NEWSLETTER

2025 - Term 2, Week 5

Upcoming Events

TERM 4

WEEK 1

- Frist Day of Term 06/10
- T-2 Imagine Live 09/10

WEEK 2

- Assembly
- Class Carers meeting 14/10
- TERIS Rugby Union Y4-6 15/10

WEEK 3

- TERIS Swimming JS/MS/SS 22/10
- Family Camp 25/10

WEEK 4

- Assembly
- World Teachers Day 31/10

WEEK 5

Author Visits- Aleesa Darlinson - 03/11

SAVE THE DATE -

- Information Evenings 11/11
- Y12 Graduation & Awards night -20/11
- Y5 Exhibition 26/11
- ELC Graduation 03/12
- Year 5 Graduation & Awards 05/12
- Christmas concert 05/12
- Yr5 Graduation Dinner 06/12
- T- 4 Awards Assembly 08/12
- Y 5 Step up 08-09/12
- T- Y4 Step up 09/12
- 2026 ELC Trans Orientation 09/12
- Last Day of Term 4 10/12

Refer to Parent Lounge for details

During school term:
Front Office Hours
7.45am - 3.15pm
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Reminder: Assembly is Wednesday of even weeks 8.20am in the Multipurpose Hall Wow, what a busy and exciting term we have had! Can you believe there is only one term left in the school year?

Over the past five weeks, we have welcomed several new students to our campus, with another five due to begin next term. We hope they feel quickly at home as part of our Palmerston Campus family.

At the end of this term, we farewell Loki, Alby and Charlie as they continue their travels around Australia. They will be missed, and we hope to see them back in Darwin one day.



We also say goodbye to two of our amazing LSOs, Miss Sophie Boyce and Mrs Peta-Marie Decastro. Miss Boyce is completing her final placement as she finishes her teaching degree, and Mrs Decastro is pursuing a new career in the mines. Both will be deeply missed, and we thank them for the wonderful contribution they have made to our school.

Some of our Term 3 highlights have included:

- · Wellbeing Day with the Colour Fun Run
- · ALWS visit
- Year 5 Camp and Leadership Days
- · Swimming Lessons and Swimming Carnival
- Earth Science Incursion
- Questacon Science Circus
- Book Week with Book Parade and Book Fair
- Father's Day Breakfast
- Transition, Year 1 and Year 2 Stay ups

Thank you to all the parents who booked in to share their child's learning journey during Student Led Conferences this week. If you were unable to make a time, please contact your child's classroom teacher to arrange an alternative.

As we move into the final term, I encourage you to check in with your child about the learning goals they may have set and talk together about the progress they are making.

Don't forget to book in for our Family Camp at Club Tropical on Saturday 25 October. Please see your email for the online code to receive your group discount. We look forward to this wonderful community event!

As Term 3 comes to a close, we wish all our Palmerston Campus families a safe, restful and joy-filled holiday. May this break be a time of refreshment and connection, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back for the final term of 2025.

Vicki Trathen
Head of Junior School Palmerston





Important Notice: Holiday Roadworks

During the holidays, additional roadworks will be taking place. During this time, Whitewood Road access to the College will be closed. Please note access points below (via Stow Rd).

No pedestrian access between the Junior and Middle/Senior campuses during works.









From our Primary Years Programme Coordinator

Learning Through Concepts in the PYP

At Good Shepherd, our Primary Years Programme (PYP) encourages students to think deeply and make meaningful connections across different areas of learning. One of the ways this happens is through the use of concepts—big ideas that help frame and guide inquiry.

The PYP identifies seven key concepts that shape transdisciplinary and subject-specific learning. These concepts act as a starting point for both teachers and students, helping to focus questions and make inquiries purposeful. For example, when we explore the concept of change, students might ask: How do things change? Why do they change? What stays the same?



Alongside these specified concepts, students also encounter subject-specific concepts that enrich their learning. In Science, a concept like adaptation might connect with change; in Social Studies, sustainability might link with responsibility. These connections help children see how learning is interconnected rather than separate.

Teachers across different subjects work together to weave these concepts into classroom experiences. For instance, while classroom teachers may explore "change" through history, an Art teacher might investigate how styles and techniques have changed over time, while in Physical Education students may reflect on the skills needed to change from offence to defence in a team game. In this way, children develop the ability to transfer their understanding of a concept from one context to another.

Through conceptual inquiry, our learners are not just gathering facts—they are developing flexible thinking skills that allow them to see patterns, draw conclusions, and apply their knowledge in new situations. This collaborative and reflective approach helps ensure that every child experiences a connected and coherent journey of learning.



By exploring concepts in this way, our students are building the curiosity, confidence, and critical thinking skills they need to thrive in an ever-changing world.

Rebecca Fletcher **PYP Curriculum Coordinator**

College Chaplain



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

"I can do all things through Christ because he gives me strength." Philippians 4:13





House Points - Current Tally









FENTON: 1058 STRAUSS: 1326 HUGHES: 1446 **LIVINGSTONE: 1095**

House and Special Awards

FENTON

- Adaline Noble
- Jaimie Tengis
- Manuel Abban
- Thomas McKay
- Diaz Chariot
- Sean Staines
- Jack Inglot
- **Oscar Colley**
- Oliver Colley
- Chloe Fraser

STRAUSS

- Ruby Toner
- Asher Yang
- Kieran Becker
- Elsie O'Connell
- Indi Winch
- Jade Brumfield
- Patrick McKay
- · Lotus Camposo-Briskin
- Lincoln Foster
- Lily Lugg
- Ngaire La Porte
- **Amiyah Winch**
- Aliyah Ross
- Claudia La Porte
- Theo Patten

HUGHES

- Cole Single
- Grace Crick
- Ace Roddy
- Grace Rodger
- Jennifer Low
- Olivia Sansom
- **Heath Cole**
- Pearson Wharton
- Tessa Crick
- Bailey Jones
- Isaac Harvey
- Eva Toll

LIVINGSTONE

- Georgia Ploughman
- **Archie Travers**
- Noah Griggs
- Alice Reynhout
- Harry Cendo
- Scarlett Griggs
- Jethro Gotts-Roberts
- Daly Melville

COLLEGE VALUES AWARDS

- Lucy Scott-Mills
- Orla Harmer
- Kamdyn Barnes
- Charlie Breen
- Jade Brumfield
- Pearson Wharton
- Luca Ploughman
- Marlee-Jean Marsden
- · Sadie Becker
- Arabella Watt

- **Scarlett Griggs**
- Ngaire La Porte
- Lily Lugg
- Eliza Crick
- Madeleine Common-Fidge
- Elena Coppola









3 -5 Cross Country







Grades 3-5 participated in cross country held at the Howard Springs campus on ???. The year 11 students cheered the kids to run and not give up the 2.5 kilometer run. After the run first, second and third students were awarded for each age group. Palmerston students ran very well with many students making it in the top 10 and even winning! All students ran well and tried their best.

After the run students did fun wellbeing activities and rotations like human pyramid, skipping, obstacle challenges and team building tasks. They were run by the Year 11 students and required students to use cooperation and communication skills as well as showing resilience when faced with challenges.













Transition & Year 1 Stay-Up Evening

Our Transition and Year 1 students recently enjoyed their very first Stay Up evening, filled with fun, laughter, and hands-on learning! The excitement was contagious as the children rotated through a range of creative and scientific activities.

They began by making fairy bread, a much-loved Aussie treat that had everyone smiling. In the science corner, students experimented with objects that sink and float, sparking curiosity and discussion about why some items stay on the surface while others drop to the bottom. The wonder continued with two colourful investigations — the Magic Ink experiment and the Fizzing Colours experiment. For the Magic Ink, the children wrote their own secret words or pictures, then used a turmeric water wash to reveal what they had created. In the Fizzing Colours experiment, food colouring and vinegar were combined to trigger a bubbling chemical reaction. The children excitedly watched as the colours mixed together to form new shades, and to their surprise, when they looked under the bicarbonate soda, they discovered a rainbow of hidden colours revealed beneath the mixture.

Creativity was also flowing as the children decorated their own picture frames, a special keepsake to remind them of this memorable night.

In addition, during class this week, we were blessed to have Mrs Valentine (Seth's mum) join us to plant seedlings with the children. This experience tied beautifully into our current Unit of Inquiry, Sharing the Planet, as the children learned firsthand about caring for the environment and nurturing new life.

The Stay Up was not just about fun — it was a wonderful opportunity for students to learn, explore, and share time together outside the normal school day. Thank you to all the families and staff who supported this special event.



















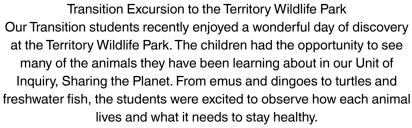




Transition - Territory Wild Life Park







A highlight of the day was exploring the nocturnal house and the aquarium, where the children were fascinated by creatures they don't often get to see. The excursion encouraged lots of thoughtful questions and helped the students make real-life connections to their classroom learning.

We are grateful to the staff at the Wildlife Park for sharing their knowledge about the animals and for making the day possible. The children returned to school buzzing with new ideas and ready to extend their learning through art, writing, and diorama projects.







Book Week Fairy Houses

As part of book week students were challenged to make a fairy house. Hours were spent designing and making them at home. There were so many good designs like a house with a front yard, glitter everywhere and one was even made out of lego! The judges had a difficult job in choosing the winners as each and every one was special and unique. Congratulations to everyone who participated.















Book Week

During Book Week many fun activities were organised in the library. Every day an activity was themed on a shortlisted book. On Monday we made spiders by cutting out paper eyes/ bodies and sticking strips of paper on as the long lanky legs. On Tuesday we did Aboriginal designs on hands. On Wednesday the book was called "How to move a zoo" and we made little animals to go on a truck (designed by Miss Boyce and Mrs Zahra). On Thursday we made flowers and the book was "Flora". The school captains and some year 5 students led the activities. Everyone who join in had a great time creating.

Madeleine and Hannah



Monday-Make Spiro the Spider

















Making Paper Flowers











Book Week



As the host, Mrs Kalikajaros stole the show with many jokes and animated theatrics. A lot of effort was put in by students and families for this great annual event. Each class showed their outfits on the stage and got to walk past the parents so they could see the outfits. It was really fun to dress up and show all the school.

The judges voted who had the best outfit. What a hard job that was! Other prizes were given out for best colouring in picture from each class and a raffle where names were grabbed from the box.

Jase and Amiyah



















Book Week



























T - 5 Questacon





















This term all students got to learn and experience some amazing science concepts presented by Questacon. Two passionate scientists took us through a range of experiments.

One lady told us about how long it took to get here and how they can get here quicker by adding rockets. She made a rocket balloon using a balloon, string and a straw. It zoomed across the stage.

They made a hot air balloon to show how cold air is denser than hot air which is when you put hot air in a balloon it goes up. The other lady taught us about bubbles and how they can come in all different sizes. Sometimes the bubble was so huge it covered a whole person! Some lucky students were picked to help with the experiments. Overall, it was a lot of fun learning science!

Oscar, Emmett and Miss P







Fathers Day Breakfast



To celebrate all our amazing Dads, the school organised a morning breakfast for all to enjoy. There was a bacon and eggs sandwich sizzle and a coffee pop up van with hot chocolate and morning coffee to wake you up from all the hard work our Dads do for their families.

We would like to thank all of the men that could join us even if they had to work they still came to celebrate with their daughter/son, maybe even both. All the students said "I had a great time being with you dad". We also hope that you had a fun time hanging out with your kids and eating the food we had prepared for you guys.





Marley and Hannah





















Year 2

This term has been a wonderful journey of learning, fun and growth. The class has embraced new challenges with enthusiasm and supported one another along the way. Some highlights was our stay-up late in Week 9, Swimming lessons and the Science incursion/experiments, also meeting Oliver Cendo. It has been a joy to see each child develop in confidence and knowledge this term and I am so proud of their efforts.

The Year 2 students wrote Ms Whelan a letter outlining what they have enjoyed

Dear Ms Whelan
I like the stay up because we
made slime, door sign, smiley
faces and key chains. Also we
watched Wonder.
Emmy

Dear Ms Whelan

I have enjoyed a lot this term but my favourite thing this term was persuasive writing. It has helped my with my writing a lot. My writing have improved. One thing you have taught me - in a world where you can be anything be kind. Joy.

Dear Ms whelan
I have enjoyed this term because
we do fun stuff with the class
like class Dojo and prodigy Maths
games.
Oli L

My most favourite part this term was our year 2 stay up. I also liked playing Dojo Island and was seeing other people on the island. I like playing games because it is a lot of sun playing out with my friends. Charlotte

Dear Ms Whelan
My favourite thing this term was year
2 stay up and class Dojo it was fun.
Mahlia



Dear Ms Whelan
I always love the Maths and literacy
lessons, it was the best when you
became an alien. I love receiving Class
Dojo points as it gives me joy.
Jamie

We had a special visit from Mrs Cendo and baby Oliver.







Year 3

What a jam-packed term it has been in Year 3! From swimming lessons to science incursions and even a special excursion to McDonald's, we certainly kept busy. After such a full few months, I'm sure the children will be ready for a restful holiday.

Our Unit of Inquiry this term, How We Organise Ourselves, explored the central idea that "Economies are dependent on the exchange of goods and services." We began by unpacking the difference between needs and wants. A need is something essential for survival, such as food, water, and shelter, while a want is something we might enjoy but don't actually need, such as electronic devices or toys.

The students also investigated the exchanging of money and discovered how it plays a key role in the economy. They learnt that when people spend or swap money, it affects how shops and businesses operate, including paying their workers, keeping things running, and how much money people in our community have to spend on the things they need or want.

One of the highlights of our learning was running our very own Year 3 market stall! This hands-on experience gave the class a chance to see how businesses work, including understanding the ideas of profit and loss. We were also fortunate to visit McDonald's, where we learnt about the actual cost of making each burger and how setting the right price is essential for making a profit.

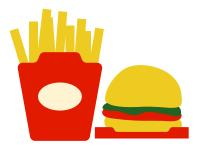
It has been a busy but exciting term of learning, and I'm so proud of the effort and enthusiasm shown by all of Year 3. I hope everyone has a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable holiday break - you've all earned it!

Miss Wauchope















Year 3 Market Day

















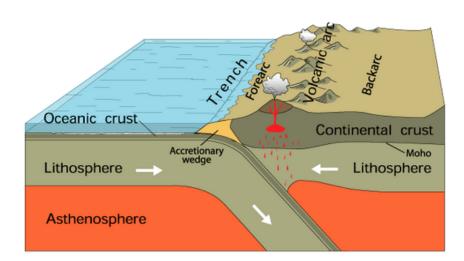






Year 4

This term, 4RK have been very involved in science experiments. This has fit in perfectly with our How the World Works unit of inquiry, where we have been exploring natural processes, such as waterways, tectonic plates, erosion, soil distribution and rock formation.



We'd been equally busy inquiring into the different types of messengers that can be found in the Old Testament, New Testament and that exist in modern day society, for Christian Studies. The class realised that the reason God chose these messengers in the Bible, such as prophets, disciples and apostles, was not because they were especially talented, but because they trusted and obeyed God, even when things got tough. The students reflected on what this means to be a messenger in modern day society and many of them commented that this world is a better place when people follow God's rules, instead of their own. The students discussed and showed their understanding of different messengers in the Bible and did a great job of reading about their chosen messenger and then explaining who their messenger was, in their own words. This was very good research practise for Exhibition next year.

God's Messenger: **Andrew**

My messenger is Andrew and he was a disciple. He was the first disciple to bring someone to Jesus. The person Andrew brought was his own brother Peter. He was amazed and Andrew told more and more people about God. Something that motivated Andrew was his trust; love and he had the Holy Spirit within him. Andrew lived in Bethsaida near the sea of Galilee. Andrew's talent was to bring people to God and God will take your sin away so can feel happy, loved and you can live in peace because God sanded his only son to save the whole entire world and still people continue to worship and pray to the son of God and now a day Christians still suffer throughout the world.

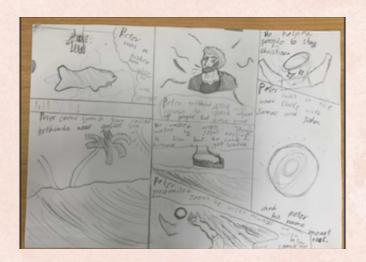
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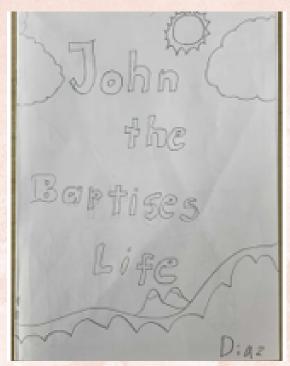




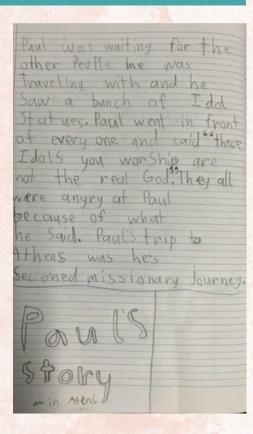


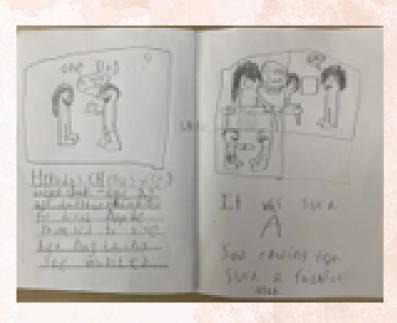
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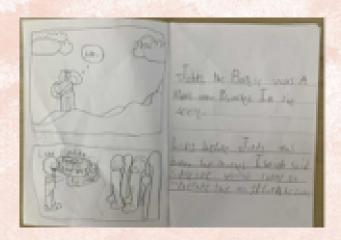












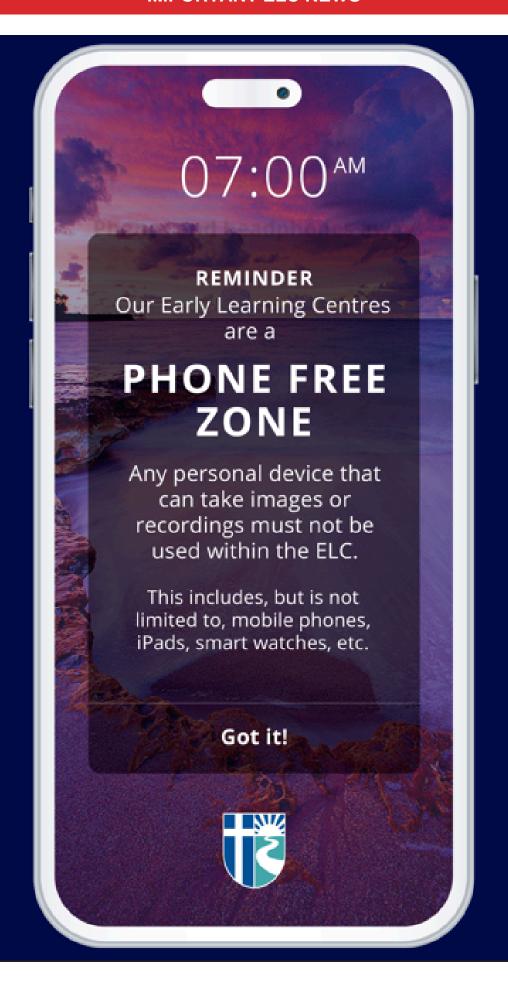








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WHAT'S ON THESE HOLIDAYS!



Special Event



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Jet set on an Adventure



Flex your creativity



Epic Base Camp Days



Programs vary by location. Jump on our website to find out what's happening at your local Rocketeers.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY BOOKINGS NOW OPEN



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SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

September - October 2025

All school holiday activities are FREE and open to everyone.

Families are invited to join the fun!

Be sure to wear comfortable clothing and shoes for outdoor activities, apply the sunscreen provided, and bring a hat. Come along for some fun and to make new friends.

All children must be supervised by a parent/carer at all events.

Library membership is free for all NT residents.

Scan the QR code to learn more.



Community Notices

MONDAY 22 SEPTEMBER

Fun in the Parks - Archery

5 - 12 years.

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Lake Alexander

Baby Book Time

3 - 12 months

11:00 am - 11:30 am

Darwin City Library

Board Games Afternoon

är years.

3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Karama Library

TUESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER

Rhyme Time:

3 - 24 months

10.00 am - 10.30 am

Karama Library

Learn to Beat Box

10 - 16 years

2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Casuarina Library

WEDNESDAY 24 SEPTEMBER

Fun in the Parks - Meet the NT Fire & Rescue of the Deaf Connect Team 💍 🗃

5 - 12 years.

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Sumset Park

LEGO Club

All ages.

3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Karama Library

Baby Book Time

3 – 12 months.

1:00 pm - 1:30 pm

Casuarina Library

THURSDAY 25 SEPTEMBER

Rhyme Time

3 - 24 months

10:00 am - 10:30 am

Nightcliff Library

Movie: Dog Man

Source: Roadshow

5 - 12 years

10:00 am

Darwin City Library

Recycling Matters - What goes in what blin?

5 - 12 years.

2:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Nighteliff Library

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

FRIDAY 26 SEPTEMBER

Fun in the Parks - Colour Diffusing Art

5 - 12 years

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Yanyula Park

STEAM Zone

All ages

3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Casuarina Library

Gaming After Dark XR VR

12 - 17 years

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Casuarina Library

SATURDAY 27 SEPTEMBER

Family Story Time

All ages

10:00 am - 10:30 am

Casuarina Library

Family Story Time

All ages

10:00 am - 10:30 am

Darwin City Library

SUNDAY 28 SEPTEMBER

Geek Up

15 - 25 years

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Casuarina Library

MONDAY 29 SEPTEMBER

Fun in the Parks - Rugby Skitts

5 - 12 years

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Wanguri Park

Baby Book Time

3 - 12 months

11:00 am - 11:30 am

Darwin City Library

Board Games Afternoon

Sit years.

3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Karama Library

TUESDAY 30 SEPTEMBER

Movie: Lassie Come Home

Source: Kanopy

All ages

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10:00 am

Nightcliff Library

Rhyme Time

3 - 24 months

10:00 am - 10:30 am

Karama Library

Recycling Matters - What goes in what

5 - 12 years

2:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Casuarina Library

WEDNESDAY 1 OCTOBER

Fun in the Parks - Innergic Art & Craft

5 - 12 years.

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Lake Alexander

Baby Book Time

3 - 12 months

Casuarina Library

STEAM Zone

10:00 am - 11:00 am

THURSDAY 2 OCTOBER

Rhyme Time

Nightcliff Library

Movie: The Minecraft Movie

Source: Roadshow

5 - 12 years

10:00 am

Karama Library

Fun in the Parks - Collaborative

5 - 12 years

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Moil Park

KROC Party

All ages

Casuarina Library

LEGO Club

Allages

3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Casuarina Library

SATURDAY 4 OCTOBER

Austan Family Story Time

10:00 am - 10:30 am

Darwin City Library









1:00 pm - 1:30 pm

All ages.

Nighteliff Library

3., 24 months

10:00 am - 10:30 am

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FRIDAY 3 OCTOBER

Splatter Art

2:30 pm - 4:00 pm

All ages.

Casuarina Library

Family Story Time

Allages 10:00 am - 10:30 am





Bar







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Kids Holiday Cooking Classes

Wednesday 24th September, 2.30pm to 4.30pm Thursday 25th September, 2.30pm to 4.30pm Saturday 27th September, 10.00am to 12.00pm Wednesday 1st October 2.30pm to 4.30pm Thursday 2nd October 2.30pm to 4.30pm

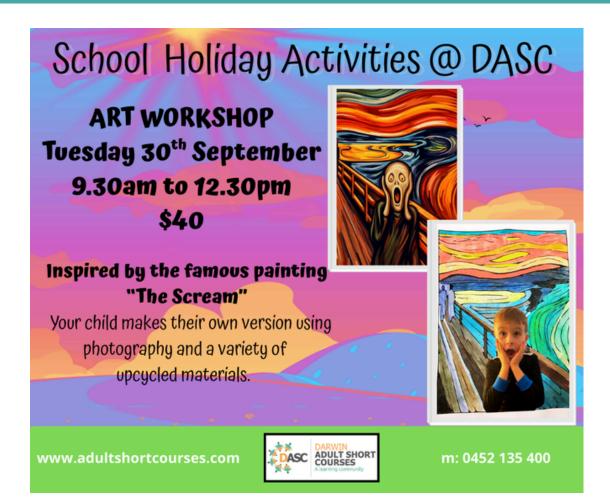






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