



From the Principal...

Welcome back to school! As the lucky principal of Stuart Park Primary School, I am thrilled to kick off another exciting year of learning and growth. I hope students had a restful and rejuvenating break, and are ready to embark on a journey filled with new experiences and opportunities. At SPPS, we are committed to providing a nurturing and stimulating environment that fosters academic excellence and personal development.



This year, we have planned a wide range of fun activities and engaging events to enhance the learning experiences of students, including the Year Six Batchelor Camp that will take place later this term. From excursions, sports competitions to art exhibitions, there will be plenty of opportunities for students (and families) to explore their interests and showcase talents.

We believe that a well-rounded education includes not only academic achievements but also the development of social skills, creativity, and physical wellbeing. Our goal is to create an inclusive and supportive community where every student feels valued and empowered.

We encourage parents and carers to consider joining our school council to help us achieve this goal. The Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 13th March at 6pm in the Dragonfly Room. Together, we can create a positive and enriching environment that promotes collaboration, respect, and empathy.

As we embark on this new academic year, let us embrace the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead, strive for excellence in all that we do and celebrate the joy of learning and growing together. I have no doubt that with the unwavering support of our incredible staff and parents, we will achieve great things.

Schedule of Events

Friday, February 9th
Early Childhood Assembly
Caught You Being Good
Character Reveal

Friday, February 16th
Meet and Mingle Morning
8:10am to 9:10am - All welcome!

Friday, February 23rd
Upper Primary Assembly
Year 5 Kelly Item

House Captain Elections

Wednesday, March 13
School Council AGM
6pm in Dragonfly Room

**Early
Childhood
Assembly
this Friday!**





Save the Date!

All Welcome!

Meet and Mingle

Friday, February 16th
8:10am to 9:10am

During this time teachers will open their classrooms to visitors. This session will provide an opportunity for parents and families to become familiar with expectations, routines and most importantly, how they can help with learning at home.

Please join us!



***Parking can be tricky during school events but please take heed to park legally as parking inspectors are often present during these busy times.**



STUART PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
LEARNING TOGETHER, GROWING TOGETHER.

Student Leadership at SPPS

There are many ways to become a student leader at our school and we encourage our students to try-out for these leadership opportunities when they occur.

At the end of last year, students in year 3-5 elected their five School Captains for 2024. Congratulations once again to:



Angela



Austin



Lili



Caleb



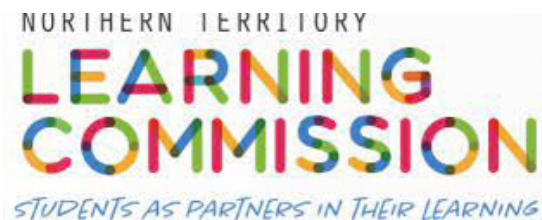
Eva

Last week, we invited our year six students to become canteen helpers and library monitors.

This week we are calling for year five and six students interested in running for the position of House Leader, to an information session. The House Leader speeches and elections will take place after the Upper Primary Assembly on **Friday 19th February**, at approximately 9:15am. Parents are most welcome to come along and listen to the speeches.

This year we are very excited to announce our school's involvement in the Northern Territory Learning Commission. The Northern Territory Learning Commission is an initiative placing students alongside their school leadership team, researching and implementing strategies to improve practice within their own school.

In week five, one student from each Year 4 - 6 class, will be elected by their peers to be a Learning Commissioner. The Learning Commissioners, together with the School Captains and House Leaders will form our Student Representative Council



Canteen Helpers 2024



Library Monitors 2024

Absence and Late Procedures

Please always remember to notify us if your child is not coming to school. This can be done by ringing the office on 89977333 or by emailing: stuartpark.school@education.nt.gov.au

If your child will be absent due to illness for more than 3 days, we may request a medical certificate for their absence. For planned absences longer than 2 weeks, we require families to send an email detailing the reason for the absence and the dates they will be away.

It is very important that your child arrives on time to school but if they do arrive late, please ensure they go to the office to collect a yellow card so that the class roll can reflect that they have arrived.



School Drop Off and Pick Up

- Supervision on school grounds begins in the morning at **7:50am**. Please refrain from dropping children off prior to this time.
- The undercover Bree Stop may be used for kiss and drop in the morning. This zone operates under the same conditions as 'No Parking' zones. You may only stop in this area for up to 2 minutes to drop off or pick up children. The driver may not leave the vehicle unattended. Please also refrain from using the staff car park.
- Please be considerate and careful when parking around our school keeping in mind our residential neighbour's driveway access points and lawns. The Council parking inspectors regularly attend and ticket cars parked illegally.
- We have two buses that service our school. Information is on our website here: <https://stuartparkprimary.nt.edu.au/bus-timetable/>

To help ensure that travel is safe and enjoyable for all, the codes of conduct must be followed.

[Conduct for School Bus Travel](#)

[Code of conduct for ferry travel: guide for parents/carers.](#)

-If you are picking your child up from the Bree Stop after school, please wait until **after 2:40pm** to drive through as this gives us time to load our buses and see them off.

First Day Thanks!

It was a very rainy start on our first day back at school last week but cake and flowers for our staff, put smiles on faces.

Thank you to our Minister of Education and local MLA, Mark Monaghan and his staff for dropping in a delicious cake and to our thoughtful School Council for the beautiful flowers.

We hope everyone had a smooth start to the year.



SPPS Sporting Legend



National Champion!

Congratulations to SPPS Year five student, Angelo Tsikouris, on an amazing achievement over the school holidays.

Angelo travelled to Canberra with an his NT Team to represent the NT at the Junior Eightball Championships. He won the U/12 division and is now the 2024 National Champion for his age group.

Angelo hopes to qualify again next year so that he can defend his title in 2025.



You may have spotted some SPPS uniforms on the ABC news on our first day back at school. Thank you so much to the Mouzourakis family for coming into school during the holidays to be filmed and interviewed. Transition, Year 3 and Year 6 are big milestone years! Thank you for being wonderful representatives for our school.



Pack a Healthier Lunch Box

Children need fuel to help them learn. Packing a healthy lunchbox is like sending a bundle of energy and brainpower with your child to school. Here are some tips for you;

5 food groups: Include foods from the 5 food groups in your child's lunch, like fruits, vegetables, whole grains, dairy and proteins. Foods from these food groups provide essential nutrients for growth and keeps them full of energy.

Limit Processed Foods: Minimise packaged snacks and sugary drinks. Whole, unprocessed foods can help avoid energy crashes.

Hydration: Don't forget a water bottle! Staying hydrated is crucial for concentration and overall health.

A healthy lunch box not only fuels your child's body but also supports their focus and learning. By packing a nutritious meal, you're helping them succeed in and out of the classroom.



Handy Links

Here are some links that may be handy throughout the year:

If your child is unwell with the flu, vomiting, diarrhoea or other infectious condition, please do not send them to school. Here is the CDC link for exclusions times for various infectious conditions:

[Time out Poster - NT Health](#)

Yesterday was Safer Internet Day in Australia. The eSafety Commissioner has some great resources for parents here:

[Safer Internet Information](#)

For those that were unable to attend the free parenting workshops last year, here is a link to some free webinars you can use from home:

[Raising Children Network Webinars for Parents](#)

At times during the dry season and full moon, the mosquitos can be particularly prolific in Darwin. The calendar below is a great guide for when they will be at their worst.

[2024 Salt Marsh Mosquito Calendar](#)

No School, No Service Initiative - Casuarina Shopping Centre

Important information for parents, carers and students.

From Tuesday 30 January 2024 the Casuarina Shopping Square will be supporting the No School, No Service initiative.

All school aged students will be refused entry between the hours of 8.30am – 3.00pm. This includes access to the Carpark under the centre. This also includes access to the outside area known as The Quarter.

During week 1 of term 1, the Darwin Student Engagement Team will be supporting Casuarina Centre Management to deliver messaging to students regarding No school, No Service. Student Engagement Advisors will be onsite between 1 – 4pm during week 1 of term.

The only exception to the initiative is if a student is accompanied by a parent or guardian (and are not on the trespassed list) they may enter the centre, but must be accompanied by the parent or guardian at all times.

The No School, No Service initiative is aimed at:

- Ensuring students remain at school during study periods
- Reducing anti-social behaviour in the centre

If a school aged student attends the centre during 8.30am -3pm and is not in the company of a responsible adult, centre staff will explain the No school, No Service initiative to the student, ensuring the the students are informed that they are welcome to attend the centre after 3pm.

Casuarina Centre Management have advised that the No, School, No Service policy will be implemented for the duration of all school terms.

**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.



WANT TO PLAY BASKETBALL?

Love basketball? Come join Palmerston and Regional Basketball Association! No experience needed. We have learn to play programs and a Junior Basketball Competition.



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