

Stuart Park Primary Update

Term 3 Week 8

From the Principal...

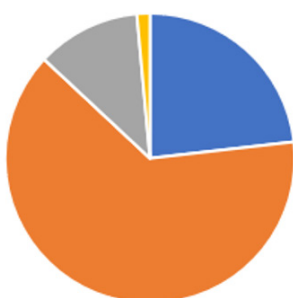
Each year Northern Territory schools identify areas for improvement and determine actions that will help them achieve specific goals. Stuart Park's focus has been on developing data literacy of our staff and building consistent curriculum delivery across the school. We are pleased to say that we have been successful in both and continue to improve in these areas.

Another focus has been improving reading outcomes. This focus was chosen using a range of assessment data with our progress including:

- Implementing an evidence-based whole-class literacy program from Preschool to Year One providing all children with the essential core knowledge and strong foundations to become successful readers and writers. This program is called Initialit.
- Developing a Year Two reading approach that provides additional staff to work alongside teachers and students for four hours per week allowing for small group work and instruction targeted to student needs. This approach also includes an expert teacher working with students achieving close to or above the expected level in reading.
- Introducing Cars and Stars, a comprehensive diagnostic and instructional reading comprehension program from Year 3 to Year 6.

We did commence our Year Two reading approach in 2022 and are pleased to share that our 2023 NAPLAN data this year reflected strong results with over 3/4 of students being at the exceeding and strong levels in reading. We look forward to sharing more stories of NAPLAN success in our next newsletter

Year 3 NAPLAN Reading



■ Exceeding ■ Strong ■ Developing ■ Additional Support

Proficiency level descriptions
Student achievement in NAPLAN is reported using proficiency standards for each assessment area at each year level. The standards are set at a challenging but reasonable expectation of what students know and can do at the time of testing. There are 4 proficiency levels:

- Exceeding:** the student's result exceeds expectations at the time of testing.
- Strong:** the student's result meets challenging but reasonable expectations at the time of testing.
- Developing:** the student's result indicates that they are working towards expectations at the time of testing.
- Needs additional support:** the student's result indicates that they are not achieving the learning outcomes that are expected at the time of testing. They are likely to need additional support to progress satisfactorily.

Schedule of Events

Friday, September 8th

Early Childhood Assembly-
Transition Mary

Year 3 Stay-Up

SPPS Student Leadership Forum

Friday, September 15th

Upper Primary Assembly -
Year 5 McPherson

Monday, September 18th

School Council Meeting 5:30pm

Friday, September 22nd

Whole School Assembly-
Year 6 Ildiko presenting

Last Day of Term 3

Early
Childhood
Assembly
Friday



Learning Subtraction in Year 3 Evans

Year 3 Evans have been busy learning about subtraction and its link to addition.

We always start off our maths lesson with a warmup activity or number talk. Then we often take a walk down memory lane and link our learning to any prior knowledge.

To begin our unit on subtraction we modelled subtraction using our MAB blocks and place value mats. Once we understood how to manipulate subtracting with MAB blocks, we were then ready to put our learning into practice and transfer this into writing vertical subtraction sums. We started our unit with no regrouping and now we are super clever and learning to subtract with regrouping!!!

Comments from students about Subtraction-

Preeyah- It is a whole, minus a part, which equals a part.

Princess- If you subtract a number, the number decreases.

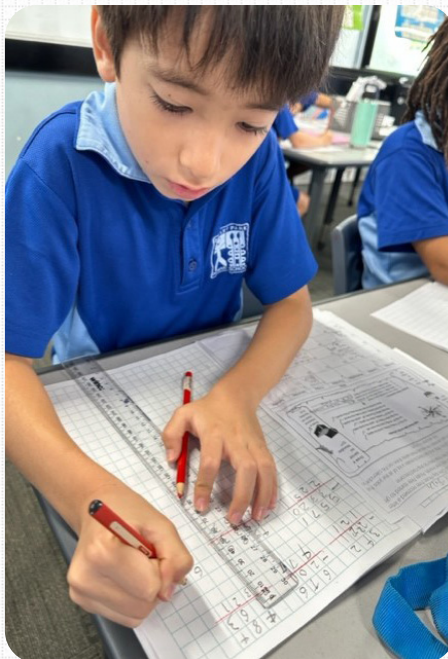
Judd- It is the opposite of addition.

Audrey- It is taking away a number.

Lachlan-You can solve subtraction vertically.

Noah- It is subtracting one number from another number, which means you take away.

From the 'soon to be' subtracting experts in Year 3 Evans



smart sparx

PROGRAM

Educating children about Fire Safety

Last week, The Northern Territory Fire & Rescue Service presented their Smart Sparx Educational Program to our Transition classes.

Smart Sparx is a great program that goes into depth about fire safety and the fire service. The classes particularly enjoyed "getting down low to go, go, go," out of a smoky environment and their discussions about safe and unsafe heat sources.

..... Program features

GOOD FIRE/ BAD FIRE

The difference between a safe fire and an unsafe fire

MATCHES ARE TOOLS NOT TOYS

The dangers of matches and lighters

STOP, DROP, COVER AND ROLL

The appropriate action to take if clothing catches fire

CRAWL LOW IN SMOKE

The safest method to exit a smoky environment

Aim of the program, to reduce the numbers of Territory children hospitalised each year due to burns injuries.



Does your family have a fire escape safety plan?

<https://securent.nt.gov.au/pre-prepare-for-an-emergency/fires/house-fires/make-a-fire-escape-plan>





Movie Night Thanks!

On behalf of SPPS Council, thank you to all our parent volunteers who helped out on the food and drink stall at the recent Movie Night held on our oval. As always, we had some awesome Council volunteers but it was also great to see some new faces helping out and their involvement in the school community is very much appreciated. It really was a lovely evening and very well attended by SPPS families. Thank you for your support in buying food and drinks!

A similar thank you to Mark Monaghan and his team for choosing to host the movie night at Stuart Park Primary School along with the generosity of their time and donations on the stall.

And, last but not least, to our Principal, Danielle Hall and AP, Leisha Crompton for getting everything set up and running smoothly on the night. Really great school leadership and also very much appreciated by Council.

THE BUFF CLUB PRESENTS 57 STUART HWY



**SATURDAY 28TH OCTOBER
7PM**

\$10 PER TICKET

**ALL FUNDS TO STUART PARK PRIMARY &
STUART PARK DAYCARE**

Into Trivia?

**The Buff Club will be
holding a Charity
Trivia night on
Saturday,
October 28th.**

**All proceeds will be
split between our
school and Stuart
Park Childcare
Centre.**

**Maximum tables of
10 people.
Kids are welcome.**

**To book a table,
please drop into
the Buff Club or give
them a ring on
8981 3201.**

**Payment and
team name required
at time of booking.**

Take a peek,
ONCE A WEEK



Every week, check hair and scalp of all family members for live lice and nits.

www.nt.gov.au/health

A Friendly Reminder

We have had a few cases of head lice reported throughout the school so it's a good time to remind families to do hair and scalp checks regularly. Remember to check the whole family, remove eggs on hair shaft and re-treat hair after 7 days in case more nits have hatched.

If your child does have head lice, please inform the office so that we can notify families to check their children as well.

NT Health provide some great information here:

<https://nt.gov.au/wellbeing/health-conditions-treatments/parasites/head-lice>

SPPS Preschool Enrolments Open

Nestled in natural bushland, Stuart Park's preschool provides an exciting and engaging learning environment for all.



Exceeding the National Quality Standards, we are most proud of our individualised opportunities for exploration and interest-based learning.

Children who turn four years of age before 30th June each school year are eligible to start preschool that January.

Please contact the front office on 89977333 or stuartpark.school@education.nt.gov.au

2024 Stuart Park Preschool Model*

BLUE GROUP 8 – 2:30pm Monday/Tuesday

GREEN GROUP 8 – 2:30pm Thursday/Friday

Both groups alternate Wednesday half days.

BLUE GROUP odd weeks 8 – 12:00pm

GREEN GROUP even weeks 8 – 12:00pm

*times, days and placement numbers are subject to change depending upon enrolment numbers



IMPORTANT: Preference is given to families who live in the school's enrolment catchment area

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.



Australian
Childhood Anxiety
TREATMENT STUDY

Free home-based assessment and treatment for

7 to 12 year old children with fear and anxiety disorders.

Does your child become very afraid of certain situations or objects, worry about a lot of things, get very distressed, or try to avoid things they fear?

About the study

Our team at Griffith University may be able to assist you. We are conducting a nationwide study that includes the following services at no cost to families:

- A thorough assessment of your child's anxiety with a trained psychologist via the telephone;
- Your child receiving one of two kinds of homebased treatments delivered on a PC, laptop or tablet; and
- Two follow-up telephone assessments with a trained psychologist 6- and 12-months after treatment to track your child's progress.

The study aims to find out if these two treatments are as effective as each other, and which children have the best response to each kind of treatment. This will mean that there are more evidence-based treatments available for helping anxious children.

About the treatments

Each treatment involves your child completing treatment sessions at home on a PC, laptop or tablet.

Each treatment involves your child learning practical strategies to better manage anxiety.

- One treatment helps children learn to control the focus of their attention on helpful things around them.
- The other treatment helps children learn to think differently and approach things they fear.


Each treatment includes information, telephone or email support for parents in assisting their child to better manage anxiety.

Prior studies have shown that children who complete each treatment experience significant reductions in anxiety.

Contact us

This study is being funded by the National Health and Medical Research Council and is led by Professor Allison Waters and a team of experts in childhood anxiety disorders.


For more information about our study and our team, or if you would like your child to participate, please contact us:

 (07) 3735 3351

 cadrp@griffith.edu.au

 [Australian Childhood Anxiety Treatment Study](https://www.griffith.edu.au/australian-childhood-anxiety-treatment-study)





MINECRAFT

Camp 1

27th and 28th September

Minecraft school camps are a safe and fun environment to not only play Minecraft but learn new skills and socialize with other students from many schools.

If you are in Grade 3,4,5 or 6 then you are eligible to join us in the school holidays!

Venue: Larrakeyah Primary School



8:30am – 2:00pm

Camps are designed to:

- Encourage collaboration.
- Develop social and communication skills.
- Engage kids in group problem solving environments.
- Have enormous fun.

We have a limited number of places, please book your child's place to avoid disappointment. Bookings to be made via the website only you can not book through the school.

<https://www.wicksees.com.au/book-online>
Call Daniel 0412 144 404 with any questions



positive partnerships
Working together to support school-aged students on the autism spectrum

FREE 2 Day Autism Workshop for Parents and Carers

Location: Darwin, NT

Join other local families to learn more about autism and ways to strengthen the partnership between home and school

During the workshop you will learn about:

- The diversity of autism
- Understanding sensory processing
- Understanding behaviour
- Working together with your child's school

Morning tea and a light lunch will be provided





12th & 13th September 2023
9.00am - 2.15pm



Novotel Darwin Airport
2 Sir Norman Brearley Drive
Marrara NT 0812

SCAN TO REGISTER





Interpreters available upon request

For more information or to register visit
www.positivepartnerships.com.au or contact
Grant Russell at grussell@positivepartnerships.com.au




For help, call:
1300 881 971


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DARWIN FOOTBALL STADIUM

OPEN FOR
BOYS AND GIRLS
5 TO 12
REGISTRATION FEE
\$150/WEEK

HAVE FUN
MAKE FRIENDS
STAY ACTIVE AND
LEARN NEW SKILLS
IN A SAFE
AND INCLUSIVE
ENVIRONMENT

8.30am to 11.30am
Week 1: September 25th - 29th
Week 2: October 2nd - 6th



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