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BALNBA – RAINY SEASON

Balnba is the season of the first rains. Electrical storms are common. Green tree frogs bring the rain and people say “Balnba guligi bigarrk”, big rain coming.

Favourite shellfish are collected now from the mangrove forest including periwinkles and mangrove worm. Mud mussels and long bums are collected on the mud flats as they become exposed by rain.

The start of the Wet Season brings on fruiting of Black Plum. Later in the season we collect Cherry Plum (Green Plum) and Milky Plum.

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

From the Principal...

Phones at School

Four Corners on ABC this week highlighted some literacy issues in Australian schools, especially at Year 9 level, and made a link with phones in schools. Local media has since been asking the question about whether phones should be banned in NT schools. At this time our Minister has left this decision with individual schools as each school may have different situations to take into account. Here is our school approach that is supported by our School Council.

As a school community, we have been discussing the place of technology in our lives. We recognise that there are times when 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 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.

We have found that this approach works quite well. There are no distractions during the school day due the sound of an incoming message that just has to be attended to and children have all the access to technology that they require. During non-class time we want our students to interact and be active...and that's what they do.



Mosquitoes

I think we are all aware that the mosquitoes are out in force. Please cover your child with some repellent before they come to school. We know that shady places can be full of mozzies at this time so we are helping children to avoid these areas.



Beat Foundation

Last night at Government House, Abigail Tonkin and Alexandra Merrifield were presented with the Primary School Beat Foundation Award. This is as a result of years of hard work and effort and we congratulate them both on their achievement.

They have decided to use their award to further their music studies by spending it on sheet music and better equipment. We wish them all the best in the future and congratulate them on such a terrific recognition. They were the only Northern Territory primary students to receive the award.

VACATION CARE

We will be offering a Vacation Care Program over the coming Christmas break. It will run for the first week of the holidays from Monday, 16th December to Friday 20th December. There will then be a two week break when care will not be available. (Monday, 23rd December to Friday 3rd January). Vacation Care will start again on Monday 6th January and go through until Friday 24th January. School starts on Tuesday, 28th January. Please contact spps.oshc@ntschoos.net for enrolment forms.

Friday, 13 th Dec	First day of holidays. Care available 8:00am-2:30pm then usual after school care 2:30pm – 5:30pm
Mon 16 th Dec to Fri 20 th Dec	Vacation Care Program
Monday 23 rd Dec – Friday 3 rd Jan	No Vacation Care Program
Monday 6 th Jan – Friday 24 th Jan	Vacation Care Program
Tuesday, 28 th January	First day of school

Please don't Double Park or Drop Off in our car parks

Parking behind people and leaving your car while you drop off or pick up is causing quite a bit of tension and can be easily avoided. Please only park in designated spaces.



Oral Health Services Dental Visits

The on-site dental service at Stuart Park Primary School will be available from 25th to 27th November and the 4th to the 6th of December for dental examinations and treatment.

To arrange an appointment please call Oral Health Services on 8922 6466. All children attending dental appointments will be required to be accompanied by a parent or carer. A reminder, parents can always access Oral Health Services appointments for their children at conveniently located NT Government dental clinic by calling 8922 6466. For further information visit the Oral Health Services website: www.health.nt.gov.au/oral_health



**Donations Needed
for the
School Hamper
Raffle Fundraiser**

NON PERISHABLE FOOD, NEW TOYS, NEW
GIFTS, CHRISTMAS FAVOURS, BON BONS,
CHRISTMAS CRACKERS, NEW CHRISTMAS
DECORATIONS, GIFT CERTIFICATES, GIFT
VOUCHERS, GIFT CARDS ETC

*Donations can be left in the collection boxes at the office,
early childhood or the preschool*

***Please note – the Christmas Raffle is being held to raise money for resources for Stuart Park Primary School. This is different from the Christmas Appeal, which is collecting gifts for Vinnies hampers.**

Thank you again for your ongoing support.

Christmas Raffle

Thank you to all of you who have already donated to or bought tickets in our Stuart Park Christmas Raffle. We are still accepting donations. Baskets for these are located in the office and in Early Childhood. If you did not receive tickets they are available to purchase in the office.

One of our many lovely prizes is this homemade gingerbread house, so make sure to get your tickets in for a chance to win it!



IS YOUR CHILD INTERESTED IN LEARNING A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT?

Enrolment applications are now open for all students interested in the NT Music School's Instrumental and Choral Program for 2020.

Instrumental tuition may be offered to students from Year 4 upwards on flute, clarinet, saxophone, guitar, trumpet, trombone and percussion. The Choral Program is by audition. Please visit www.ntms.net.au for further details or to enrol your child.

Applications for 2020 close Friday 6th December 2019.

Should you require further assistance phone NT Music School 8963 5550.



Australian Mathematic Competition

Earlier this year, a number of students in our enrichment maths classes from years 4, 5 and 6 entered the Australian Mathematic Competition (AMC). The AMC is a competition that tests the student's ability to problem solve with many of the problems set in situations familiar to students and show the relevance of mathematics in their everyday lives. The problems are also designed to generate discussion and can be used by teachers and students as a springboard for investigation.

As a school we did particularly well, in fact we came fourth overall behind 3 middle schools from the Darwin region.

Last Wednesday, three of our top scoring students were invited to attend a special ceremony at Charles Darwin University where they participated in a maths workshop and received a special certificate. Well done to Victor Kong, Chloe Warthold and Ada Whiteside on their amazing efforts!



The Great Air Race - 100 Years ago!

One hundred years ago, pilots Keith and Ross Smith, together with their mechanics James Bennet and Walter Shiers, won the Great Air Race (From London to Darwin) in just 28 days. This was to have a huge impact on aviation throughout the world and Darwin as a town.

To honour their achievement, students of Darwin are going to attempt their own world record. We will be launching paper planes together with other schools at the same time on Friday November 29th. All locations will launch their planes at exactly the same time. We hope to create a new Guinness World Record. More information will be shared as it comes closer to the date.





Stuart Park Christmas Appeal

This year the Student Representatives at Stuart Park Primary School are asking that we support the ABC Radio Darwin and Vinnies NT Christmas Appeal through their school gift tag initiative. Your child's teacher will have the gift tags in class. You can support this appeal by donating an appropriate gift for a child between the ages of 2-17 years of age. Your child can bring the gift to class or the office where they can attach their gift tag and leave a small message for the recipient. **Please don't wrap gifts.** All gifts must be delivered to the school **before Thursday November 28.** The gifts will be placed in hampers and delivered to families across the Top End.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity.
Mr Marshall and the Student Representative Council

Gift ideas for 2-17 years of age:

- Dolls, baby dolls, prams & cradles
 - Art and craft sets
 - Board games & jigsaws
 - Footballs, basketballs or soccer balls
 - Tennis & cricket sets
 - Jewellery and hair accessories
 - Back to school kits incl. stationery
 - Lego kits (for both boys & girls)
 - Movie tickets
 - Gift vouchers & gift cards
 - Toy cars, planes, trains
 - Construction sets
 - Makeup kits
 - Books, CDs, DVDs
- (Please leave gifts unwrapped)

Gift Tags available in your child's class or in the office.

Giving Tree

Thank you for bringing joy to a child this Christmas.

Gender _____

Age _____

ABC Radio | Vinnies
Christmas Appeal

GIFT TAG APPEAL

You can help bring joy to a child at Christmas time.

- Take the tag home.
- Buy a gift with mum or dad.
- Bring the gift back to school and leave with your teacher.

All gifts will be given to the St Vincent de Paul's conferences where they will be placed into food hampers and delivered to families in time for Christmas.

Other ways you can help

Food assistance
You can donate non-perishable food items. These items can be dropped to ABC Radio Darwin and Alice Springs or any of our Vinnies stores.

Financial help
Help us raise much needed funds. Donate online today.

Donate to the Vinnies Christmas Appeal.
Call 8948 8100
or visit donate.vinnies.org.au/abcradiocrismasappeal

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CALENDAR

DATE	DAY	EVENT
21 st November	Thursday	Preschool 2020 Info Session
28 th November	Thursday	Transition 2020 Info Session
2 nd December	Monday	Year 6 Graduation
10 th December	Tuesday	Presentation Assembly Reports home
12 th December	Thursday	Last day of school year
20 th – 24 th Jan	Mon-Fri	School office open
28 th January, 2020	Tuesday	First day of 2020 school year
10 th April	Friday	Good Friday
13 th -17 th April	Mon-Fri	Mid Semester break

The following advertisements are not necessarily endorsed by the school.

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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 School of Ballet 



Bridget Merrison

a night of classical, national and contemporary dance

6 30pm Sat 23rd Nov

Darwin Entertainment Centre







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