



## Stuart Park Primary Update

Term 4 Week 6



### From the Principal...

# COMING SOON

We are excited to share a new initiative that will support with setting our students up for learning success. At the beginning of 2024, Stuart Park Primary will introduce Book Packs.

SPPS Book Packs will :

- be available for purchase in January using the Back-to-School voucher
- only cost \$50, leaving funds for uniforms
- include essential stationery items identified by teachers
- be individually packed and sent to the child's class upon purchase
- be taken home should a child move schools or leave Darwin

We will have sample packs on display in the front office in the new year.

This is a joint School Leadership and School Council decision which will bring SPPS in line with many other Territory schools. We appreciate the support of our parent community and understand that times are tight. It is envisaged that the packs will allow us to provide essential resources for students without having to increase the parent contribution amount for the coming year.

We want to share that considerable consultation and research has gone into this new initiative. Groups consulted included the School Council, SPPS Leadership Team and several other schools.

We look forward to continuing to work in partnership with the Council and families in 2024.

### Schedule of Events

**Thursday, November 16th**  
Preschool Parent Information Night

**Friday, November 17**  
Whole School Assembly  
Year 5 McPherson and  
Year 3 Evans

**Thursday, November 23rd**  
Transition Parent Information Night

**Wednesday, December 6th**  
SPPS Music Extravaganza

**Tuesday, December 12th**  
Whole School Presentation Assembly

**Thursday, December 14th**  
Last day of Term 4

Whole School Assembly Friday



# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

In January 2024, Stuart Park Primary School will be introducing Book Packs.

Book Packs will be available for purchase using the Back-to-School Voucher and will cost \$50 each.

The packs will be individually organised and include stationery items for students. They will be available to take home if for whatever reason students leave our school.

The packs will assist us to provide essential resources for students without having to increase the annual parent contribution amount for the coming year.

Considerable consultation and research has gone into this new initiative to source suitable and affordable products.

Groups consulted included The School Council, SPPS Leadership Team and several other schools. Products have been carefully considered so as to allow sufficient remaining funds for school uniforms.

Sample packs will be displayed in the Front Office from January onwards.







## Change of Date for Musical Extravaganza

Our Musical Extravaganza has now moved to Wednesday, December 6th, starting at 11:45am.

This assembly will showcase the hard work of some of our music students and our choir. The School Band will perform three numbers and our choir will sing a song they have been working on. We will also be treated to a "Move and Groove" item.

Everyone is welcome! We hope you can join us.

**\*Note - There will now be NO assembly on Friday December 8th**



Seven of our wonderful teachers have been nominated in this year's Hot 100 Apple for the Teacher Competition.

Congratulations to  
Shae Le Gassick, Anita Watt,  
Rebecca Evans, Bianca Maia,  
Bridie Dix, Sharyn Bury and  
Caoimhe Kalinowsky.

Voting is open so please support our teachers via the link below.

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

## Nude Food November Update

Our Nude Food ambassadors, Austin and Eliot, have been busy bananas collecting class points for Nude Food November. To date, it's a three way tie for the classes that are in the lead. Well done Transition Sara, Transition Maia and Year 5 Grunwald on having the most nude food lunch boxes. The class with the highest tally at the end of the month will win a pizza party!

You can jump on the nude food train by sending rubbish free lunch boxes to school during the month of November. Nude food is food that doesn't come with excess waste/packaging. Sending fresh fruit, vegetables, snacks and drinks in reusable containers is a great way to help us reduce rubbish at school.





# Learning Through Doing in Year 2 Jessie



In weeks 4 and 5, students in 2 Jessie worked hard to learn about data. By using the grid mat during a whole class activity, the students were able to visually see how a graph is created and how to use the graph to represent data collected in a previous lesson. The graph clearly showed that Vegemite was the most popular sandwich in the class!

The purpose of this lesson was to help students understand that representing data in a visual format can make interpretation easier. Students were then given the opportunity to independently create their own data displays using information they collected from peers.







## It's the Pevan and Sara Show!



Our Transition classes had a big adventure last Thursday when they travelled on the bus to CDU to see educational rockstars, Pevan and Sara. For some students, it was their first time at a show! Everyone was ready to dance and sing and they even made hats for the occasion. Pevin and Sara played all their hits like the "Pencil Grip" song, "It's OK to Make Mistakes," the "Ordinal Number" song and "Months of the Year." The highlights were dancing to the "I like it LOUD" song and cheering when one of our teachers got to take a student up on the stage to perform like Pevan and Sara. We all had an amazing time at the show!







# BUFF CLUB D A R W I N

Stuart Park Primary would like to express our sincere thanks to The Buff Club Darwin for their fundraising efforts from the Trivia Night they held on Saturday, October 28th. Thank you to the staff and parents that were able to attend. It was a terrific night with lots of laughs and fantastic raffles. The Buff Club raised \$1600.00 in total which will be split between our school and Stuart Park Child-care Centre. Thanks again to the Buff Club for their support!

## Second Hand Uniforms

We often get asked at the end of the year if we take pre-loved uniforms. The answer is yes! If they are in good condition, without holes or paint, then please do hand them in at the office. We are also in need of small socks, new or pre-loved, for times when little feet get wet.



## 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

## Vinnies Christmas Hamper Collection

There is now a Vinnies collection bin in our office until December 8th. Donations as stated in the flyer are greatly appreciated.

Please no not gift wrap items and item should be new rather than second hand.





**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>

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**fun  
run  
& walk**  
sunday 26 november  
darwin waterfront  
7am start  
bring the whole family  
register now at [www.ticketabo.com.au](http://www.ticketabo.com.au)  
contact Bec on 0467 066 374  
variety  
the children's charity

**School Holiday  
football  
Program**  
HAVE FUN, MAKE FRIENDS  
& LEARN NEW SKILLS  
IN A SAFE AND  
INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENT  
**\$175  
per week**  
**Ages  
5-12  
years**  
**8.30am - 11.30am  
December  
Mon. 18 - Fri. 22**  
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