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Term 1 Week 5

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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 Gwilirrimba (Sand Palm) to make Denela (string-bags) and Malarramamba (Pandanus mats).

From the Principal...

Besides teaching the content of the curriculum areas, teachers are always working to teach students the skills they need to be successful life-long learners. One essential requirement is resilience; some refer to it as 'grit'. An interesting word sometimes used for this is **"bouncebackability"** – the ability to bounce back and try again when things don't work out.

Resilience is a powerful predictor of success in everything from maths to music to sport. It is those who take risks, who keep going even when they mess up from time to time, who ultimately reach their potential.

We often hear students (and adults) use lines such as, "I just don't have the brain for numbers" as a way to explain away their performance in maths. If they believe this then what is the point of persevering? They will never be good at maths anyway. If we think of the brain as we think of a muscle, something we can develop and grow, then we approach problems and tasks differently. By striving we can make our brain grow. Errors are how we learn to stretch our knowledge.

Students who fear failure decide to avoid situations where they may not shine and so they narrow the challenges they are willing to take on. Children who thrive on the challenge grow their abilities with every opportunity that presents itself.

Students who recognise their potential for growth do not regard failure as a reason to give up, but as evidence that they are progressing. They recognise that they will learn faster if they are being stretched and, that if they are being stretched, they will mess up from time to time. The crucial thing is to get up again. Why? Because they see a connection between striving and ultimately succeeding. And the neuroscientists suggests they are right.



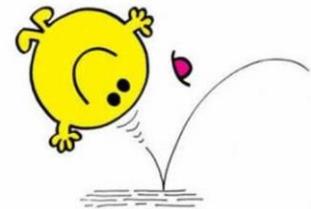
There are many stories of successful people who thrived on failure. I like the one from Michael Jordan, the basketball legend who tells us that he missed more than 9000 shots during his career, lost 300 games and on 26 occasions was trusted to make the game-winning shot, but missed. "I've failed over and over and over again in my life," he has said. "And that is why I succeed."

But perhaps one of the greatest quotes comes from one of our greatest leaders. "Do not judge me by my success, judge me by how many times I fell down and got back up again." *Nelson Mandela*

Bouncebackability

1. The ability to 'bounce back' usually implying a fighting spirit.

2. The ability to come from a losing position and win.



Pupil Free Day – Friday, 6th March

This will be a Professional Development Day for all teachers from Preschool to Year 6. We will once again host Lisa Keskinen who is a specialist in the teaching of Writing. The school (primary and preschool) will be closed for the day so students will not attend. For primary school children we will have care available with our after school care service on the day. If your child usually goes to after school care then they can stay on after 2:30pm until you pick them up at the regular time.



Pupil Free Day

If you wish to book your child into care for the day, please call the school (89977333) or email (Stuartpark.school@ntschoools.net). We ask for \$25 for the day and this is not covered by the Child Care Benefit so will need to be paid direct to the school.

School Council Annual General Meeting

Please note that the School Council Annual General Meeting will be held on **Monday, March 2nd at 6pm in the school library.** We will:

- Hear reports from the 2019 school year,
- Elect three new Council members (elected for 2 year terms),
- Discuss any general business. Send items to the school for inclusion on the agenda.



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Contact the school if you would like further information and we can put you in contact with a current Council member or someone from the school to explain any queries you may have.

Shade Structures

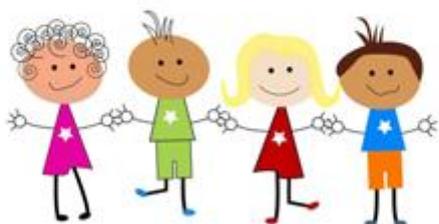
Thank you to all for your patience as we have the shade structure built at the pick-up/drop off area. It is very close to completion with guttering going on today and the fencing about to be removed. It is quite a change already and I think both staff and students are grateful to be out of the afternoon sun. Hopefully it will soon get the rain test.

The preschool shade is also almost complete and the fence should be down this week and children will be on the play equipment in the shade.

Weather permitting, the footings should go in for the Upper Primary shade structure near the transportables perhaps as early as this week.

Parent Guide to Student Wellbeing at SPPS

Student Wellbeing Policy



This booklet will be sent home with your child in the next day or so. All classes have been going through these aspects of how we work and learn together and I have highlighted some of them in the newsletters and I will continue to do so. We believe that if we get this right we will have a positive and happy place to be and learn.

You can also find the booklet on our website at: <http://stuartparkprimary.nt.edu.au/> - (Use Chrome). It is under Teaching and Learning - Student Wellbeing

Our New House Leaders!

This year we saw a large number of candidates in Year 5 and 6 who ran for House Leader. After assembly last week, the candidates presented their speeches to their house teams. Then students in Years 4, 5 and 6 voted for 1 Boy and 1 Girl from each team. I am pleased to announce the House Leaders for 2019 are:

Moonta – San Maher and Tilly Wilton; **Sirius** – Eli Lewis and Mia Trobbiani; **Beagle** – Victor Kong and Shona Good; **Alligator** – Darcy O’Leary and Mattea Punch.



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Lisa K Effective Reading Session for parents

Since 2018, Lisa K has worked with our teachers on strategies to improve reading and writing across our school. Over time we have seen improvement and greater student engagement as a result of adopting her teaching strategies. Lisa K will once again work with our teacher this term and will also conduct a parent information session.

This session will be informative and engaging and I hope to see you there. Please notify the front office if you are attending.



Lisa Keskinen

Presents a parent information evening

Effective Reading - How Can I Help My Child At Home?

Date Tuesday 10th March 5:30pm – 6:30pm

Stuart Park Library

(child minding provided for school aged children)

Lisa Keskinen is an experienced teacher, education consultant and motivating speaker. She works extensively with schools, developing and improving literacy teaching and learning practices. She is well known for her engaging stories and presentations. Lisa is inspired by the strengths, creativity and potential of students and teachers everywhere.

This information evening looks at:

- * How do we teach reading? The reading workshop.
- * How to assist your child's literacy development.
- * Creating a 'literacy-rich' home environment.
- * How to grow your child's reading and writing vocabulary.
- * Some tips for reading and discussing texts at home – building knowledge and comprehension.
- * The power and pleasure of literacy.

Gain powerful insight into how you can make a real difference at home. Come along, be informed and inspired. All welcome.

"Wow! I understand so much more about how to support my children's reading. Thanks Lisa, you presented such great information, you showed us examples and it was great to have a laugh too."



Lisa K Connections



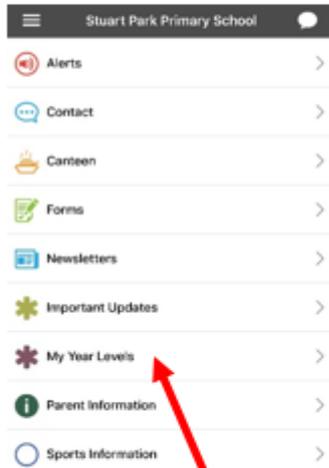
School Stream Tip



Are you getting too many notifications?
Do you want to remove certain grades on School Stream?
Just follow the following steps.

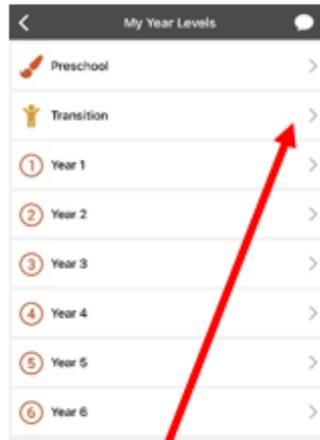


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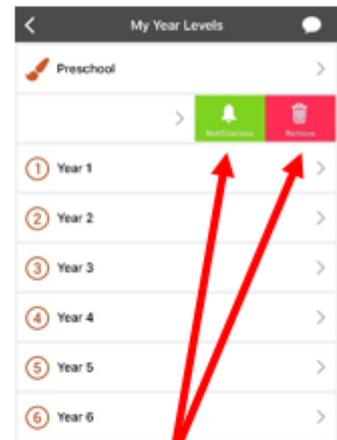
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Step 2



Swipe left ←

Step 3



Select notification
or remove

Sports Vouchers are now available online

Apply for your child's Sports Voucher online at:
www.sportvoucher.nt.gov.au The Sport Voucher Scheme is available to every school-enrolled child from preschool to year 12 and home-schooled children. 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. Parents or carers need to apply for vouchers online each semester.



All vouchers expire on 31 May each year.

Music Tuition Spaces available

There are still a couple of places for beginner trumpet or trombone in our instrumental music classes. This is for Year 4 and 5 students. Qualified teachers from the NT Music School come to our school each week to teach various instruments. The children will eventually become part of our school band. Call the school if your child is interested.





SCHOOL DENTIST will be at Stuart Park Primary School
MONDAY 24th February to FRIDAY 28th February
Call 89226466 for appointments

CALENDAR

DATE	DAY	EVENT
6 th March	Friday	Pupil Free Day
20 th March	Friday	Harmony Day Assembly
7 th April	Tuesday	Parent Teacher Meetings
9 th April	Thursday	Last day of Term 1
10 th April	Friday	Good Friday
20 th April	Monday	First day of Term 2

Cash for Cans

We are still collecting cans and other containers that attract the 10c refund. (not bottles please). Keep sending them in as the Cash For Cans team is keen to get them recycled.



UPCOMING DARWIN REGION SELECTION TRIALS

For further information please contact the Sport Education Coordinator. Trial permission forms can be downloaded from the School Sport NT website or from your in school representative.

12/15 YEARS & UNDER NETBALL

DAY	DATE	TIME	VENUE
WEDNESDAY	4TH MARCH	3.30–5.00pm	Sitzler Courts Marrara
THURSDAY	5TH MARCH	3.30–5.00pm	
FRIDAY	6TH MARCH	3.30–5.00pm	

15 YEARS & UNDER TOUCH FOOTBALL

DAY	DATE	TIME	VENUE
THURSDAY	19TH MARCH	3.30–5.00pm	Territory Rugby League Stadium, Marrara

12 YEARS & UNDER TOUCH FOOTBALL

DAY	DATE	TIME	VENUE
FRIDAY	20TH MARCH	3.30–5.00pm	Territory Rugby League Stadium, Marrara

12 YEARS & UNDER AFL

DAY	DATE	TIME	VENUE
TUESDAY	31ST MARCH	3.30–5.00pm	Sanderson Middle School Oval
WEDNESDAY	1ST APRIL	3.30–5.00pm	
THURSDAY	2ND APRIL	3.30–5.00pm	

12 YEARS & UNDER FOOTBALL (SOCCER)

DAY	DATE	TIME	VENUE
TUESDAY	21ST APRIL	3.30–5.00pm	TBC
WEDNESDAY	22ND APRIL	3.30–5.00pm	
THURSDAY	23RD APRIL	3.30–5.00pm	

12 YEARS & UNDER CRICKET

DAY	DATE	TIME	VENUE
WEDNESDAY	6TH MAY	3.30–5.00pm	Marrara Cricket Ground (MCG)
THURSDAY	7TH MAY	3.30–5.00pm	
FRIDAY	8TH MAY	3.30–5.00pm	



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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.



**Innovation
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Kerry Nissan

Kerry Nissan Netball Development Weekend

Friday 27th - Sunday 29th March 2020

Players Registration <https://www.trybooking.com/BHTCW>

CDU Stadium - Sign on Friday from 5 -7 pm

Game Friday Night 7pm

Cost players \$ 50

Firebirds Star Caitlin Nevin & training partners Maddison

Hinchliffe & Amy Sommerville

Registrations Close 27th Feb



Would you like to Play netball this year?

Have you missed out on a team?

If you are between 7 and 17, Waratah juniors have a place for you! We cater for all levels from beginners to more advanced, Boys are also welcome if you are 12 and under.

Trainings are held at Sitzler Netball Stadium, Abala Ct, Marrara.

Training will start this Monday 2nd Court 8 and Tuesday 3rd March Court 7 at 5.30 – 6.30.

If you are unable to make this training but still wish to play please email waratah.netball@gmail.com or call Carleen 0430548743 We also have a Facebook page if you find this easier to navigate.

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



Waratah Hockey Club



Waratah Hockey Club is a fun, family orientated club who welcomes people of all ages and abilities. We pride ourselves on providing excellent coaches and creating a safe and supportive environment for all our members.

Training: Tuesday 5:30 – 6:30 at Mararra Hockey Stadium commencing 24 March 2020

Teams: Under 8's Mixed
Under 11 Boys & Girls
Under 14 Boys & Girls
Under 17 Boys & Girls



All new Juniors receive a **free** playing shirt on registration. All new Under 8's and Under 11's players also receive a **free** hockey kit with stick, stick bag, shin-pads and ball.

For more information please call Tom on 0447 115 295 or email waratahbc@gmail.com



NATIONAL TRUST

LARRAKEYAH BRANCH BURNETT HOUSE

Friday night talk 28th February 2020



Speaker: Mark McAdie, APM

Leadership of the NT Police Force - the good and the bad from Foelsche to Chalker

The leadership of the Police Force is generally, in Australian terms at least, placed in the hands of a Commissioner of Police. The Commissioner enjoys a peculiar place in the executive arm of government, but in the NT the leadership of the Police Force has often been in the hands of men who were not given the role of Commissioner. This gives us an insight into the wider attitude by various Governments to the Northern Territory.

Join us under the verandah at 4 Burnett Place, Myilly Point, with drinks and finger food at 5.30pm before the talk at 6pm & after the talk at 7pm



Entry: \$2 members, \$5 non-members - \$5 food & drinks

Telephone enquiries to Julie: 0437391393

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