

CYCLONE PROCEDURES PARENTS

The cyclone season is from 1st November to 1st May each year. During each season Darwin/Palmerston faces the potential threat of cyclones and subsequent property damage. The procedures to follow in the event of a cyclone and school closure during the school day are:

Remember, Bakewell Primary School is not a cyclone shelter.

1. Listen to radio or watch TV. There will be an announcement from the Northern Territory Department of Education & Training. This advice is likely at Cyclone Warning – Stage Three.
2. When the school closure announcement has been made your child/ren must be collected from the school within **45 minutes**. They **WILL NOT** be permitted to walk or ride home. The class teacher **must** be informed that your child has been collected so all children can be accounted for. It is a requirement that class teachers record each child, the name of the parent/carer/adult collecting the child and the time collected before the child is permitted to leave the classroom.
3. If you do not think you will be able to get to the school within 45 minutes please make arrangements **now** for another responsible adult to collect your child/ren in the event of an emergency school closure. Students will not be permitted to go with older siblings.
4. Children not collected in this time will be taken to the Library to be organised to be taken to the Rosebery Middle School Cyclone Shelter by the Principal and designated staff members who do not have their own children to collect or families to organise. The Principal will remain with children at Rosebery Middle School until they are collected.

Staff with their own family commitments will be able to leave Bakewell Primary School after the 45 minute collection time.

Please remember Bakewell Primary School is not a cyclone shelter and we would appreciate prompt collection of children.