anna Abraham– for excellent work habits and showing BEST values.

1– RF
Alan George - for great progress in reading groups.
Riley Groth– for being a great help in class activities.

1 - BH
Ava Neve– for excellent descriptive writing.
Theo Theodosiou– for using your brain in Maths.

2 - SG
Jerin Jeejo– for displaying his BEST values both in and out of the classroom.
Treesa Sujesh– for her fantastic efforts in all her work.

2 - MS
Terrance Talbot– for always being caring and polite in class.
Adele Barling– for always being helpful, reliable and hard working.

2/3 - CA
Sarah Shawel– for improvement in her reading.
Alana Vargheese– for improvement in her reading.

3 - SR
Remi Murray– for great improvement in her bookwork.
Alex Mu– for being a respectful student who always does his BEST.

3 - MA
Michaela Pizanias– for giving some great answers during class discussion.
Raven Chin– for always listening and participating during class discussions

4 - DF
Kyla Wynne– for always doing her BEST, especially in spelling.
Trudy Francis– for always doing her BEST and being a supportive and kind class member.

4 - AW
Yuwei Wu– for participating in class discussions and demonstrating great listening.
Brennan Scott– for being a very helpful class member.

3/4 - AM
Emily Gault– for her willingness to take risks when answering questions in class.
Lachlan Holwell– for persevering with challenging tasks.

5 - HW
Lachlan Boyle– for being a good role model in class for his peers.
Beverlyn Liyambian– for always trying hard to do her best work in class.

5 - RG
Aimee Ferdinands– for fantastic work on her science assignment.
Steven Ferriera– for always putting in a great effort in all areas

6 - VM
Omar Mir– for excellence in all class discussions.
Phoebe Mitchell– for her concerted efforts in all areas especially Maths.

6 - GG
Awad Naqui & Afsheen Asim – for positive attitude and excellent adjustment to the new class.

6 - SA
Melvin Shaju - for always working exceptionally well and putting 100% effort into all tasks.
Rhys Maurier– for being a helpful and caring student who always demonstrate his BEST.