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Term 1 Week 8

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## MAYILEMA

*Speargrass, goose egg and knockem' down season*

*"The flowering of Mayilema (speargrass) signifies the start of Biyinba (goose egg) collection on the floodplains. As the speargrass heads turn brown, the eggs hatch, marking the end of goose egg season. Knockem' down storms knock the speargrass over and mark the end of the Wet Season.*

*Flatback Turtle are laying eggs. On the Easter full moon turtle eggs are collected. Only a few eggs are taken from each nest.*

*After the late rains we await the first signs of Birridibirripba (dragonflies) who announce the Dry Season is here.*

*Damibila (Barramundi) move downstream from the floodplains to the sea water. Salmon are plentiful and are caught at the mouth of estuaries. Many saltwater fish have roe and Red Claw yabbies are plentiful.*

*From Gulumoerrgin Seasons - <http://www.larrakia.csiro.au>*

## From the Principal...

### Reading with your Children

Sometimes your child will bring home a book that seems easy for them or they have had it before. Often this is a very deliberate action to help develop fluency in reading. Fluency is important on many levels.

Fluency gives the child the opportunity to develop expression in reading the text, conveying the understanding of the words. With fluency, the child is not reading individual words but the whole sentence. When a child is struggling and reading each word at a time by sounding it out or using picture clues to help decode the word, the meaning around that word is often lost.



A child who can read with fluency has a better understanding of the text he/she is reading. Developing comprehension skills at an early level is important. These skills need not be limited to answering literal questions (those where the answer is right there in the text) but looking in the text for clues to answer questions and applying their own knowledge of the world to relate to the text. A student who is reading confidently and fluently is more able to develop these necessary comprehension skills that help to make sense of the text.

One of the most important benefits of a fluent reader is the reader is confident in their reading and enjoys reading. It is essential for the reluctant reader to experience success and enjoyment in their reading.

So, if you do receive a reading book you consider too easy or one that has been read before, don't worry, these books play an important role in the development of a well-rounded reader.

### Devices at School

We recognise that there are cases where parents are keen for their child to have a phone before or after school so they can be contacted. Apart from this, there is no need for a device at school. This includes all technology such as ipads and other tablets, some watches and game consoles.

The purpose of this approach is to promote physical activity and social interaction. If your child needs to have a phone at school they must drop it at the office when they arrive in the morning and pick it up again in the afternoon. They may not keep it during the day.



## Cash for Cans

Please send in your containers that are marked with the 10c Refund in the NT label.

Please make sure the containers:

- state that there is a 10c refund in the Territory
- are clean
- have no lid
- are not crushed

Students bring them to school and drop them into a box in their classroom and we then take them to our bins and eventually to the recycling centre.



## Preschool Easter Raffle



Easter is fast approaching which means we need to get cracking with our Easter Raffle.

This year we are raising funds to purchase new outdoor climbing and balancing equipment for gross motor play.

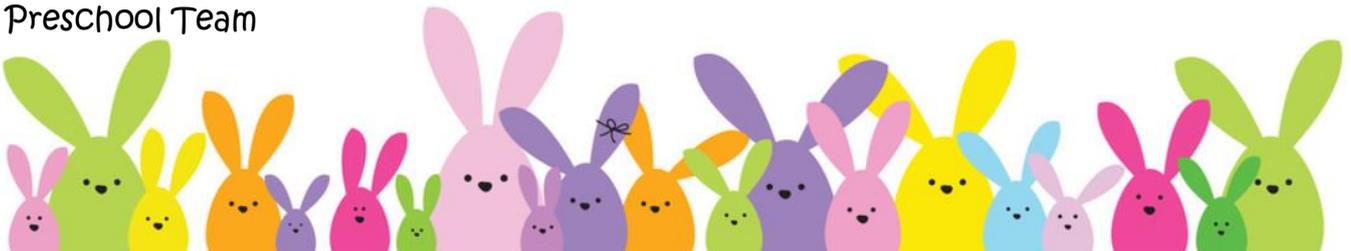
You can support the raffle in 2 ways:

- by donating Easter goods (eggs, tableware, small gifts) to make up the Easter baskets,
- and by purchasing a ticket or 6.

Raffle ticket books went home last week and all donations can be left at the office or brought into the Preschool. Extra tickets available in the Office. The raffle will be drawn on **THURSDAY** the **11<sup>th</sup>** of **April**.

Thanks for your support!

Preschool Team



## Vacation Care

We will have Vacation Care available at school during the coming one week break. It will be from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April to Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April. (Friday is Good Friday). We will call for enrolments soon.



## Marathon for Kids

Many children have signed up to do the Marathon for Kids challenge. This is our second year at this and much of the running will happen here at school in Term two. Children will run 41 kilometres, at school, home, and in the playground and will complete their final leg of the Marathon at either the 2019 ConocoPhillips NT City2Surf on 2<sup>nd</sup> June or at our school.

**NOTE TO PARENTS:** Registration for your child for the 1.195km at the NT City2Surf is organised through the school. Independent entries for other family members can be processed online at [www.ntcity2surf.com.au](http://www.ntcity2surf.com.au) where you will also find all race day information.

We hope to see both you and your child on race day, June 2nd, ready to run, walk, jump or hop your way through the various distances!



## Sporting Schools Future Direction Survey

Our school has recently won a HART Sport Voucher for \$1000 in an Australia wide competition. The letter of congratulations to our PE/Sports Teacher, Mrs Ahna Hawkett states;

“...we think it is fantastic what you are doing to get more children more active and incorporating sport and physical activity into your school’s daily routine.”

“Sport Australia would also like to share your innovative initiatives to help other schools and students around the country.”

It was also commented that “...your school’s physical activity initiatives were worth recognising for their creativity and innovation.”

Well done to Mrs Hawkett, the school leaders who help her out each day and to everyone who takes part.

## Harmony Day Assembly



Harmony Day is a special time to celebrate Australian multiculturalism, and the successful integration of migrants into our community. As a school it is important to highlight the importance of being inclusive, respectful and sharing a sense of belonging, regardless of our cultural or linguistic background.

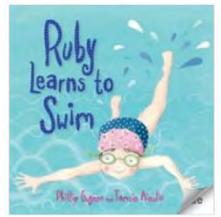
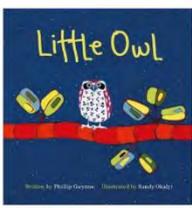
Orange is the colour chosen to represent Harmony Week. Traditionally, orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to the freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect.

Next **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**, Stuart Park will celebrate Harmony Day with a special whole school assembly starting at 8:30am in the assembly area. See below for the many amazing items we have to showcase, we hope to see you at our assembly!

**HARMONY DAY ASSEMBLY 2019**

- **Opening Address**
  - Principal, Mr. Bernie Bree
- **National Anthem**
  - Mr Marshall and The Choir
- **Welcome to Country**
  - Richard Fejo - Larrakia Nation
- **Junior and Senior Choir**
  - Can you feel the love tonight
- **The Greek Dancers**
  - Stuart Park dancers performing 'The Syrtaki'
- **Indonesian Song and Dance**
  - Performed by Year 5 Kenny
  - Conducted by Pak Sahar
- **Haápi Family - Fijian Performance**
  - Performed by William, Donna, Sawana, Mahu and Kava Hatch
- **New Zealand Haka and Poi Dancers**
  - Performed by Stuart Park Students
  - Choreographed by Ms Sharon Wade and Ms Tara
- **Chinese Lion Dancers**
  - Performed by Stuart Park Students and Chung Wah Society
- **Closing Address**
  - Principal, Mr. Bernie Bree





## Author Phillip Gwynne came to visit SPPS and inspire us!

This week we have been lucky enough to meet a visiting author, Phillip Gwynne. He is a multi-award winning novelist and scriptwriter. Phillip is very passionate about working with kids to nurture and develop their reading and writing skills. His writing workshop was funny, moving and inspirational. Phillip Gwynne spoke about how:

- Writing is a powerful way to spread messages.
- To come up with good ideas for your writing, use things that happen in your life, such as places you've visited and things you've done with your family or friends. This is because good writers write about what they know.
- When you write you don't have to look far. Every day we walk past ideas. The ideas are out there!
- Good writers embrace feedback.
- The best stories are the ones where the characters grow, change, and learn an important lesson.
- Good writing is authentic!



### Reflections from some students who attended Phillip's sessions:

**Abigail, 6 Berger:** 'I like how Phillip Gwynne talked about how anyone can be a writer. It doesn't matter who you are.'

**Isla, 3 Gorman:** 'When you write a book, it's always a good idea to relate it to something that's happened to you. Books can teach you how to do something new that you don't already know how to do, like Phillip Gwynne's book 'Ruby Learns to Swim'. We wrote a book together called 'Elouise Learns to Ride'.'

**Annabelle, 6 Dunne:** 'The whole workshop was really fun and interesting. I liked how he said you could be whatever you want to be and not to let people judge you. I also liked how his books were inspired by his life and his family.'



**Mackenzie 6 Gabrielle:** "Phillip Gwynne is very interesting to listen to."

**Grayson 3 Puetz :** 'He inspired me to use more rhyme and interesting things in my writing.'

**Prajwal 3 Bateman:** "I liked the way he told us he uses events in his life as ideas to write his stories."

**6 Watt class reflection:** 'He uses people he finds interesting to inspire his stories and that you find ideas by looking around you.'

## Party Animals

By Rufus -Year 2 Slidders

On Tuesday my class went to the Party Animals. There were six animals.

Homer was a snake that was small. He lived in the desert.

Ziggy was a cockatoo. Ziggy was from New South Wales.

Ziggy was one of the biggest cockatoos.

Custard was a BIG SNAKE! He was also really heavy. He lived in the desert too.

It was fun because I got to hold a snake and feed the bird.



## Party Animals

By Jada -Year 2 Slidders



Hello! I'm Jada and I am going to tell you about my Party Animals incursion.

Ziggy is a cockatoo, he likes rock music and can dance! Also Kermy the parrot is really, really loud and Kermy's inside wings are rainbow.

Homer is a children's python and can tie people's hands. Custard the snake is really heavy and has yellow stripes.

Frankie the frilled neck lizard and has little bones around its frill. His skin is spiky.

Wilma the snake has pretty patterns on her tummy. She is a desert snake. I felt happy about meeting the animals because they were cute.

## CALENDAR

<i>DATE</i>	<i>DAY</i>	<i>EVENT</i>
21 <sup>st</sup> March	Thursday	Harmony Day
22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Friday	Harmony Day Assembly
9 <sup>th</sup> April	Tuesday	Parent Teacher Meetings
12 <sup>th</sup> April	Friday	Last day of Term 1
15 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Monday-Monday	Mid Semester break
19 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Friday – Monday	Easter
23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Tuesday	First day of Term 2
24 <sup>th</sup> April	Wednesday	ANZAC Day assembly
25 <sup>th</sup> April	Thursday	ANZAC Day



**Arafura GAMES**  
DARWIN 2019

**26 APRIL – 4 MAY 2019**

*International multisport event celebrating the uniqueness of the Northern Territory.*

**GET INVOLVED  
VOLUNTEER NOW**

A variety of roles require your support:

- Arrivals / Departures
- Transport
- Accreditation
- Opening and Closing
- Signage
- Venue Operations
- Sports Medicine
- Medal Ceremonies
- Logistics
- Sport
- Information
- Media / Comms

*Your community,  
your games!*

Register and find out more at:  
[www.arafuragames.nt.gov.au/volunteers](http://www.arafuragames.nt.gov.au/volunteers)  
Email enquiries to: [AGVolunteers@nt.gov.au](mailto:AGVolunteers@nt.gov.au)




  
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**EASTER TRAIN EGG HUNT**

AT THE  
George Brown Darwin  
Botanical Gardens  
(enter off Gardens Rd)  
17th - 22nd  
April



Book online at  
**[tes.com.au/train](http://tes.com.au/train)**

Join in the school holiday fun at the George Brown Darwin Botanical Gardens this Easter holidays.

**EASTER TRAIN EGG HUNTS**

For kids aged 4-12yo  
Duration approx 25mins.  
All children will receive an egg hunters prize pack.

**TRAIN RIDES**

For all ages  
Duration approx 15mins.  
Enjoy a leisurely train ride around the Gardens.

For more info visit  
[tes.com.au/train](http://tes.com.au/train)  
or call 8980 8222

**TOTAL EVENT SERVICES**



Football Northern Territory Presents  
**SCHOOL HOLIDAY Clinic**

Age 4-11yrs (miniros)

8.30-11.30am

April  
MONDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> - THURSDAY 18<sup>TH</sup>

Darwin Football Stadium

COST \$150

Come and have some football fun this holidays

Register now:  
[HTTP://BIT.LY/FNTHOLIDAY](http://bit.ly/fntholiday)





  
ACCEPTED HERE

**Interested in playing Netball this season?  
Tracy Village Falcons are looking for players for their Under 13s side.**

**Please email:  
[tvfalconsnetball@gmail.com](mailto:tvfalconsnetball@gmail.com)**



## THE DARWIN CRICKET CLUB



Wants you for u9's & u11's Cricket

Training each Wednesday afternoon at Kahlin Oval commencing on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 4.30 to 6.00pm.

Games/season commence on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

Come and join the best family club in the Territory!

Sports vouchers welcome. \$180 includes fees, registration, game polo top and floppy hat (runs for 16 weeks).

Call Rob Hall on 0428 131 222.

**JUNIOR CRICKET 1**  
AGES UNDER 11 | 2 HOURS

- Short, action-packed games played in under two hours
- With smaller team sizes, there are more opportunities for everyone to bat, bowl and field
- Play on a shorter pitch for more consistent ball delivery and skill development
- Have fun in a welcoming and inclusive environment
- All girls junior cricket leagues available

	PLAYERS	7
	PITCH	16M
	OVERS	20
	BOUNDARY	40M

For kids aged 5-7 they can also join the **Darwin Cricket Club** for Junior Blasters (\$100 incl kit) – you will need to put in postcode 0820 and select Darwin Cricket Club

<https://playcricket.com.au/junior/cricketblast-juniorblasters>

For kids aged 7-10 they can also join the **Darwin Cricket Club** for Masters Blasters (\$100 incl kit) – you will need to put in postcode 0820 and select Darwin Cricket Club

<https://playcricket.com.au/junior/cricketblast-masterblasters>

If you are a Mum or Dad cricket enthusiast, that would like to help Coach the U9s and U11s, we need you too!