



March 11, 2020  
Term 1 Week 7

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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.

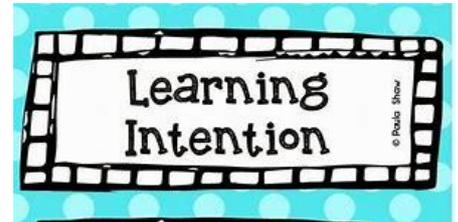
Saltwater crocodiles are laying their eggs. Barramundi are multiplying upstream on the floodplains. Bush current is fruiting now. They are very sweet and a favourite of children. Big Red Apple and Pink Wild Apple are fruiting.

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...

How do you know what your child is learning at school?  
Ask them?

You will probably get some strange answers to start with. Perhaps, "Nothing" will appear as a common answer but persist and ask open ended questions that require more than a one word answer.



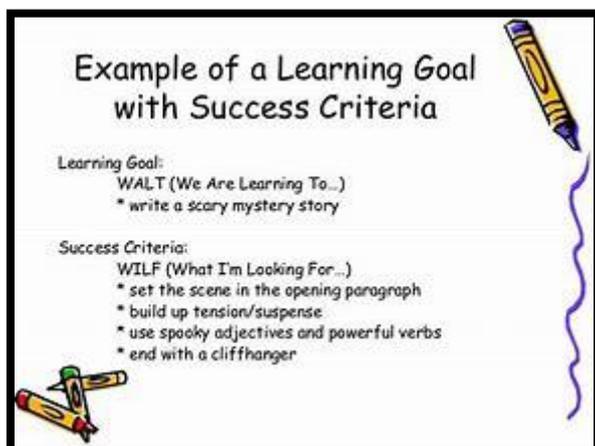
When I visit classes in the school I really enjoy asking students to explain to me what they are learning. We know that students are very accurate in describing how they are going at school and in fact they are usually very accurate in their own self-assessment so let them tell you how well they feel they are doing.

In classrooms you may see **Learning Intentions** and **Success Criteria** up on boards or other places in the classrooms. Learning Intentions explain to the student what it is the teacher will be teaching in that lesson or series of lessons. It is often written in the form, "By the end of this lesson you will be able to identify and name Australian coins and notes and know their value."

Success Criteria are written as a checklist so that students can self-assess and know how they are going. For example:

"I can:

- Name the Australian coins
- Name the Australian notes
- Order the Australian coins and notes according to their value."



This allows students to know how they are going and what they need to know to achieve the Learning Intention. It gives them ownership of learning and lets them know when they have 'got it'. Your child may be able to relate a Learning Intention to you and this will make a great starting point for your discussion on what they learnt.

The first of our Good Learner Traits is "I can talk about what I am learning and why." Try asking about your child's learning when they get home and see if they can explain what they learnt during the day and why.



## Devices at School

There is always discussion in the community about the place of technology in our lives. At Stuart Park Primary School we want to limit the use of electronic devices to learning tools while students are with us. 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. We have all that is needed here at school and technology is available as required.

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. (Note that the after school care service does vary this on certain days.)

## Harmony Day Assembly – Friday, March 20th

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.

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March (week 8), Stuart Park will celebrate Harmony Day with a special whole school assembly starting at 8:30am in the assembly area. See beside this for the many amazing items we have to showcase. We hope to see you at our assembly!

**HARMONY DAY ASSEMBLY 2020**

- **Opening Address**
  - Principal, Mr. Bernie Bree
- **National Anthem**
  - Led by Mr Marshall
- **Welcome to Country**
  - School Captains
- **Year 3 and Middle Primary Choir**
  - Imagine (John Lennon)
- **Indonesian Dance**
  - Conducted by Pak Sahar
- **The Greek Dancers**
  - Stuart Park dancers led by Mrs Siskamanis
- **Middle Years and Beat Choir**
  - Rainbow Connection (Paul Williams)
- **Aussie Move and Groove**
  - Stuart Park school performing 'Meditjin' by Baker Boy
- **Chinese Lion Dancers**
  - Performed by Stuart Park Students and Chung Wah Society
- **Closing Address**
  - Principal, Mr. Bernie Bree






## Lisa K Effective Reading Information Evening

Last night was the biggest turn out I think I have ever seen at this school for a parent information session. Lisa Keskinen has been coming to our school over the last 3 years to work with staff on teaching writing and reading. She spoke about parents reading with their children and the link between reading, writing and the spoken language. Here are some messages I got. Did you pick up other messages that hit home?

It is important to talk with our children, give them life experiences and discuss what they are doing. Ask them questions to embed deeper meaning and have them think about the world around them.

Children work hard all day learning the skills of reading. When they read at home, it is for enjoyment. Parents can read to their children, share the reading or listen to their child. Avoid making reading time a time of conflict. Boys love having their dads read to them.

Parents should model the behaviours they would like to see in their children so be seen reading and talking about what you are reading.

When reading, stop to discuss what is happening and perhaps predict what may happen next. Does your child understand the message the author is giving? Help them understand the context.

There are books for all occasions so mix it up.

Children love to read series of books so once they find an author they like, give them access to more of those books.

Enjoy your reading.

### Ways a Parent Can Help with **READING**

- 1 Let your child see you reading!**  
Have magazines and books in your home.
- 2 Help your child find appropriate word & reading games on the computer.**  
Keep a dictionary on hand. Help your child look up new words they read or hear.
- 3 Read mysteries with your child and try to figure out the clues together.**
- 4 Movie version coming out?**  
Read the book together first, then talk about which you each liked better.
- 5 Set aside a time and place for your child to read -**  
like a comfy chair and a reading light in a quiet place
- 6 Visit your public library regularly.**  
Look for and read together the books that were your favorites when you were a kid.
- 7 Encourage your child to write -**  
letters, thank you notes, emails, journals, lists, stories about their own trips, events, and daily life
- 8 Ask your child questions about what he or she is reading, such as:**
  - What is the story about?
  - Who are the important characters in the story?
  - Where does the story take place?
  - Why do you think the character made that choice?
  - Why did that happen?
  - How did you know about...?
  - Would you recommend this book to your friends?
- 9 Ask your child to draw a comic strip about what happens in the story.**  
Provide word searches, crossword and other word games and puzzles, or help your child make his/her own



**Share with your child about what you're reading... and encourage your child to do the same**



## Student Representative Council

By the end of week 5, we completed our student leadership elections with the appointment of our Student Representative Council (SRC). Students from each year 5 and 6 class made speeches to their classmates before one boy and one girl was voted in as their class SRC member. Well done to all students who ran for leadership positions this year!

This **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March** all House Leaders and SRC members will be presented with their badges at the Upper Primary assembly, which will be held in the Dragonfly Room.

|                        | Boy             | Girl             |
|------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| <b>Year 5 Berger</b>   | Cassidy Crane   | Libby Dugan      |
| <b>Year 5 Roditis</b>  | Caiden Rinaldi  | Sophie L P       |
| <b>Year 5 Dunne</b>    | Lukah Case      | Georgia Slidders |
| <b>Year 6 Streader</b> | Reuben Bryett   | Elizabeth Aleta  |
| <b>Year 6 Ildiko</b>   | Maximillian Lai | Talia Nguyen     |
| <b>Year 6 Kenny</b>    | Thien An Nguyen | Olivia Bradley   |



## Cash for Cans

We are still collecting cans and other containers that attract the 10c refund. (No bottles please). Keep sending them in as the Cash for Cans Team is keen to get them recycled.



# Book Club



Your child should have received a book club catalogue last week. Orders are due no later than **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March**. You can order and pay for your order online. It is called **LOOP**, and stands for **Linked Online Ordering & Payments**.

Log-in to: <https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/Login.aspx>

or **download** the iPhone and iPad app from the App Store or get it on Google Play for Android.

- Select your school and your child's class
- Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for)
- Enter the item number from the Book Club catalogue
- You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school
- All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child's classroom if you order by the close date.

**You can still order the old fashion way** by sending orders to school with cash or cheque. Please make sure orders are **filled out correctly** and placed in **an envelope or small bag**, so the money doesn't fall out. Please don't sticky tape money to the order as this makes it very difficult to read. Your help in these matters would be appreciated.

Kerrie Crowfoot - Teacher in charge of the Library.

## **New Bus Service for Woolner Families**

Starting Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> March, the bus that links Stuart Park Primary School with Bayview will also travel through Woolner. It will pick up students along Chong Wee Avenue. This bus is only for Stuart Park Primary students, there is no cost and all of our students may get on in the morning and afternoon. **It would be helpful if you let us know when your child will be on this bus as we can help to make sure it happens at our end.**



The bus will leave Defence Establishment Berrimah at **7:25am** and arrive at Stuart Park Primary at **8:00am**. It should be in Chong Wee Avenue around **7:40am** but you should be there early until you work out just what time it will pass through. I have a map that can be sent to you on request.

Download our school app for free!



Why download the app?

-  Receive instant notifications for important news
-  Easily register when your child is absent or your details change
-  Keep up to date with events and set reminders



**Download instructions:**

1. Go to the App Store and download "School Stream" to your phone.
2. Open the app and type the school's name into the search bar to load the school's profile.
3. Make sure you agree to Push Notifications when prompted.



## School Stream App

We seem to have now caught up approving your requests to join our School Steam app. This process is important as the app is not available to those outside the school community.

We will soon move to School Stream so please download it if you have not already done so. Notifications have probably started to pop up. Remember that you can limit these so you just get them for your child's year level and when the information is relevant to all (e.g. newsletter).

## CALENDAR

| DATE                   | DAY      | EVENT                   |
|------------------------|----------|-------------------------|
| 13 <sup>th</sup> March | Friday   | EC and UP Assemblies    |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> March | Friday   | Harmony Day Assembly    |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> April  | Tuesday  | Parent Teacher Meetings |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> April  | Thursday | Last day of Term 1      |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> April | Friday   | Good Friday             |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> April | Monday   | First day of Term 2     |



**SCHOOL DENTIST will be at Stuart Park Primary School**  
**The week of March 23<sup>rd</sup> (week 9)**  
**Call 89226466 for appointments**

# 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<br>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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Darwin Region School Sport Admin Assistant: Julie Kitsos  
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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 CRICKET CLUB**

**THERE'S STILL TIME TO SIGN UP!**

**Come and play cricket with us!**

A fantastic team sport played during the top end's dry season.

Junior Blasters (5-7 yrs)

Master Blasters (7-10 yrs)

Junior Cricket (10-17 yrs)

We accept your NT School Sports Vouchers. Go to [www.playcricket.com.au](http://www.playcricket.com.au) and search for Darwin Cricket Club to sign up today.

Further queries contact:

Sue-Anne Stephens 0408 072 218

Training commences Wednesday 25 March 2020 at Kahlin Oval.

Final teams/players must be registered with NT Cricket by Friday 10 April 2020.

Join us on facebook  [darwincricketclub](https://www.facebook.com/darwincricketclub)



## Darwin Athletics Club

2020 Season March to September

Track and Field

Arafura Stadium, Marrara

Come and meet DAC's new head coach Jess Brewster at the free come and try training sessions for

**Tiny Tots**

**Junior and Senior Athletes**

**Masters**

**Athletes with a Disability**

**Para Athletes**

Tuesday 17 March, 5.30 – 6.30pm

Friday 20 March, 5.30 – 6.30pm

Registration opens at 5pm

Tiny Tots classes are on Fridays

[darwin.athletics@gmail.com](mailto:darwin.athletics@gmail.com)

[darwinathletics.org.au](http://darwinathletics.org.au)

[facebook.com/DarwinAthleticsClub/](https://www.facebook.com/DarwinAthleticsClub/)



**Lá Fhéile Pádraig -**

**Aifreann i gaelach**

You are invited to celebrate **St Patrick's Day** mass in Gaelic on

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

at St Paul's Catholic Church,  
Francis St, Rapid Creek at 6.00pm.

Mass will be celebrated by Fr Jimmy O'Gara



Please bring a plate to share with light refreshments afterwards



RAZZLE STORM BASKETBALL CLUB  
ARE HOSTING A GIRLS COME AND TRY DAY.

WHEN: SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH 2020

TIME: 1:00 TO 3:00PM

WHERE: DARWIN BASKETBALL STADIUM  
ABALA ROAD, MARRARA

WE ARE LOOKING FOR GIRLS AGED 6 -18 TO JOIN OUR  
CLUB FOR THE NEW SEASON

FREE TO ATTEND,

PLEASE RSVP VIA EMAIL TO

[RAZZLEBALLCLUB@GMAIL.COM](mailto:RAZZLEBALLCLUB@GMAIL.COM)

OR CALL CHRIS ON 0419 302 611

THERE WILL BE SKILL SESSIONS AND GAMES ON THE  
DAY, PLUS PRIZES AND A FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE

  
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# COME AND TRY HOCKEY!

Does your child want to have fun playing sports and be part of a team?

Do you want your child to experience a family friendly club with amazing coaches?

**Come and Join the Tiger family!**

Tigers hockey club are recruiting players

4yrs + for our junior hockey teams.

## Sign on day

**21<sup>st</sup> March 2020**

9am-12pm @ Marrara Hockey Centre  
*Sports vouchers accepted*

Trainings Thursdays 5-6pm  
Games Saturday mornings  
Mixed boys & girls  
Inclusive junior sport

Contact us @

[jrcoord.tigershcd@gmail.com](mailto:jrcoord.tigershcd@gmail.com) or 0400650988



**SCHOOL HOLIDAY**

## INTENSIVE SWIMMING PROGRAM

TUES 14- FRI 17 APRIL

**3 MORNING SESSIONS  
45 MINUTES  
\$25 per day**

|               |               |
|---------------|---------------|
| 9-9.45AM      | KIDS 1/KIDS 2 |
| 9.45-10.30AM  | KIDS 3/KIDS 4 |
| 10.30-11.15AM | KIDS 5/KIDS 6 |

- Fast track your child's swimming development
- Helps build confidence in water
- Keep them active during school holidays

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ADMIN@TEMS.NET.AU OR 0487 438 348

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