

From the Principal...

This term is going so fast and it is hard to believe that Christmas is just around the corner.

At Stuart Park Primary School the teaching and learning program will continue until the final week of school. Our festivities will commence on the 8th of December with a number of exciting events;

Friday 8th December: Decorate Your Door

Classes will choose a festive theme to showcase their classroom door.



Tuesday, December 12th: Annual Whole School Presentation Assembly

All families are welcome to come to this annual assembly where we present class and school awards for 2023.

Wednesday 13th December: Class Parties

Each student will be asked to contribute \$5 for a special lunch. Festive shirts, accessories or dresses can be worn on this day

While Christmas is the season for giving and students are welcome to bring cards and gifts, teachers will ask that all candy canes are put in bags and eaten at home.

Reasons for this decision include:

- They can be sticky and messy
- There may not be enough to go around
- Wrappers are not always put in the bin
- They take a long time to eat and students only have a little time to play at recess and lunch

If your plans have changed for the 2024 school year and your child will not be returning to SPPS, please do let us know.

We do look forward to a fabulous end of 2023 with you all.



Schedule of Events

Friday, November 3rd

Early Childhood Assembly
Year 1 Taktikos

Wednesday, November 8th

John Callanan Parenting
Workshop

Friday, November 10th

Upper Primary Assembly
Year 3 Evans

Thursday, November 16th

Preschool Parent Information
Night

Thursday, November 23rd

Transition Parent Information
Night

Wednesday, December 6th

SPPS Music Extravaganza

Early
Childhood
Assembly
Friday



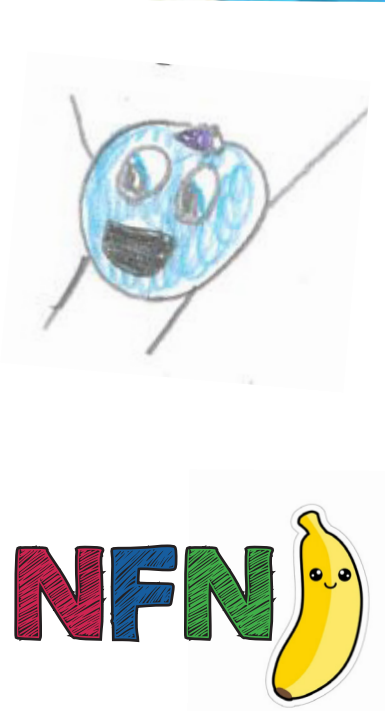


SPORTING HERO FREE DRESS DAY

Last Friday, our SRC held a Sporting Hero free dress day to raise funds for the Sport Access Foundation, an organisation that offers grants to Australian children with disabilities to help them play and participate in sport. Thanks to our school community's generosity, we were able to raise \$672.00!

It was great to see both students and teachers get into the spirit of the day.





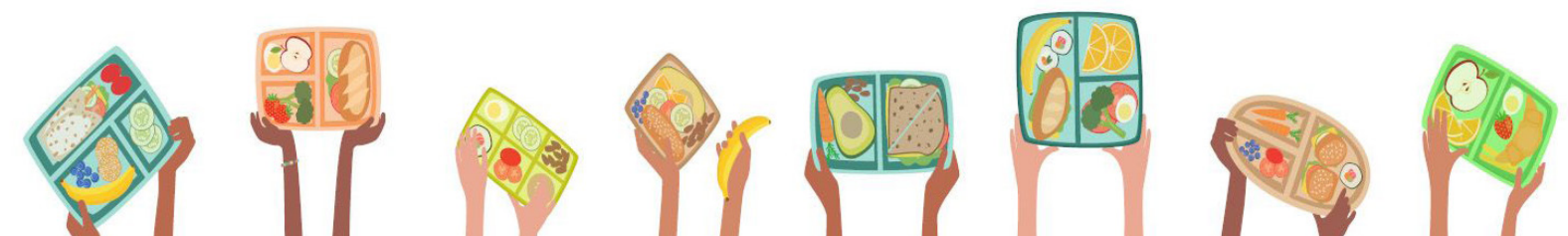
Nude Food November!

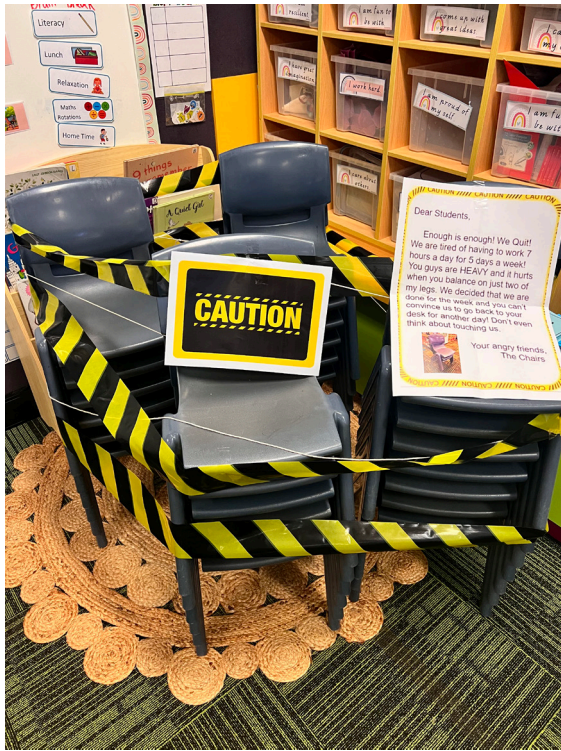
This November, two Year 5 boys have taken the initiative to host an epic event...
Nude Food November.

Austin and Eliot are encouraging everyone to bring "nude" food in their lunch boxes for the coming month of November. Nude foods are things like bananas, apples, carrots and other fruits and vegetables. Nude foods are also anything that is not packaged or wrapped in single use plastic. For example, a sandwich in a reusable container.

Classes will be judged once a week, randomly, so make sure you bring a nude food lunch box every day! Each full nude food lunch box will be worth one nude food point. The class with the most nude food points at the end of November will win a class pizza party!

Austin and Eliot's objective with this initiative is to reduce our school's carbon footprint by reducing the amount of waste from school lunches. Let your lunch go "nude" this November!



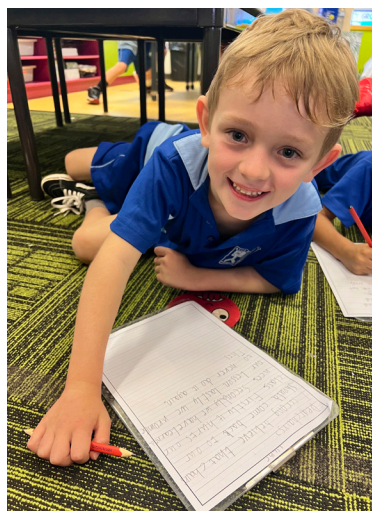
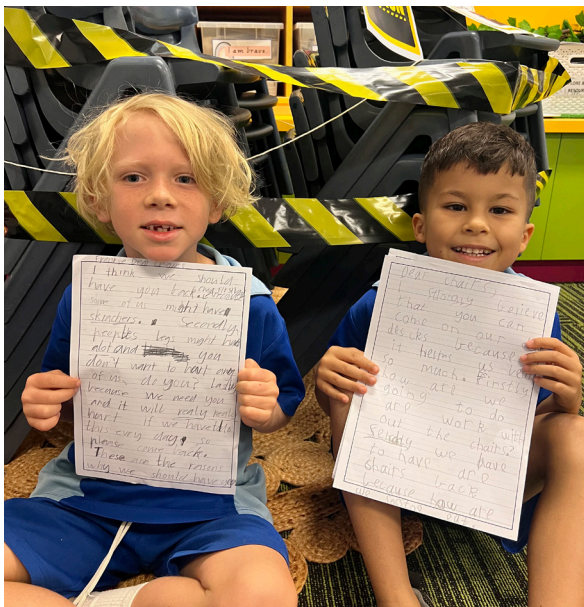
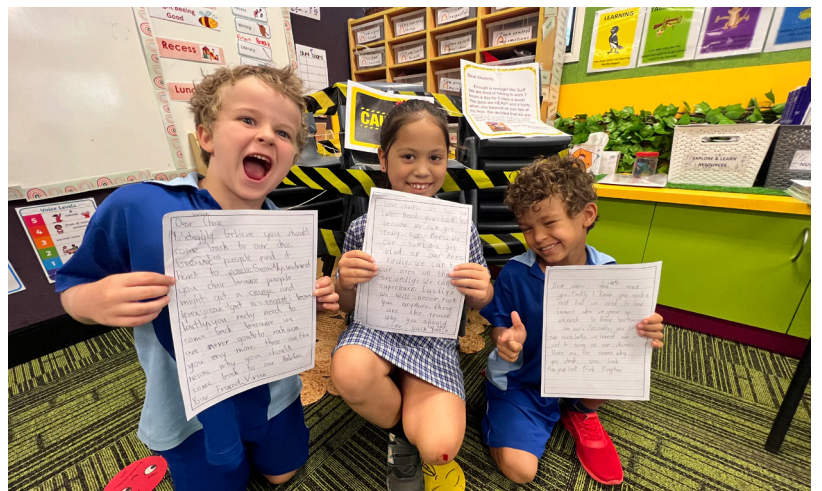
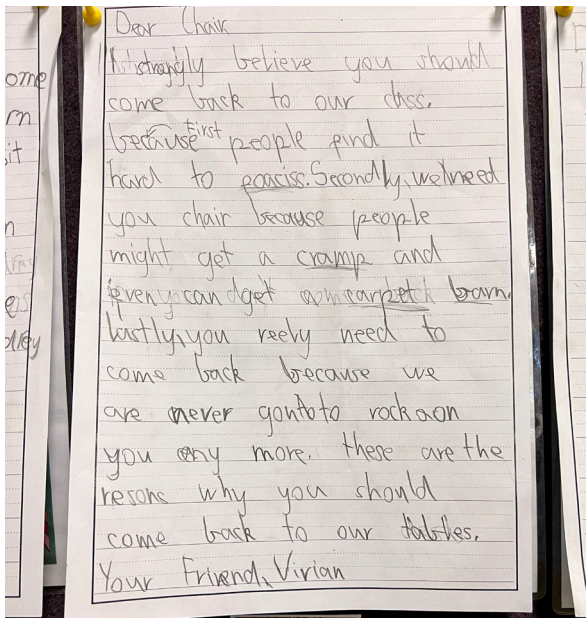


The day the chairs went on strike in Year 1 Fronda

Throughout the year, students have been exposed to and engaged in various genres of writing and learned the skills of a being a good writer. This term, our students are exploring persuasive writing. For one of their writing pieces, the chairs played a trick to create a buzz of excitement and encourage full engagement in writing.

It was priceless to see the shock and amazement on the students' faces; they were all curious to know what was happening and why the chairs were wrapped up with caution tape. We read the letter that was found in our classroom's mailbox. Students were informed that the chairs had gone on strike for being tired of having to work for 5 days a week and that they were tired of being misused by some students balancing on just two legs.

As a class, we decided that we needed to write a persuasive letter to convince the chairs to end their strike. It was lovely to see the students trying hard to put into practice all the writing skills they have learned this year. Students were really engaged and focused on constructing their persuasive letter to convince the chairs. You will be very pleased to hear that we were able to negotiate a successful outcome and the chairs were persuaded to return to normal duties!





A Message from Stuart Park Primary School Council

Stuart Park Primary School Council held their monthly meeting on Monday 16th of October. Some of the highlights from the meeting included:

- **Reports** - Council were presented with monthly reports from the Treasurer, Principal, OSHC, Preschool and sub-committees.

- **OSHC** – Well done to the team on yet another successful school holiday program and the ongoing high quality service provided throughout our school term.

- **School Review** – Council reviewed feedback from the parent perception survey. Based on survey results the school is travelling in a positive direction – more information to come and we look forward to taking on feedback, responding and making positive changes within our school community. Thank you to all those families that took the time to complete the survey.

- **Sausage sizzle at referendum** – Thanks to Mark Monaghan and his electorate staff for both coordinating and hosting a sausage sizzle at the recent referendum, and very generously donating all proceeds (\$236.00) to the school.



- **World Teacher Day** – Council acknowledged the upcoming World Teacher Day and recognised the wonderful work done by our educators at SPPS, thanking them for all they do in helping to teach, encourage, support and care for our students. Council also gave a special acknowledgment to Tracy McDermott who was nominated in the NT Teaching in the Territory Excellence Awards category for Support Person of the Year – well done Ms Tracy!!

There are always areas we can improve on as a school community so if you'd like to know more about any of the topics highlighted above or more generally about how you can assist through school Council, please feel free to get in touch with our secretary Danni by email: danni.mattiazzo@education.nt.gov.au

The next SPPS Council meeting (and last one for 2023) is scheduled for **Tuesday 5th December** at 5:30pm. Please feel free to come along and join us.

Last Parenting Workshop for 2023

Reminder! Tonight's Jon Callanan Parenting Workshop has been cancelled but we will hold one last session in the Library on Wednesday, November 8th at 6:15pm. All are welcome!

To make a booking for these workshops, please use the below website and event code.

www.schoolinterviews.com.au

Event Code: xusfc



Vinnies Christmas Hamper Collection

There will be a Vinnies collection bin in our office for the month of November for any donations as stated below.
Donations as stated below are greatly appreciated.
Please, no second hand items.

Vinnies SEEKING CHRISTMAS

HAMPER DONATIONS

Ideas...

FOR CHILDREN

Baby to age 16

New Toys, Books, Games, Gift Cards, Movie Vouchers

(Please don't gift wrap)

FOR FAMILIES

Non-perishable

Don't melt

Festive feel

Baked beans or spaghetti
Canned spam, bully beef, ham
Canned fruit, vegetables
Breakfast cereals, jams, honey
Coffee, milo, tea, condensed milk
Rice, pasta, simmer sauces
Pretzels, nuts, dried fruit, salty plums
Cracker biscuits, chips
Gingerbread, jelly, lollies
Toiletry items



St Vincent de Paul Society
NORTHERN TERRITORY
good works

All donations go to Territorians doing it tough this Christmas!

WHERE AND WHEN TO GIVE YOUR GIFTS:

Vinnies Stores & Conferences (St Marys, St Pauls, Holy Spirit, Holy Family) or Society Partners

Collections close on Monday 11th of December 2023 | (08) 8948 8113



Nominations Open!

Hot 100 is once again running their Apple for the Teacher competition.

If you would like to nominate one of our wonderful teachers, please click the link below:

<https://www.hot100fm.com.au/win/2023-apple-for-the-teacher/>

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.





SPPS Year 4 student Cayson Rogan is fundraising to attend the Barca Academy in Barcelona. Click the link to donate:

<https://gofund.me/e2663354>

THE LIONS CLUB OF PALMERSTON IS PROUD TO PRESENT...

2023 DARWIN RAZZAMATAZZ VARIETY SHOW

THANKS TO THE GENEROUS SPONSORSHIP FROM THE GREATER DARWIN BUSINESS COMMUNITY, THIS INCREDIBLE SPECTACLE ALLOWS CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS OF DIVERSE ABILITIES AND BACKGROUNDS TO EXPERIENCE MAGNIFICENT CIRCUS AND COMEDY THEATRE, FEATURING WORLD-CLASS PERFORMERS WITH SKILLS YOU WON'T BELIEVE YOU HAVE JUST SEEN.

ENJOY A FAMILY-FRIENDLY AND SUPER FUN-FILLED SHOW IN AN INCLUSIVE, ACCESSIBLE AND FLEXIBLE ENVIRONMENT WITH A RELAXED ATTITUDE TO AUDIENCE NOISE AND MOVEMENT.

*ALL TICKETS ARE COMPLIMENTARY, INCLUDING FOR FAMILIES AND CARERS.

*ONE TICKET PER PERSON IS REQUIRED FOR ENTRY.

*BULK AND INDIVIDUAL TICKET ORDERS FROM SCHOOLS, ORGANISATIONS, FAMILIES AND CARERS ARE WELCOME, INCLUDING TENTATIVE BOOKINGS.

*AVAILABLE ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED BASIS UNTIL BOOKED OUT.

SUNDAY, 26 NOVEMBER 2023

11AM, 1PM & 4M SHOWTIMES

@ PALMERSTON EVENT CINEMAS VMAX THEATRE

TO BOOK YOUR COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS, PLEASE EMAIL OR TEXT YOUR TICKET ORDER AND CONTACT DETAILS TO...

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