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Term 1 Week 1

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DALAY- MONSOON SEASON

Dalay is the Monsoon Season and usually runs during January and February. The monsoon replenishes a dry thirsty land. Water gushes from rivers and creeks and floodplains are buried under lakes of water. The water disperses seeds and new plants are sprouting. Manmanma (cyclones) seem more frequent and are a sign of a troubled planet. Saltwater crocodiles are laying their eggs. Barramundi are multiplying upstream on the floodplains. Bush current is fruiting now. They are very sweet and a favourite of children. Big Red Apple and Pink Wild Apple are fruiting. The Red Dye Plant is fruiting. It is used to dye natural fibres such as Biyarmarra (Pandanus) and Gwilirimba (Sand Palm) to make Denela (string bags) and Malarramamba (Pandanus mats).

From the Principal...

At Stuart Park we follow the seasons of the Top End as described by the Larrakia people, the original owners of the land on which we live. These are the Gulumoerrgin Seasons and you can find them described in more detail at <http://csiro.au/en/Research/Environment/Land-management/Indigenous/Indigenous-calendars/Gulumoerrgin> or just Google Gulumoerrgin.

In the Top End we do not have the well-known four seasons that most people refer to but, you will find that we do have some very identifiable seasons throughout the year that relate to climate as well as changes in the environment and we follow them as best we can, trying to identify times as seasons change.



Welcome to all of our new families and welcome back to our continuing families. Over the holidays I had the pleasure of meeting many new families as they came in to find out about our hidden treasure, Stuart Park School. While telling them the Stuart Park story it made me think about why it is such a special place and I think I may have come up with an answer.

We don't really do rules at Stuart Park, we promote good decision making. We don't tell people how to behave, we promote respect. We recognise that we all learn by making mistakes so we don't hover too much over the children, they get to make decisions and learn along the way. We believe in strong relationships and helping every child and adult who has a part to play in our school feel a real belonging. We build relationships that get us through the tough times. We like to have fun and we don't need to be told how to do this. Children make their own games and we let them do it without offering advice or making the environment fool proof.

Your child is in a good place at Stuart Park, and so are you. Welcome to a new school year.

Wet Weather



We have had a little rain lately and I'm sure this will continue over the coming month. It does create a few issues at drop off and pick up times and I am asking for your co-operation so we can keep these times safe for all.

If there is a storm at home time that we feel is dangerous for children, teachers will keep their class indoors until the danger passes. This may cause issues with parking but please rest assured that your child is safe and we just need to be patient and take things slowly on these days. If you can't make it to get your child because of the storm, call us and let us know so that we can let your child know. We also will hold off allowing students riding their bikes in heavy rain. This way, we all stay safe.

Drop Off and Pick Up

If your child is in a younger class you will probably want to park and walk them in. Parking can be tricky so please consider others when you park your car. If you don't need to walk in with your child, then the drive through off Nudl Street is a safe drop off point. Pull up, say goodbye then drive off.

In the afternoon, if you are just picking up, ask your child to wait outside the canteen and then don't come until after 2:45pm. They will be with friends and they have a good time. The buses have gone from the drive through by 2:45pm and so it all gets so much easier.

We don't have the best facilities for the traffic but we can make this work.



What to do if your child will be absent

Please call or email the school office if your child will be late or absent from school or preschool (89977333). We follow up all absences so your call certainly saves us a lot of time.

Parent Contributions

We ask families to make a contribution of \$150 per primary school child each year and \$60 per term in preschool. This goes towards supplying your child with all the stationery they need; ensuring there are sufficient teaching and learning resources; providing opportunities for excursions; improving the school facilities such as the playground. While the contribution is voluntary, we do hope that families will see the great benefit to the school when families decide to support us.

NT Government Back to School Vouchers

We have a Northern Territory Government Back to School Voucher for each child here at the office. Parents and carers can use this \$150 towards uniforms, camps and music instruction and it must be used in the first term.

Schoolstream App

Currently the Education Department is reviewing cloud based school apps. If you have downloaded Schoolstream be aware that we have been asked to place this on hold whilst the department review these apps used across all NT schools.

Professional Development Days

This year the school is going to continue our Professional Development focus on Literacy and begin a new focus on Mathematics. We are lucky to have two expert presenters coming to our school to work with our staff.



These days are as follows; **Monday February 18th and Friday March 1st**. To enable teachers to focus wholly on these days we have applied for and been given approval for Pupil Free days.

On these days we will provide Child Care at our Outside School Hours care facility. We generally cap the numbers to 75 so would encourage you to register as soon as possible. There is a cost of \$25 per day which must be paid at the school office (as it is not a part of the Outside School Hours service). The cost does not include recess or lunch, you must supply your own food. You may book in and pay for both dates at the same time. All care must be paid for on the day before the Pupil Free day. Please ring the

school office on 89977333 to make a booking.

Open Morning - February 14th

On Thursday February 14th (Valentines day) classes will throw open their doors to welcome you to come and visit the classrooms. This will give you an opportunity to see your child's classroom in action and meet the teacher. This is not a time for interviews, just and meet and greet so you know who we all are. Classrooms will be open for the first hour of the day (8:10 – 9:10).



Cyclone Shelters

As we move through the Cyclone Season, don't forget to check what you need to do should a cyclone affect our area. You will need a plan for you and your family and this will involve deciding where to shelter. There is good information at www.pfes.nt.gov.au/Emergency-Service/Public-safety-advice/Cyclones.aspx



Darwin Languages Centre

After Hours Language Programs

For school aged students
Transition to Year 12

French, German, Indonesian, Italian,
Greek, Japanese, Mandarin, Spanish,
Tagalog, Korean, Timorese-Portuguese
Mon-Wed 4pm-6pm, Sat 10am-12:30pm
Fees: \$100 per term per student
Sports and cultural vouchers accepted
Bus pickup service from some schools
W: <https://ntschoools-dedlcl.libguides.com/dlc>

Phone 8997 7000 for information



NOW ONLINE



Children living in an urban area are eligible to receive two \$100 sport vouchers each year. One in January and one in July, for sport, recreation and cultural activities. Redeeming your child's voucher is now even easier with a new online application form.

Vouchers will not be issued through schools.

Parents or carers need to apply for vouchers online each semester.

TO APPLY FOR YOUR VOUCHER

1. Visit sportvoucher.nt.gov.au/apply
2. Click apply online
3. Follow the prompts to complete the form



If your child's details are in the system, your voucher will be available to print or save immediately. If your child's details are not found in the system, a voucher will be sent to your nominated email address within 7 days.

Further information is available by calling 1800 817 860 or email sport.voucher@nt.gov.au

www.sportvoucher.nt.gov.au





Assemblies this Friday

This Friday the Upper Primary Assembly (Years 3-6) will be presented in the Dragonfly Room. The Early Childhood Assembly (Transition to Year 2) will be in the Assembly Area. This week, the teachers will be hosting the EC assembly. All are welcome. Both assemblies begin at 8:30am.

CALENDAR

DATE	DAY	EVENT
1 st Feb	Friday	EC and UP assemblies
8 th Feb	Friday	All school assembly
14 th Feb	Thursday	Open Morning for all Transition – Year 6 classes 8:10 – 9:10
15 th Feb	Friday	School Captain elections
18 th Feb	Monday	Teacher Professional Development Day – school closed Child Care available
21 st Feb	Thursday	Meet the Teacher Open Morning
1 st March	Friday	Teacher Professional Development Day Child Care available
18 th March	Monday	School Council meeting
21 st March	Thursday	Harmony Day
9 th April	Tuesday	Parent Teacher Meetings
12 th April	Friday	Last day of Term 1
15 th -22 nd April	Monday-Monday	Mid Semester break
19 th -22 nd April	Friday – Monday	Easter
23 rd April	Tuesday	First day of Term 2

The following advertisements are not necessarily endorsed by the school.

OTTWAYS TAE KWON DO AND SELF DEFENCE

Classes are held at Stuart Park Primary School on the following nights

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All ages Tuesday 6.30 to 8 pm

All ages Thursday 6.30 to 8 pm

Come and enjoy martial arts with a qualified instructor for self-defence, fitness and fun. Contact Peter on 0427991394. Come and Try. First two lessons free.



DARWIN TOUCH FOOTBALL

GIVE TOUCH FOOTY A TRY!
Junior Competition Commences February

Date:
18 February 2019

Location:
Darwin Turf Club

Time:
5:30pm Coaching
6:00pm Games

Register a team or individual:
www.darwintouch.com.au
or email george.edols@touchfootball.com.au

NRL TOUCH FOOTBALL NT Get fit, have fun and make friends!
ONLY \$70 FOR THE SEASON

ANSETT BASKETBALL CLUB

GIRLS WANTED!

Our club is looking for U10 and U12 girls this season.

Age groups are now based on your year of birth.

U10s - Born 2011/2010
U12s - Born 2009/2008

Training - Darwin Basketball Association (DBA) Marrara.
U10s - Mondays 5-6pm
U12s - Wed 4:45-5:45pm

All games are played Saturdays at DBA.

CONTACT US

ansett.basketball@hotmail.com

<https://www.facebook.com/ansettdarwin/>

Registrations online via DBA website

Season runs October 2018 to April 2019

Click below to order uniforms

SPORTS AGENCIES

SOUTH DARWIN RUGBY UNION CLUB

JUNIOR SIGNON

FEB 5TH 4.30PM TO 6.00PM

NEW PLAYERS WELCOME

St John's Catholic College, 10-54 Salonika Street, The Gardens NT 0820

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Squash & Racquetball

Ages: 5– 9

When: Term 1 starting Saturday 2nd of February

Time: 9.30am– 10.15am

Cost: \$10

- ✓ Fun games,
- ✓ Hand and eye coordination activities, and
- ✓ Promoting social skills with other kids around the same age group



FREE SESSION

This voucher entitles you to 1 free trial session.

For more info, email info@squashnt.com.au or call 89457362



Phone: 89457362

Email: info@squashnt.com.au

Address: 6 Marrara Drive, Marrara NT 0810



Junior Squash & Racquetball

Term 1 starting Saturday 2nd of February

Every Saturday 10am– 12pm (SQUASH)

Every Wednesday 5pm– 6pm (RACQUETBALL)

Ages 9 and above

\$15 per session

- ✓ Energising learning environment
- ✓ Develop hand-eye coordination
- ✓ Sun safe and play in any weather
- ✓ Meet and make new friends

Come and give it a GO!



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**TOP END
MOTOCROSS
CLUB**

**2019
Sign up/Fun Day**

*Single \$150/Family \$170. Non Competitive Pee Wees \$50.
NT Sports Vouchers Accepted!*

**New memberships & renewals welcomed
Free BBQ, Raffle & Prizes
Pony Express event over NT and MX track**

Sunday 24 Feb
Jnrs ride 9.30 - 11.30, Snr 12pm - 2pm
Sign on times from 8am - 12pm
Campbell Park MX Complex

**MA recreational day licenses
available
for non-licensed riders.**



FREE Community Sport Skills Program.

Triathlon NT, International Performance Systems (IPS) and the Northern Territory Institute of Sport (NTIS) deliver a FREE Community Sport Skills Program starting on the 29th of January 2019.

This program is based upon the Australian Sports Commission's Physical Literacy Framework, it is the only program of this type running in the Northern Territory.

The FREE Community Sports Skills program is split into two streams, the MOV3 Program and the Academy Program.

What is the MOV3 Program?

This program is designed to help families become physically active, through learning important Fundamental Movement Skills in a friendly fun family environment.

Age group:

- Older than 4 years old for junior sessions
- Older than 10 years for senior sessions
- Junior session attendees must have an accompanying adult.

Sessions: The MOV3 program will include the following sessions.

- Running Drills and Skills
- Swimming Skills Program
- Super Saturday Bike Skills

For more information on the sessions, please visit the Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/Mov3-Program/> or contact Tim Ellison for more information: 0437 602 346.




Reminder – Safety House Program now Closed

Neighbourhood Watch NT would like to remind you that the Safety House program is no longer operational in the Northern Territory.

With the start of the new school year upon us it's a great time to discuss getting to and from school safely with your children. There are a few simple steps that go a long way to helping our children stay safe:

- Make sure your children know their address and has your contact details with them
- Work with your children to plan out the safest route to school and talk about the importance of sticking to the route
- Identify, with your children, safe places they could go to if they feel unsafe on their way to or from school
- Remember to tell your children who will be picking them up, where from and instructions of what to do if that person doesn't arrive

You can find more handy tips and fun ways to engage your children in mapping out the safest route to school on our website www.nhwnt.org.au