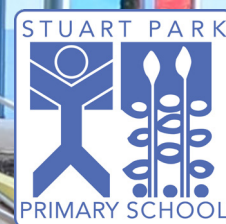


## Stuart Park Primary Update

Term 1 Week 6



### From the Principal...

Towards the end of 2022, a policy outlining that student mobile phones are not permitted to be used in Northern Territory Government schools was introduced. At Stuart Park Primary School, we respect the right of parents who wish to provide their child with a mobile phone. However, we are required to follow the policy and will take this opportunity to detail the conditions under which student mobile phones are permitted at our school.

#### -All NT Schools are phone free from Term 1, 2023

-At SPPS, students are not permitted to have mobile phones or other electronic devices in their possession during the school day.

- Smart watches must be placed on flight mode so phone calls and messages cannot be sent or received during school day.

-Students are encouraged not to bring a mobile phone to school. If they do, it is at the student or parent's risk. Our school does not have insurance for accidental property damage or theft.

-Mobile phones must be switched off and taken to the Front Office before the school day begins and be collected at the end of the school day.

-All communication between parents and students during school hours should happen via the school office.

We appreciate your support of this policy and our ongoing focus on removing disruptions to learning at school.

*Off and in the office all day*



### Schedule of Events

#### Friday, March 10

Early Childhood Assembly  
Presented by Year 2 Jessie

#### Wednesday, March 15

NAPLAN commences for  
Years 3 and 5

#### Friday, March 17

Upper Primary  
Assembly presented by  
Year 5 Bentes

#### Friday, March 24

Whole School Harmony Day  
Assembly

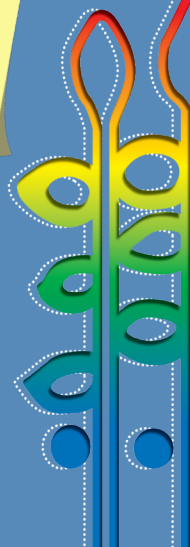
#### Tuesday, April 4

SPPS Parent Meetings

#### Thursday, April 6

Last day of Term One

EC  
Assembly  
this Friday  
8:30







## Parent Meetings Save the Date!

Parent meetings will be held on  
**Tuesday, April 4th** in Week 10.

Booking is available to all parents  
and you will be able to book a face  
to face or phone meeting with your  
child's classroom teacher.

This is your opportunity to share the  
achievements your child has made  
so far this year and celebrate their  
progress. The meetings are only  
10 minutes so if you feel you will  
need more time please arrange an  
alternate time.

The booking portal will open on  
**Monday, March 20th** and all parents  
from Transition to Year 6 will receive  
an email with the link to the portal  
on this day.



## Organise Your Orange for Harmony Day!

**Friday, March 24**  
**Harmony Day Assembly**

Our Harmony Day assembly  
this year will be held on Friday,  
March 24th.

Students are welcome to wear  
sunsafe orange shirts with  
their school shorts to school,  
orange dresses and accessories  
on this day to as part of our  
Harmony Day celebrations.

Parents are welcome to attend  
the assembly and invited to  
wear orange as well!

# HARMONY DAY

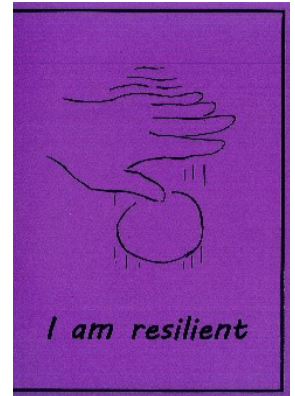
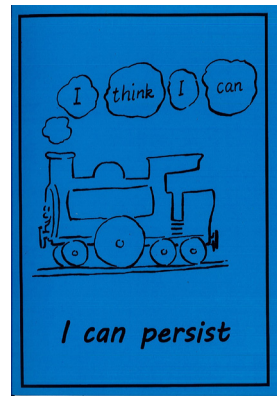
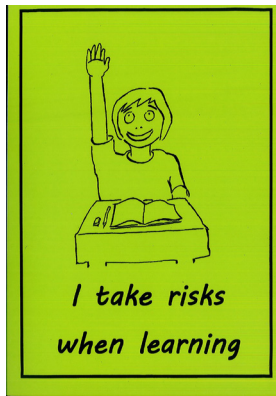
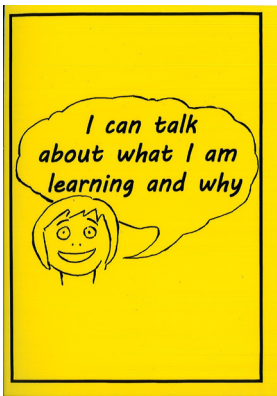




# More About Our School Culture...

At Stuart Park Primary School, we pride ourselves on establishing good relationships amongst our staff, students, and our wider community. We strongly believe that establishing a warm, supportive, and friendly culture in the school, will maximise learning and human development. To do this, we have identified several culture promoting pedagogies that are placed at the forefront of our teaching and learning.

Our five School Values, explained in the last newsletter are one of these strategies. This week, we would like to highlight another strategy that we use here at SPPS. In 2015, we conducted research into what constitutes a good learner. As a result of this research, we introduced our very own characteristics of a Good Learner. We call these, our **Good Learner Traits**. They are:



These traits are explicitly taught to our students and referred to on our learning journey, whether it be in the classroom or in the playground. The posters are displayed in many spaces around our school to ensure we develop a common language and understanding. You may wish to use them at home too, to help build these essential characteristics in your own children.

**Good  
Learner  
Traits**





## Best Buddies in Transition Maia

At Stuart Park Primary School, we pride ourselves of the Wellbeing and Culture Club programs that we run at the beginning of every semester. Our whole school approach of School Values, Good Learner Traits and Zones of Regulation allow students to become successful learners.

Another great initiative that promotes a sense of community and belonging is the Big Buddy, Little Buddy program. This develops positive relationships between the younger and older children, enhancing the sense of a friendly and supportive school community.

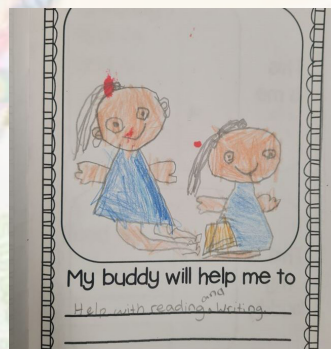
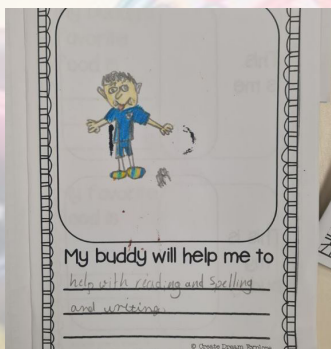
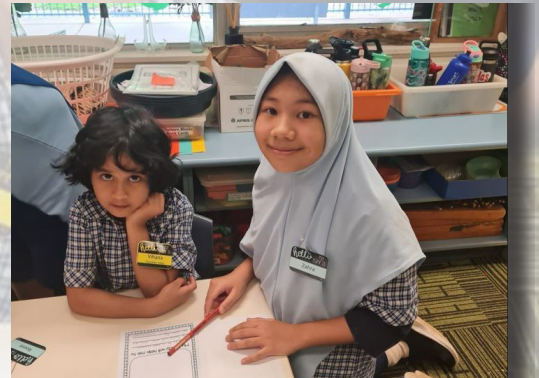
This year Transition Maia have combined forces with the magnificent Year 6 Metcalfe. Students had the opportunity to meet their buddies and exchanged greeting cards that were handmade. It truly was buddies at first sight.

'Buddy Time' is a great way for our older students to play a mentorship role for the younger students. This allows students to acknowledge their leadership skills, builds on confidence, responsibility and pride in their ability to be a great role model. It also creates a positive, collaborative environment throughout the entire school. Having buddy class is a great start to a wonderful, meaningful and lasting friendship, no matter what age you are.

My Big Buddy will help me to practice...

- letter and sounds
- reading
- number knowledge
- tie my shoe
- name writing
- social skills

And I, little buddy will remind my big buddy what an amazing person they are!







## SPPS Easter Raffle

Tickets have now gone home for our Easter Raffle. Thank you to all who have purchased tickets and made donations for the baskets so far. If you wish to donate, we still need chocolate treats, Easter themed crafts, toys, books and homewares for the baskets. Donations can be dropped off at the main office. Tickets are also available in the office for purchase. The raffle will be drawn on Thursday, April 6th.



Introducing our  
Caught you "BEEING" Good  
Characters for 2023!

Come along to EC Assembly to meet friendly bees rewarding our EC students for positive playground behaviour.



SCHOLASTIC  Book Club

## Book Club Coming this Week!

Book Club is back! Keep your eyes peeled for the Book Club Catalogue coming home this week.

Orders will close on Friday, March 17th. Online orders are preferred through the Scholastic LOOP. We will send more information soon!



## NT Government Back to School Vouchers available in the Office

If you have not already come to the office to use your child's Back to School Voucher, please drop in and see us!

Every child receives a voucher for \$150.00 at the beginning of the year that can be used towards uniform, sport shirts and in some cases, school camps.

These vouchers expire at the end of Term One so please come in or contact us if you have not yet used it.



## Thank you!

Thank you to all who attended our Annual General Meeting last Tuesday. We were pleased with the number of parents interested in being part of our School Council.

Stay tuned for more information about our new and returning Council members in our next newsletter.

## APPLY 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.

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

### TO APPLY FOR YOUR VOUCHER

1. Visit [sportvoucher.nt.gov.au/apply](http://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 10 working days. Further information is available by calling 1800 817 860 or email [sport.voucher@nt.gov.au](mailto:sport.voucher@nt.gov.au)

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**schoolstream**



## Download onto your device

**It is vital to have schoolstream so you can keep up to date with the most current information**

- Newsletters
- Parent Information
- SPPS Events
- Year level updates
- Submit absences
- Canteen list

### Helpful tips

- Use an email address when registering
- Customise your information by swiping left on the headings



PLEASE SEE THE  
FRONT OFFICE FOR  
MORE INFORMATION





The following advertisements are not necessarily endorsed by the school.

## OTWAYS TAE KWON DO AND SELF DEFENCE

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

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.



**Primary School  
Hockey Competition**

**Starts  
Thursday  
MARCH 16TH  
Term 1 2023**

Hockey NT are running a 4-week school hockey competition for boys and girls in grades 2-6.

Games will take place on Thursdays afterschool 4pm - 5pm

For more information and to register visit:  
[www.hockeynt.asn.au/events/174432/](http://www.hockeynt.asn.au/events/174432/)







### Does your child want to learn Auslan?

Auslan is the name used for Australian Sign Language, and is the natural language signed by members of Australia's deaf and hard of hearing community.



At Darwin Languages Centre, starting from Term 2, we are offering after-hours Auslan classes for children in Grade 3 upwards - limited places are available!

Classes will run on a Tuesday from 4:00pm to 6:00pm  
\$120.00 per term

Please complete an Expression of Interest form to secure your child's place.

School Bus Collection from Parap, Stuart Park, Nightcliff, Anula & Alawa Primary Schools are available at \$6.50 per week, and BBQ options are available for \$3.50 per week.

Contact us for further details and to secure your child's place for Term 2  
Tel: 8997 7000 or email [dlc.nt@education.nt.gov.au](mailto:dlc.nt@education.nt.gov.au)



**SKY  
Barre**

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## JUNIOR TRY SAILING

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- @ Lake Alexander
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- Sports Vouchers Accepted
- 3 Week Programs running all Dry
- Wednesday PM or Sunday AM
- Friends, Fun & Games

**BOOK TODAY!**



**MORE INFO**  
**08 8981 1700**   
[darwinssailingclub.com.au/training](http://darwinssailingclub.com.au/training) 

## KIDS Aerial Play HOLIDAY PROGRAM

**Session Price  
\$25**

**Bookings  
essential**

Silk Play  
45min session

Thursday 10am  
and 1:30pm  
Sunday 12:30pm



Kids Aerial Silk  
Recommended age  
7 - 12 years

**UPSIDE  
DOWN FUN!**

**13th - 16th  
April 2023**

Contact: [harriet@skybarre.com.au](mailto:harriet@skybarre.com.au) | 0406 993 790 | [www.skybarre.com.au](http://www.skybarre.com.au)  
2/44 Cavenagh St Darwin City (opposite Post Office boxes)





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Sign up today at  
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## COME AND TRY

### JOIN US!

When:

- Wednesday 22nd March
- Wednesday 29th March
- Wednesday 5th April

Time: 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Location: Marrara Hockey Centre

All ages from U8 to U16

All equipment provided

### WHY PLAY WITH US?

- Want to come and try hockey for free?
- Have some fun and see if the game is for you!
- Junior Academy - Existing players come and get a head start on the season
- Challenge yourself with your mates

**COMMERCE-PINTS  
HOCKEY CLUB**



YOUNG TERRITORIANS PRESENT

**DARWIN 2023**

**All Youth Conference 2023**

**WEDNESDAY  
5 APRIL  
9AM - 1:30PM**

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YR 9-12 STUDENTS ONLY  
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**BECOME A WHARFETT**

Port Darwin FC is looking for girls to join our  
**ALL-GIRLS TEAM (U10 - U13)**

Training Wednesdays 5pm - 6.15pm @ Fannie Bay Oval  
with experienced female coaches

For further details please contact [info@portdarwinfc.com](mailto:info@portdarwinfc.com)





# Young Territory Author Awards



Write and create a book and you could be the 2023 Young Territory Author of the Year.

The competition is open to all Territorians 18 years and under residing in the Northern Territory at the time of entering the book.

**First Prize of \$500**

**School Entry Prize of \$500**

**CBCA NT Wow Award of \$200**

Enter online, by mail or drop into any City of Darwin Library.

**Entries close Sunday 27 August 2023**

To learn more, visit [darwin.nt.gov.au/ytaa](http://darwin.nt.gov.au/ytaa) or scan QR code.



**Thanks to our Sponsors!**



The Lions Club of Nightcliff Proudly Presents...



## DARWIN CHILDREN'S FILM FESTIVAL 2023

This FREE event allows local children of all abilities and backgrounds to enjoy the cinema experience in an inclusive, accessible and safe environment where they feel welcomed and free to be themselves without restriction or judgement, particularly those who have faced difficulties or disadvantages in recent times. The Darwin Business Community has generously sponsored all tickets.

***BCC Cinemas, Casuarina Shopping Centre***

***Saturday 6th May 2023***

**Shazam! Fury of the Gods (PG) @ 10.00 AM & 1.00 PM**

**Mavka: The Forest Song (PG) @ 10.15 AM & 12.45 PM**

***Saturday 13th May 2023***

**Ant-Man and the Wasp: Quantumania (M) @ 10.00 AM & 1.00 PM**

**The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) @ 10.15 AM & 12.45 PM**

***How To Book Your Complimentary Tickets...***

**Email or text your ticket requests for each movie screening, along with your name, mobile number and email address.**

- ★ Bulk and individual ticket orders from schools, organisations, families and carers are welcome, including tentative bookings.
- ★ One ticket per person is required, including all children and adults.
- ★ Ticket requests for multiple movie screenings are allowed.
- ★ Tickets are distributed on a first-come, first-served bases. Book now to avoid disappointment.



**EMAIL: [meredithnewman@showintent.com.au](mailto:meredithnewman@showintent.com.au) or TEXT: 0404-367-782**



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