



MIDDLE POINT

SCHOOL

Office hours

8.00am - 4.00pm

During School Term

Dates to remember—

Last day of school for Term 1—Thursday 9/4

Healthy Snack—

Please provide your child with a piece of fruit or vegetable each day for our 'Healthy Snack' time.

Heat up and Toasty

Friday—students may bring food to be heated or have their sandwiches toasted. Fridays only please :)

As I reflect back on the past three weeks who knew we would be where we are today...

Thank you to those parents who have called to let the school know of their intentions to keep their children at home. It is a difficult time and not knowing how long this may continue causes much frustration and anxiety. Please be assured that we are taking advice from our government organisations in regards to following the correct hygiene protocols to ensure the children remain healthy and safe. To the families who have chosen to keep their children at home, Tracy, Julie and I have put together education packs. Additionally, there are some great educational resources on line that we can send to you.

We welcomed Lyndy and Molly from Down Syndrome Association to our school, they plan to make regular fortnightly visits to teach us Auslan.

We have enjoyed Gayle coming out to teach us netball skills and hope to see her back again to finish our sessions soon!

Thanks to our staff, Rossy, Lee, Travis and Holly for coming in last weekend to help clear out our shed and tidy our grounds. We got a surprising amount done in a short period of time.

A huge thank you to Humpty Doo Barramundi for donating their time, materials and manpower to raise the shed floor. The new concrete floor looks too good to be used for just a shed! Our sporting equipment and tools will be stored now with no fear of getting wet and deteriorating.

Take care.

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Preschool



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Lower Primary



Lower Primary

Last Thursday we went to Fogg Dam and we had a picnic. I saw a crocodile trap, some flowers and a wallaby.

By Macey

Last Thursday we went to Fogg Dam on the school bus.

We saw yellow flowers, the flowers were on the water. We had a picnic and we saw a reflection of the sun and green seed water lily, a Kangaroo and a Willy wagtail. We saw Croc traps. I had a fantastic picnic. Then we got on the bus and went back to school.

By Billy

Last Thursday we went on an excursion to Fogg Dam.

We saw a beautiful water lily, it was so beautiful. We also saw a green seeds, a Willy wag tail, a reflection of the sun, Kangaroo's, Croc traps and more.

We had chocolate brownies and they were yummy. The chocolate brownies were so great.

By Sienna

Last Thursday we went to Fogg Dam on the school bus.

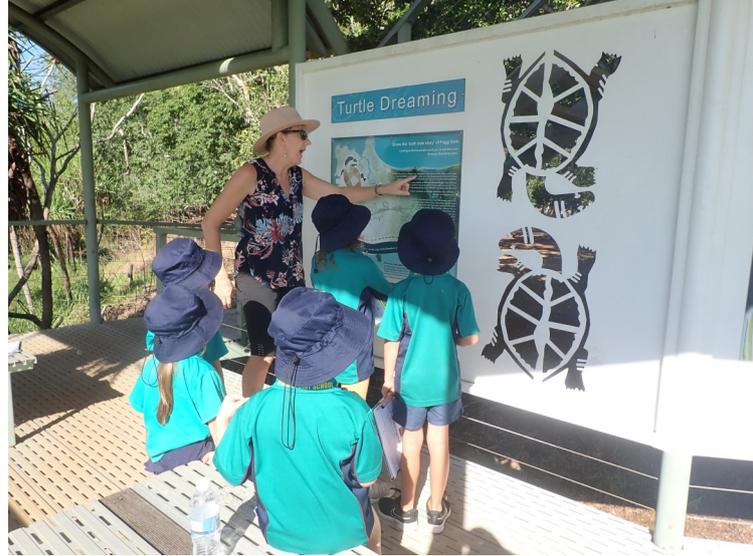
We saw a reflection of the sun, green seeds, a Kangaroo and water flowers. We took beautiful photos. We had a fantastic picnic. We looked for birds.

By Brock

Last Thursday we went to Fogg Dam on the bus and we had a picnic. I saw a Crocodile and it was fun.

By Allie

Lower Primary



STEAM with Ms Michelle

Flood Simulation Experiment

As part of learning about Natural Disasters the Upper Primary students participated in a lesson designed to investigate the impact of flooding. Students were shown a video about flooding in Laos and pictures of the surrounding villages and landscape.

Each student then constructed a miniature village in a plastic tray using soil, stick and leaves and built houses out of paper, cardboard and plastic.

When the gentle rainfall from a watering can falls the students will observe what happens to the houses built by the river.



Upper Primary



Our Mars Bar demonstration of the layers of our Earth—The chocolate is the Earth's crust, the caramel is the mantle and the nougat is the Earth's core.

We then demonstrated three different ways the Earth moves during an earthquake before finally get to eat the "fruits of our labour!"

A visit from Lyndy and Molly from the Down Syndrome Association NT





BEFORE



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**AND
AFTER!**

We are Digital

If you would like to receive this newsletter in a digital copy rather than paper please contact Leigh or Sasha with your email address. leigh.mckenzie@ntschoools.net / sasha.underhill@ntschoools.net

See our Facebook page for more pictures and notices— <https://www.facebook.com/middlepointschool>

School Uniform

At Middle Point School we wear a uniform everyday. The Uniform consists of the Middle Point School shirt, and dark blue or black shorts, skorts or pants. Students are required to wear a hat and closed in shoes. Please help by ensuring your child is wearing the appropriate uniform when they are at school.

Parent Contributions

Parents are asked to contribute **\$50 per child for Preschool** and **\$70 per child for Primary School**, each year. This payment can be made at the office or sent into school with your child. It can be made in a lump sum or in installments.

Thank you to everyone who supports the school by making the parent contribution payment. The money is used for transport costs for excursions, library resources and technology resources such as iPad educational applications.

If you have any questions regarding this please speak with the school.

Messages to Your Child

There will be times when you may need to get a message to your child. This most often is in regards to bus travel home and where to get off or which bus to take.

In order for us to ensure that your child gets to their required destination if different from usual; **please contact the school by 2pm**. This ensures that staff are able to get messages to students in a timely manner and you know your child will go where you need them to be.

Absences

If your child is away from school for any reason please notify the school. This can be done by telephone, email or sending in a note from home. Attendance of all students is monitored by the Department of Education and it is a requirement that schools are able to provide a reason for student absences. Please support the school with this by keeping us informed. We greatly appreciate it.

Library

Library for both classes will be held on a Thursday this year.

Students can borrow 2 books per week. The students will require a library bag to borrow. Library bags were supplied in the book pack. If students do not have their library bag they are unable to borrow.

Medication

All medication entering the school needs to be brought into the office where it will be kept for the day. Parents must complete a medication request form before staff can administer medication, outlining details of dosage and times the medication is to be given. The medication brought in must be in its original packaging with a pharmacy label showing the name of the student.