



Leanyer Campus



Upcoming events



Wednesday 11 December

Year 5 Graduation and T-5
Awards Assembly 8:30am-
9:15am
Last day of term

Monday 3 February 2025

Students Return

Thursday 13 February

Welcome BBQ & Information
Night

Saturday 1 March

Sibling Photos

Tuesday 4 March

School Photo Day

Term 4, Week 10

Dear Families,

As the calendar year draws to a close, it is with great pride and a touch of sentimentality that I reflect on the accomplishments, memories, and milestones that have shaped our school this year. It has truly been a year filled with learning, growth, and joy.

The festive season is always a highlight of the school year for me, and this year was no exception. Our Christmas Concert was a resounding success, showcasing the incredible talents of our students. From the heartfelt carols to the poetry and dance performances, it was a delight to see our children shine on stage, spreading the spirit of the season to all in attendance. Similarly, our Early Learning Centre Nativity play was a moment of pure magic. The youngest members of our school reminded us of the beauty of simplicity and wonder, as they reenacted the timeless Christmas story with enthusiasm and charm.

Another significant milestone was our Year 5 Graduation Ceremony. This special event marked the transition of our eldest students to the next phase of their educational journey. As we celebrated their achievements and reflected on their time with us, it was evident that they leave with a solid foundation of knowledge, values, and friendships that will serve them well in the years to come. We wish them every success as they step into the next chapter of their lives.

This year, we also bid a heartfelt farewell to four cherished members of our staff, Mrs Sarah Davis, Mrs Angela Beukes, Ms Jacki-Lee and Mrs Reed. Their dedication, passion, and care have left an indelible mark on our school community. While we will miss them dearly, we are deeply grateful for the positive impact they have had on our students and the legacy they leave behind. We wish them all the best in their future endeavours and hope they carry fond memories of their time here.

As we close this chapter, I want to extend my gratitude to each of you for your unwavering support. To our parents and guardians, thank you for entrusting us with your children and partnering with us in their education. To our teachers and staff, your hard work and commitment inspire and empower our students daily. And to our students, thank you for bringing vibrancy and curiosity to our school. You are the heart of everything we do.

I wish you all a joyful Christmas season filled with laughter, love, and rest. May the coming year bring renewed energy and exciting opportunities for learning and growth.

With kindness,
Tahlia Anver



Primary Year Programme

Approaches to Learning Skills in a PYP School

At our school, we believe that learning how to learn is one of the most important skills a child can develop. To support this, we focus on Approaches to Learning (ATL) skills, which help students of all ages become independent, self-motivated learners.

The ATL skills fall into five key categories:



These skills are designed to help children ask thoughtful questions, set meaningful goals, and work toward their dreams with determination. We share your child's progress in these areas during each Unit of Inquiry in the end of semester reports.

While these five skills are presented as separate categories, they're closely connected. For example, developing strong communication skills often involves thinking critically or managing time effectively. Teachers help students strengthen these skills by modelling them, using specific strategies, and providing feedback and opportunities for practice.

What makes ATL skills so valuable is that they are learnable and adaptable. With practice, children can apply them to all kinds of situations—whether it's solving a tricky math problem, working on a group project, or planning their week.

Our teachers intentionally incorporate ATL skills into everyday learning. When a new skill is introduced, they guide students step-by-step and provide plenty of opportunities to practise in different contexts. Over time, this approach helps students take ownership of their learning and become active participants in their education.

By combining ATL skills with the attributes of the Learner Profile, we aim to nurture curious, resilient, and reflective students who see learning as something they do for themselves, not just something that happens to them.

Together, we can help your child grow into a confident, self-regulated learner who's ready to tackle any challenge.

Rebecca Fletcher

PYP Curriculum Coordinator



2024 Award Recipients

Congratulations to all our Award Recipients for this year.

The following awards were presented to students on Thursday 21 November at our Valedictory and Awards evening at the Darwin Turf Club.

Class	Academic Excellence Award	College Values Award
Transition	Walter Wang	Rani Renilson
Year 1	Holly Callaghan	Olive Apps
Year 2	Maxwell Ramic	Keren Bensam
Year 3	Pavlos Spyropoulos	Matilda McFarland
Year 4	Ernest Kiratu	Lachlan Jose
Year 5	Dimitrios Prouzos	Jansen Valer

The following awards were presented to students at our Assembly on Wednesday 11 December.

Class	Service Award	Achievement Award	Oly Carlson MLA Spirit of Leanyer	RICOH IT Award
Transition	Jewel Valer	Joash Martin	Gracious Mavromatis	
Year 1	Adel Tetteh	Fletcher Warren	Cooper Grant	
Year 2	Maria Fox	Athena Patindol	Florence Cole	
Year 3	Dominic Plenty	Claudia Dos Santos	Hamish Renilson	
Year 4	Sharon Renny	Mettabel Philip	Maggie Tisdale	Anderson Warren
Year 5	Imogen Lyons	Ava Ramic	Jansen Valer	Dimitrios Prouzos

Chief Minister's Literacy Achievement Awards

Transition	Tilly Patindol	Most Outstanding Communicator
Year 1	Evannah Thekkayil	Most Improved Oral Language
Year 2	Aamiyah Thekkayil	Most Outstanding Communicator
Year 3	Zhara Poulter	Most Improved Reading
Year 4	Ernest Kiratu	Most Outstanding Communicator
Year 5	Isla Renilson	Most Imaginative Writing

Australia Day Student Citizenship Award

Imogen Lyons

2025 School Captains



Sharon Renny



Dorothy Ekpo

2025 SRC Leader



Lachlan Jose

Wellbeing Coordinator

Tena Koutou Katoa (Hello to you all)

It is time again to take stock and reflect on our wellbeing journey throughout the year.

Teachers and students began the year using restorative practices such as developing relationships through connecting before content.

All teachers had the opportunity to further strengthen relationships with all students at connect and care time in the playground. Students have felt comfort in knowing they can speak to any teacher at our school.

We have continued to see our school values; community, respect & service affirmed across the school through kindness, fairness, perseverance, self-regulation and leadership, in our students across the campus this year.

Where necessary, restorative conversations have been practiced with student's welcoming the chance to be listened to, be heard and in many cases beginning to learn how to resolve their own conflicts.

Our teachers have continued strengthening their own knowledge and skills in restorative practice where they have applied best practice research-based ideas. Of special note is affective statements that have supported students understanding of emotional granularity.

We must thank wellbeing officer Mr Mike and Rosie the therapy dog who have unfailingly visited and supported students in the wellbeing space across the year.

Thank you to the teachers who supported wellbeing outside of the classroom through extra-curricular activities such as knitting, crochet, running and music.

Day to day wellbeing has continued to be taught across the school in units of inquiry through the SEARCH framework pathways of strengths, emotional management, attention and awareness, relationships, coping and habits and goals enabling students to continue to expand their growth and development in each area across the year.

Now we are at the end we need to focus on coping. By fostering a compassionate, open, and supportive environment, together we can help our children not only cope with change but also thrive through it. They will need a supportive environment to express their emotions, build resilience and develop the skills to deal with the changes they will face in the coming weeks. So, take time to speak with your child or children about coping and change.

Wherever you are these holidays, have fun and enjoy the festivity.

Meri Kirihimete Katoa (Merry Christmas everyone).

Donna Sudana



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Holiday Office Hours

CAMPUS	CLOSED	REOPENING
HS - Middle/Senior	THU 19 DEC	MON 6 JAN
HS - Junior	FRI 13 DEC	WED 29 JAN
Palmerston	FRI 13 DEC	THU 9 JAN
Leanyer	FRI 13 DEC	WED 29 JAN

All Campuses closed for Staff Professional Development on
FRI 13 DEC, FRI 24 JAN, TUE 28 JAN



Top End Lutheran Parish Christmas Services

All services will be held at St Andrew Lutheran Church, Trower Road Nightcliff.

Sunday 22 December 9:30am with Holy Communion

Tuesday 24 December 7:00pm with carols and readings

Wednesday 25 December 9:30am Christmas Day

Sunday 29 December 9:30am



College Chaplain

If you wish to contact our College Chaplain, Kyle Cantrill, you can email kyle.cantrill@ntschoools.net

“Do your best to live in peace with everyone.”

Romans 12:18

Kyle Cantrill
College Chaplain

SUPERHERO AWARDS

PYP Superhero Awards Week 6

Well done to the following students for receiving their Superhero Awards at assembly:

Thomas Zhao
Evangeline Joseph
Jackson Ringin
Joseph Pastrokos
Anderson Coates
Jiyaa Dharmarajan
Maria Fox
Athena Patindol
Thea Kearney
Claudia Dos Santos
Eva Gabriel
Dominic Kempster
Dorothy Ekpo
Ava Ramic
Harry Spencer

FRENCH AWARDS

Jewel Valer
Holly Callaghan
Stella Zamolo
Pavlos Spyropoulos
Maggie Tisdale
Harry Spencer



FRONT OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Wed, Fri

7.45am- 4.00pm

Thursday

7.45am-3.15pm

sals.admin@ntschoools.net

HOUSE POINTS TALLY

Livingstone: 1883



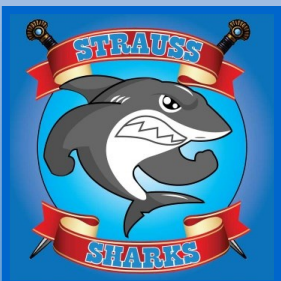
Fenton: 2102



Hughes: 1682



Strauss: 1976



Out and About in our Community

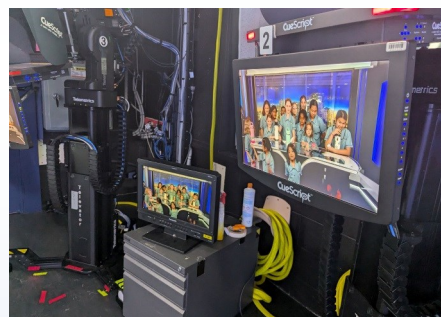
On 6 December Year 2-5 choir students went to the ABC radio station. We were greeted by a woman named Lyrella who works at ABC Radio. She brought us to the studio where all the podcasts and interviews are made. After that she brought us to the room where a man controls stuff in the other room. Then it was time for us to sing the Christmas medley.

After singing the Christmas medley she brought us to the room where they tell the news and where news reporters talk, and talk about the weather. Then we went into the room where they do all the NT weather reports and the breaking news reports. There was a camera that we could see everyone in.

Last but not least we went back to the waiting room then Lyrella gave us bags that say 'ABC Radio'.

The experience was really fun and interesting.

By Jansen, Ava and Ryan



Year 2 Hibiscus Shopping Town

On Thursday 5 December Year 2 walked to Hibiscus Shopping Town and sang Christmas Carols for the shoppers, as an act of service giving back to the community. After singing carols we were treated to morning tea at the centre. We were bringing the festive season spirit to the community.



Chapel is held every Monday at 8:30am in the Dreambuilders Church.

Assembly is every second Thursday at 8:30am.

Parents and caregivers are welcome.



SUPERHERO AWARDS

PYP Superhero Awards Week 8

Well done to the following students for receiving their Superhero Awards at assembly:

Jed Ringin
Georgie McFarland
Ioanna Spyropoulos
Zerina Benu
Oliver Versteegh
Daniel Ekpo
Isabella De Vera
Scarlett Shaw
Chantelle Cunningham
Oliver Camilleri
Thea Kearney
Levi Shea
Finn Callaghan
Ava Ramic
Ryan Joseph
Imogen Lyons

French Awards

Pelia Cheks-Ezeilo
Evannah Thekkayil
Aamiyah Thekkayil
Dominic Plenty
Pavlos Spyropoulos
Dorothy Ekpo

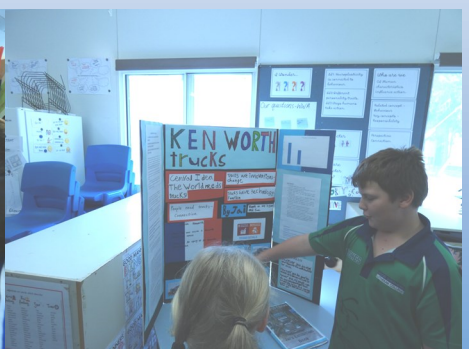
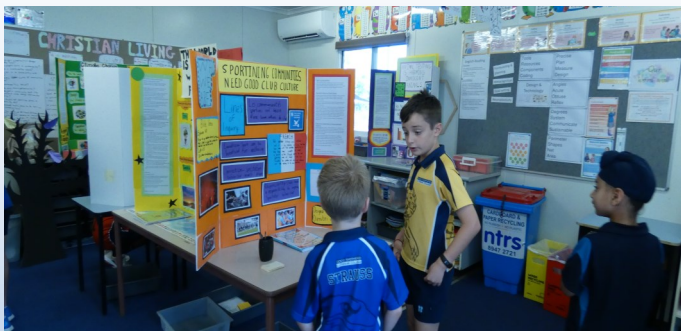
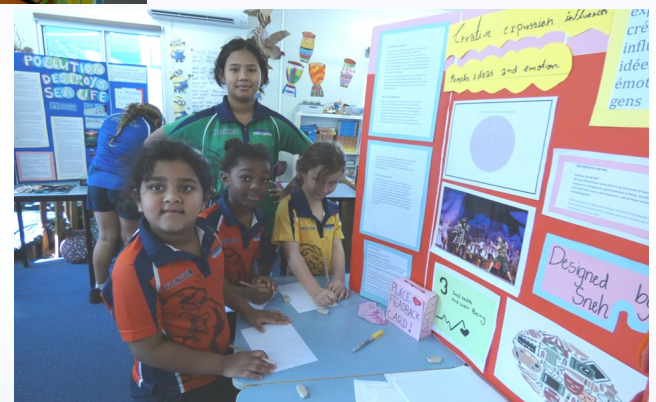
CAMP AUSTRALIA

Eva Gabriel
Tenzin Reeves
Willow Guse
Adel Tetteh
Joshua Oluwole



Year 5 PYP Exhibition

Recently, Year 5 completed the PYP Exhibition. Exhibition is a presentation where students show their learning throughout the years. All exhibitions began as passions and students thinking about worldly problems. Everybody worked hard to achieve the expectations for their exhibit boards. The process of exhibition began with researching into our lines of inquiry. All the students were given 10 weeks to complete their boards. Exhibition was challenging but we all got through it by persevering and helping each other. On the night we did a dance with all year 5 classes combined. And then we showcased our exhibits. Presenting our exhibits was fun and enjoyable because we got to meet new people and share our learning. Overall, we all learnt and developed new skills from the experience.



Wrapping Up

The Library Resource Centres 2024

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

As the year draws to a close, it's time to reflect on the incredible fun and learning we've shared in the Library. Our final term was packed with excitement, creativity, and a festive spirit that brought us all together.

Library Book Race Winners

A huge Congratulations to Our Library Book Race Champions

Leanyer: 4DS! / Palmerston: 3CT!

These classes showed remarkable enthusiasm and teamwork as they dived into the Library Race to be the first classes to get ALL of their Books Returned the the Library Resource Centre First! Well done!

We Celebrated the winning Classes at each campus by hosting a Class reward Scavenger Hunt with a twist - it featured Christmas foods from around the world! Students enjoyed exploring the library and learning about festive traditions from different countries while uncovering the letters to the Mystery Word.

Adding to the fun was Our Christmas-themed Beanbag Toss game, which tested both skill and holiday cheer! With tricky targets and plenty of laughs, the competition was fierce but friendly.

Along the way, we indulged in yummy treats, won some fabulous prizes, and celebrated the joy of the season together.

Looking Ahead to 2025

As we close this chapter, we're already looking forward to a fresh start in 2025! Stay tuned for more exciting activities, challenges, and adventures in the Library with Mrs. Abercromby.

There's so much more to explore, create, and discover.

Thank you all for making this year in the Library so memorable. Have a wonderful holiday season, and I'll see you in 2025 for another year of learning and fun!



*Warm wishes for a Safe and Happy Holiday From
Mrs Abercromby*

Good Shepherd Lutheran College Uniform Shop Holiday Closure and January Trading



Dear Parents and Carers,

The Uniform Shop's final day of trade for 2024 is Wednesday 11th December.

All orders placed after this date during the holiday break will be dispatched or available for collection from Monday 20th January.

We will be open in January on the following dates:

Mon 20th Jan	7:30am - 3:30pm	}	Appointments and Walk in
Tues 21st Jan	7:30am - 3:30pm		
Wed 22nd Jan	7:30am - 3:30pm		
Thu 23rd Jan	7:30am - 3:30pm		
Fri 24th Jan	7:30am - 3:30pm		
Tues 28th Jan	7:30am - 3:30pm	}	Appointments and Walk in
Wed 29th Jan	7:30am - 3:30pm		
Thu 30th Jan	7:30am - 3:30pm		
Fri 31st Jan	7:30am - 3:30pm		

HOW TO BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT



Register or Sign In

Visit www.alintaapparel.com.au
Select 'Uniform Shop' then 'Register' or 'Sign In'.



Book your Fitting Appointment

Select 'Appointment' and choose from the available appointment times. You will receive an email confirmation once you have made your booking. One fitting appointment per child.



Attend your Fitting Appointment

You will be sent a reminder the day before your appointment. You will have the opportunity to place your order at the time of your appointment. We offer lay-by with only 20% deposit required.



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SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

January 2025



FEATURED ACTIVITIES

Sports with Fun in the Parks

Fun in the Parks is getting sporty these school holidays and invites you for a sports and squash session. Enjoy, stayactive, and have a fantastic time while discovering new skills!

Rock painting

Have you heard of the rock game? You paint a rock, you hide it in your community, you go out and find other painted rocks, and you make someone's day. If you want to be a part of the Rock Game, join us and create your own painted rock.

Geektacular

Meet- connect- play! Our annual by-fans, for-fans event is back. Expect the usual - DnD, cosplay, board games, mini market and esports - along with some fresh takes from the creative brains of the Geektacular emerging producer team.

Regular programming

Baby Book Time, Rhyme Time and Family Story Time for children five years and under will continue through the holidays as per usual programming. Programs do not run between Christmas and New Year. Fun Bus will be joined by Territory Childcare Group every Wednesday.

darwin.nt.gov.au/school-holidays

SATURDAY 14 DECEMBER - WEDNESDAY 22 JANUARY

Dalay Reading Club

Dalay means 'trousers season' in the language of the Larrakia people. 18 years and under All Libraries



DECEMBER 2024

WEDNESDAY 11 DECEMBER

Santa story time All ages 10:00 am - 10:30 am Darwin City Library

THURSDAY 19 DECEMBER

Christmas as movie All ages 1:00 pm - 11:30 am Darwin City Library

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FIND OUT MORE

For further information about City of Darwin's School Holiday activities, visit our website, scan the QR code or follow us on socials.



JANUARY 2025

Events are subject to change, visit darwin.nt.gov.au/school-holidays

THURSDAY 2 JANUARY

Rhyme time 3 - 24 months 10:00 am - 10:30 am Nightcliff Library

FRIDAY 3 JANUARY

Fun in the Parks - Decorate your own Library bag 5 - 12 years 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Lyons Community Centre

SATURDAY 4 JANUARY

Family story time All ages 10:00 am - 10:30 am Darwin City Library and Casuarina Library

MONDAY 6 JANUARY

Fun in the Parks - Sports session 5 - 12 years 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Top End Indoor Sports Centre

MONDAY 6 JANUARY cont...

Movie - Garfield All ages 10:00 am - 11:45 am Casuarina Library

Baby book time 3 - 12 months 11:00 am - 11:30 am Darwin City Library

TUESDAY 7 JANUARY

Rhyme time 3 - 24 months 10:00 am - 10:30 am Karama Library

Animal education 5 - 12 years 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm Darwin City Library

WEDNESDAY 8 JANUARY

Fun in the Parks/Fun Bus - Territory Childcare Group - Cloud Dough 0 - 12 years 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Malak Community Centre

STEAM zone

All ages 10:00 am - 11:00 am Darwin City Library

WEDNESDAY 8 JANUARY cont...

Baby book time 3 - 12 months 1:00 pm - 1:30 pm Casuarina Library

Cafe skills 15 - 25 years 3:00 pm - 6:30 pm The Meeting Place by GTNT

THURSDAY 9 JANUARY

Rhyme time 3 - 24 months 10:00 am - 10:30 am Nightcliff Library

Animal education 5 - 12 years 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm Nightcliff Library

FRIDAY 10 JANUARY

Fun in the Parks - Engineering /construction fun 5 - 12 years 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Lyons Community Centre

LEGO club

All ages 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm Casuarina Library

SATURDAY 11 JANUARY

Family story time All ages 10:00 am - 10:30 am Darwin City Library and Casuarina Library

MONDAY 13 JANUARY

Fun in the Parks - Squash session 5 - 12 years 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Darwin Squash Centre

Baby book time 3 - 12 months 11:00 am - 11:30 am Darwin City Library

Board games afternoon 8 years + 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm Karama Library

TUESDAY 14 JANUARY

Rhyme time 3 - 24 months 10:00 am - 10:30 am Karama Library

LEGO club All ages 10:00 am - 11:00 am Nightcliff Library

Animal education 5 - 12 years 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm Karama Library

WEDNESDAY 15 JANUARY

Fun in the Parks/Fun Bus - Territory Childcare Group - Mini beads and creatures 0 - 12 years 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Malak Community Centre

Baby book time 3 - 12 months 1:00 pm - 1:30 pm Casuarina Library

Rainbow bedtime stories - with Drag Territory All ages 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Darwin City Library

THURSDAY 16 JANUARY

Rhyme time 3 - 24 months 10:00 am - 10:30 am Nightcliff Library

Movie - Harold and the Purple Crayon (closed captioned) All ages 10:00 am - 11:30 am Darwin City Library

Animal education 5 - 12 years 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm Casuarina Library

FRIDAY 17 JANUARY

Fun in the Parks - Rock painting 5 - 12 years 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Lyons Community Centre

STEAM zone All ages 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm Casuarina Library

SATURDAY 18 JANUARY

Family story time All ages 10:00 am - 10:30 am Casuarina Library

Australian family story time All ages 10:00 am - 10:30 am Darwin City Library

Geektacular 15 - 25 years 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm Casuarina Library

NOTE: All events are free. Events marked with * require bookings.

Children aged 10 years and under must be accompanied by an adult.

MONDAY 20 JANUARY

Fun in the Parks - Water play 5 - 12 years 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Leanyer Water Park

Baby book time 3 - 12 months 11:00 am - 11:30 am Darwin City Library

Board game afternoon 8 years + 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm Karama Library

TUESDAY 21 JANUARY

Rhyme time 3 - 24 months 10:00 am - 10:30 am Karama Library

Movie screening All ages 10:00 am - 11:30 am Nightcliff Library

First Aid course * 15 - 25 years 8:45 am - 5:00 pm Casuarina Library

WEDNESDAY 22 JANUARY

STEAM Zone All ages 10:00 am - 11:00 am Darwin City Library

WEDNESDAY 22 JANUARY cont...

Fun in the Parks/Fun Bus - Territory Childcare Group - Soccer skills 0 - 12 years 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Malak Community Centre

Baby book time 3 - 12 months 1:00 pm - 1:30 pm Casuarina Library

FREE Skate * 12 - 20 years 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm Darwin Ice Skating

THURSDAY 23 JANUARY

Rhyme time 3 - 24 months 10:00 am - 10:30 am Nightcliff Library

Fun in the Parks - Slime making 5 - 12 years 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Lyons Community Centre

Delay Reading Club party All ages 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm Casuarina Library

LEGO club All ages 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm Casuarina Library

2025 Term Dates

Term 1

Monday 3 February - Friday 4 April

Midsemester Break

Monday 7 April - Friday 11 April

Term 2

Tuesday 15 April - Friday 20 June

Semester Break

Monday 23 June - Friday 11 July

Term 3

Tuesday 15 July - Friday 19 September

Midsemester Break

Monday 22 September - Friday 3 October

Term 4

Monday 6 October - Wednesday 10 December



Form

What is it like?



Function

How does it work?



Connection

How is it connected to other things?



Change

How does it change?



Causation

Why is it like that? Why is it the way it is?



Perspective

What are the different points of view?



Responsibility

What are our responsibilities?



Container Recycling

Please bring in your 10 cent recycling containers.

Orange bags are available from the office.

Please remove lids and rinse containers.

Funds raised go towards our Eco Schools initiatives.