

# Stuart Park Primary Update

Term 4 Week 8



## From the Principal...

I would like to take the time to address an important matter regarding the safety of our students.

At SPPS we prioritise the wellbeing of our students above all else. It has come to our attention that some children have been arriving at school alone before supervision commences at 7:50am. We would like to emphasise that this practice does pose potential risks and is not considered safe for our young learners.

We kindly request the cooperation of all families in ensuring students are not left at school unattended before 7:50am.

We are committed to fostering a nurturing and secure environment for our students. We appreciate your understanding and support in prioritising the safety of your children. Together, we can create a safe and conducive learning environment for all.



## End of Year Festivities

At SPPS the fun and festivities will kick off at 1:30pm Friday 8th December. Our students will continue learning up until this time.

**Friday, December 8th** - Door Decorating Reveal (1:30pm)



**Tuesday, December 12th** - End of year Presentation  
Assembly 8:30am start. All welcome!

**Wednesday, December 13th** - Class Parties - Festive attire and accessories allowed on this day.



**Thursday, December 14th** - Farewell Assembly  
2pm start - All welcome!



## Schedule of Events

**Friday, December 1st**

Early Childhood Assembly  
Transition Mary and Transition  
Maia

**Monday, December 4th**

Year 6 Graduation

**Tuesday, December 5th**

School Council Meeting

**Wednesday, December 6th**

SPPS Music Extravaganza

**Tuesday, December 12th**

Whole School Presentation  
Assembly

**Wednesday, December 13th**

Class Parties - Trans. to Year 6

**Thursday, December 14th**

Last day of Term 4

Early  
Childhood  
Assembly  
Friday







## SPPS Young Scientists 2023!

### Science Teachers Association of the Northern Territory Young Scientists Awards 2023

Last night, a number of our students received awards for work they had submitted for the 2023 Territory Young Scientists Competition. From solar systems to beehives, videos to posters, the submissions were varied and impressive. Stuart Park Primary School also won the Primary School Award for the Northern Territory this year! Congratulations to all of our amazing young scientists and to Mrs Gabrielle, who not only organised all the submissions for the awards but, more importantly, taught the lessons that inspired the projects.

#### Scientific Communication Model

Year 4-6 Individual:  
3rd Olivia Crompton  
2nd Sydney Razafimamonjy, Mia Johnson

#### Scientific Communication Scientific Writing

Year 4-6 Group:  
1st Yahia Abdou, Oliver Brown & Gurshaan Singh

#### Scientific Communication Video

Year 4-6 Group:  
1st Linda Nguyen & Oceana Nguyen

#### Scientific Communication Multimedia

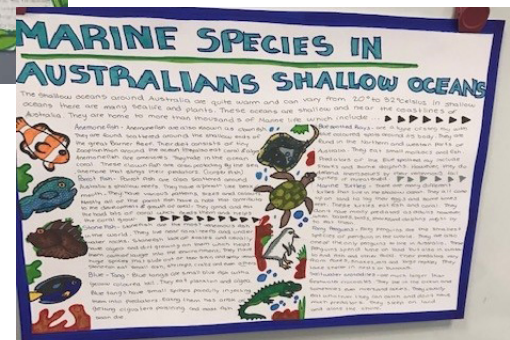
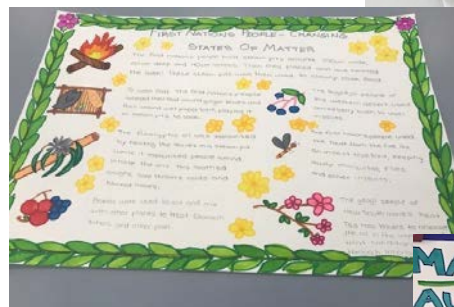
Year 4-6 Individual:  
3rd Luca Albertoni

#### Scientific Games

Year 4-6 Individual:  
1st Alex Lemke  
3rd Austin Robinson

#### First Nations Australians Connections to Science

Year 4-6 Individual:  
1st Marina Regojevic





# 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, SPSS 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.

NEW WAYS  
OF WORKING



## Music Extravaganza Wednesday - Dec 6th

You are invited to our Music Extravaganza 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, our advanced guitar group will perform and our choir will sing two songs they have been working on. We will also be treated to a "Move and Groove" item.

The winning class for **Nude Food November** will also be announced at this assembly. Everyone is welcome! We hope you can join us.

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





## Orientations and Art in Year 3/4 Hancock

In Week 6 and 7, Year 3/4 Hancock were involved in two orientation sessions with the Year 2 students. Year 2 Morris students were assigned to a buddy from our class and they participated in activities that provided each Year 2 student with information about Upper Primary.

In Week 6, we had a short play in the playground with our buddies so we could get to know each other. In Week 7, we spent 2 hours on Thursday morning doing an orienteering activity and rotating through each of the Year 3 and 3/4 classrooms, doing mini activities with our buddies. The orienteering activity required us to search and find a poster with a picture on it in each of the listed areas of upper primary. As each paired buddy found the poster, we then explained what we do in that the area and what the rules were for it. We had a great time getting to know our Year 2 buddies and spending time with them in the UP area.



Being  
Big  
Buddies



In Art this term, we have been learning about 'Folk Art Landscapes' and looking at techniques used by artists, Heather Galler and Karla Gerard. We have really enjoyed using their techniques to create our own pieces. The next part of our unit involves exploring abstract expressionism and looking at a contemporary Australian artist, Deb McNaughton, with her bold and colourful style. We can't wait to see how our pieces look at the end of this technique!





# School Captain Candidates 2024

Next week, we will hold elections for our 2024 School Captains. We have 14 excellent year 5 students who have nominated to be our school leaders next year. After nominating, our candidates received both teacher and leadership endorsements and completed an interview process. Next Friday, they will present speeches to our Year 3 to 5 cohorts before voting commences. Speeches will take place on Friday, December 8th at 8:30am in the Dragonfly Room.

We want to congratulate all our candidates for nominating and wish them luck with the final stage of the election. We look forward to introducing our 2024 School Captains at our Presentation Assembly on Tuesday, December 12th.



**Caleb**



**Eliot**



**Max**



**Alex**



**Zachary**



**Austin**



**Maxwell**



**STUART PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
LEARNING TOGETHER, GROWING TOGETHER.



**Paraskevi**



**Christina**



**Eva**



**Behati**



**Lili**



**Mia**



**Angela**



RETURN YOUR LIBRARY  
BOOKS



## Please Return your Library Books!

If your child has school library books at home, it is now time to return them. Please send them in so that your child can return them during their next visit to the Library.

## 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 do not gift wrap items and item should be new rather than second hand.





Bookings are now open for our Vacation Care program.

The program will be open:  
15th to the 22nd of December and  
8th to the 25th of January.

The Program is available on the link below.



Existing OSHC parents can use 'Book Me' on the parent portal to enrol. If you are not enrolled for OSHC, please go to the school website to submit an OSHC enrolment.  
<https://stuartparkprimary.nt.edu.au/out-of-school-care/>

Once processed, you will receive an email to join the Parent Portal and will be able to book your child in for vacation care. Fees for vacation care will be deducted from accounts on December 8th for the first week of care.

For more information please contact Sharon or Thicha at 89977321 or by emailing OSHC at [spps.oshc@education.nt.gov.au](mailto:spps.oshc@education.nt.gov.au)

## SPPS 3 x 3 Basketball

On the 17th of November, RWE and the G.O.A.T.S competed in the grand final of Stuart Park Primary School's first-ever 3v3 basketball competition. In what was a fiery affair, both teams showed their class, with RWE coming out on top. Raffael Salsinha was voted Finals MVP by his peers.



# 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.



## CHRISTMAS IN DARWIN 2023

Don't miss out on all the free, family friendly events City of Darwin is hosting this festive season!

For more info, visit [darwin.nt.gov.au/christmas](http://darwin.nt.gov.au/christmas).



## SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

January 2024



### FEATURED ACTIVITIES

#### Indoor sports with Fun in the Parks

Fun in the Parks is getting sporty these school holidays and invites you for a game of squash, volleyball or netball. This is a great opportunity to try a new sport or brush up on your skills.

#### Animal education - Staying safe with our furry friends

Learn all about pet safety from the City of Darwin Animal Management team. Activities include snuffle mat and cat teaser making, City of Darwin's version of snakes and ladders and doggy bingo, and more.

#### Recycling fun - What happens to the yellow bin?

Ever wondered what happens with the stuff you put in the yellow recycling bin? Join our Waste Management team to find out what really happens to your plastic containers, glass bottles, cardboard, and cans, with fun recycling games to test your recycling skills.

#### Weaving with flowers and fronds

Learn from local weaver Rosa how to make your very own woven masterpiece using flowers, palm fronds and fresh leaves.

#### Regular programming

Baby Book Time, Rhyme Time and Family Story Time for children five years and under will continue through the holidays as per usual programming. Fun Bus will be joined by Territory Child Care Group every Wednesday during the January school holiday program.

All events are free. No bookings required. Children aged 10 years and under must be accompanied by an adult.



### JANUARY 2024

Events are subject to change, visit [darwin.nt.gov.au/school-holidays](http://darwin.nt.gov.au/school-holidays) for the latest information.

#### WEDNESDAY 3 JANUARY

**Fun Bus - DIY playdough**  
 0 - 12 years  
 10 am - 12 pm  
 Malak Community Centre

#### THURSDAY 4 JANUARY

**Movie - The Mummies**  
 All ages  
 10 am  
 Casuarina Library

#### FRIDAY 5 JANUARY

**Fun in the Parks - Squash**  
 5 - 12 years  
 10 am - 12 pm  
 Darwin Squash Centre  
**Video gaming tournament**  
 8+ years  
 1:30 pm  
 Karama Library

#### MONDAY 8 JANUARY

**Fun in the Parks - Indoor beach volleyball**  
 5 - 12 years  
 10 am - 12 pm  
 Darwin Indoor Beach Volleyball

#### TUESDAY 9 JANUARY

**Recycling fun - What happens to the yellow bin?**  
 5 - 12 years  
 2:30 pm  
 Casuarina Library

#### WEDNESDAY 10 JANUARY

**Fun Bus - Beasts and bugs**  
 0 - 12 years  
 10 am - 12 pm  
 Malak Community Centre  
**STEAM Zone**  
 All ages  
 3 pm - 4 pm  
 Darwin City Library

#### THURSDAY 11 JANUARY

**Movie: Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles**  
 All ages  
 10 am  
 Karama Library  
**Animal education - Staying safe with our furry friends**  
 5 - 12 years  
 2:30 pm  
 Nightcliff Library

#### FRIDAY 12 JANUARY

**Fun in the Parks - Weaving with flowers and fronds**  
 5 - 12 years  
 10 am - 12 pm  
 Darrandira Child and Family Centre  
**LEGO Club**  
 All ages  
 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm  
 Casuarina Library

#### SATURDAY 13 JANUARY

**Yoga family story time**  
 All ages  
 10 am  
 Casuarina Library

#### MONDAY 15 JANUARY

**Fun in the Parks - Netball**  
 5 - 12 years  
 10 am - 12 pm  
 Marrara Indoor Stadium

#### TUESDAY 16 JANUARY

**Animal education - Staying safe with our furry friends**  
 5 - 12 years  
 2:30 pm  
 Darwin City Library

#### WEDNESDAY 17 JANUARY

**Fun Bus - Construction work**  
 0 - 12 years  
 10 am - 12 pm  
 Malak Community Centre

#### LEGO Club

All ages  
 10:30 am - 11:30 am  
 Nightcliff Library

#### THURSDAY 18 JANUARY

**Movie - Paw Patrol**  
 All ages  
 10 am  
 Darwin City Library

**Recycling fun - What happens to the yellow bin?**  
 5 - 12 years  
 2:30 pm  
 Karama Library

#### FRIDAY 19 JANUARY

**Fun in the Parks - Clay creatures**  
 5 - 12 years  
 10 am - 12 pm  
 Lyons Community Centre

**Weaving fun with flowers and fronds**  
 5 - 12 years  
 2:30 pm  
 Darwin City Library

#### STEAM Zone

All ages  
 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm  
 Casuarina Library

#### MONDAY 22 JANUARY

**Fun in the Parks - Paper plane competition**  
 5 - 12 years  
 10 am - 12 pm  
 Darrandira Child and Family Centre

#### TUESDAY 23 JANUARY

**Movie: Hotel Transylvania: Transformania**  
 All ages  
 10 am  
 Nightcliff Library

#### WEDNESDAY 24 JANUARY

**Fun Bus - Dance, dance, dance**  
 0 - 12 years  
 10 am - 12 pm  
 Malak Community Centre

#### STEAM Zone

All ages  
 3 pm - 4 pm  
 Darwin City Library

#### THURSDAY 25 JANUARY

**Summer Reading Club party**  
 All ages  
 2:30 pm  
 Casuarina Library



#### MONDAY 18 DECEMBER - MONDAY 22 JANUARY

**Summer Reading Club**  
 0 - 16 years  
 All Libraries

**Summer Reading Club - Scavenger Hunt**  
 0 - 16 years  
 All Libraries

### FIND OUT MORE

For further information about City of Darwin's School Holiday activities, visit our website, scan the QR code or follow us on socials.

#### FACEBOOK

[facebook.com/cityofdarwin](https://facebook.com/cityofdarwin)  
[facebook.com/CityofDarwinLibraries](https://facebook.com/CityofDarwinLibraries)  
[facebook.com/groups/friendsoffunbus](https://facebook.com/groups/friendsoffunbus)

#### INSTAGRAM

City of Darwin (@city\_of\_darwin)

City of Darwin 8930 0300  
 Darwin City Library 8930 0230  
 Nightcliff Library 8930 0480  
 Casuarina Library 8930 0200  
 Karama Library 8930 0250  
 Fun in the Parks 8930 0561

[darwin.nt.gov.au/school-holidays](http://darwin.nt.gov.au/school-holidays)







**Christmas for Kids!**

**FREE FAMILY FUN DAY**

Sunday 10 December 2023  
9am - 1pm  
Foskey Pavilion, Darwin Showgrounds

Activities include: Santa!, Jumping castles!, Sausage sizzle!, Animals!, Face painting!, Amazing Drumming Monkeys!

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**CARNIVAL OF FUN**

Facepainting - petting zoo - photobooth - weaving  
cookie decorating - popcorn - wheelchair rugby  
thong throwing comp - chill out zone - bowling  
fairy floss - sausage sizzle and more, **ALL FREE!!!**

**Friday 1 December 2023**  
Territory Netball Stadium  
235 Abala Road Marrara

**11.00-11.30am**  **Award Ceremony**

**TCASS Community Stage:**

12:00pm	Handsome Harry
12:30pm	Palmerston College Special Education Centre
12:50pm	Total Recreation
1:10pm	Zumba
1:30pm	Emirly Say
1:40pm	Zumba
2:00pm	Carnival Ends

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**BE CROC WISE YOU ARE IN CROC COUNTRY**

Any body of water may contain large and potentially dangerous crocodiles.  
Always watch out when the kids are near the water.

[becrocwise.nt.gov.au](http://becrocwise.nt.gov.au)

Logo: Northern Territory Government



**CareFlight 10**

**A Very CareFlight Christmas**

CareFlight is celebrating Christmas with Top End families by hosting a fete at Darwin Surf Lifesaving Club. Join us for a fun-filled morning including games, waterslide, arts, crafts, food, drinks, entertainment, and a spectacular visit from Santa with gifts! Come along to help us raise funds to support the hard-working crews who will be saving lives across the Territory this Christmas.

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 2ND**  
9am - 1pm  
Darwin Surf Life Saving Club  
Entry Fee: \$5 per person

CareFlight Little Heroes All Access Pass (includes one free adult entry!): \$30

For full details and to purchase tickets, visit [give.careflight.org/Christmas](http://give.careflight.org/Christmas) or scan the QR code

