

From the Principal...

It's hard to believe we are already halfway through Week 4. Students have been spending time getting to know their new teachers and peers and engaging in activities that build strong relationships within the class and reinforce our school values.

Thank you to all families who were able to attend our Meet and Mingle event last Friday. It was wonderful to see the students proudly sharing their work and their favourite spaces around the school with their families. This is just one of the strategies we use to communicate with the community.



Others ways we share news and upcoming events include:

- Term Letters
- Fortnightly newsletters
- Our electronic sign
- "SPPS in the Spotlight" for special announcements
- Term Three Open Night
- Assemblies

Parent Meetings will happen near the end of Term One and more information wil be shared in the coming weeks. We look forward to working with families throughout the year to create a great community of learners.





Schedule of Events

Friday, February 23rdUpper Primary Assembly
Year 5 Kelly Item

House Captain Elections

Friday, March 1stWhole School Assembly
Year 6 Marshall item

Learning Commissioner Elections (held in class)

March 13 to March 25 NAPLAN for Years 3 & 5

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





Our School Values

If you are new to our school, you may have become aware of the values that underpin the way we work and learn together here at Stuart Park Primary School. We have five school values that we honour and respect. They are Mutual Respect; Appreciation - No Put Downs; Personal Best; Attentive Listening and The Right to Pass.

Mutual Resposs at our school is a two-way street. It applies to adults and children. The purpose of this value is to assure everyone that their individual cultural beliefs and needs will be considered and properly honoured. We also have an expectation that our school will be shown respect through caring for our buildings, resources etc.

Appreciation - No Put Downs acknowledges that there is always something to appreciate about someone else. It is also to develop a sense of self-worth and self-esteem in our students. We teach our students that there is no place for put downs or insults.

Personal Best encourages our students to set the bar high for themselves and put effort into all that they do. This can be at school, at home or in any activity they engage in.

eyes and heart; really taking notice of what is being said and giving feedback to acknowledge that you are interested.

The Right To Pass is something that applies mainly in social situations. Students aren't given the right to pass on their schoolwork, but in a game or social situation where they may not like to initially share information or take part in a game, they are given time to gain the confidence to join in.

These values really are the foundation of our school and have been for many years now. We encourage you to talk about them with your child and maybe even use the language of the values at home.

In a world where you can be anything, be kind.



During our first few weeks of school, there is a strong focus on not only our school values but also our 5 learner traits. In practising these fundamental values and skills, together, we grow into successful learners. At our first Early Childdood assembly of the year, teachers awarded one student from their class a "Seeds of Success" award for exemplifying our values and learner traits and being great role models for their fellow classmates. Well done to our Early Childhood winners!

Seeds of Success Winners 2024



Real- Life Learning in Year 2 Ms Tracy





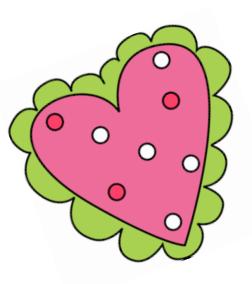


The students in Year 2 Ms Tracey's class were treated to a real life animal encounter today thanks to Arlo, the albino python.

The class, who are learning to write information reports, got ot see how Arlo eats his fortnightly dinner, a whole mouse! They were amazed to see that Arlo first "constricts" his prey and then has special muscles in his jaw that allow him to open his mouth to swallow the mouse whole.

Thank you to Harley and her Mum, Sam, for sharing this experience and answering all of our questions.





"Pal"-entine Mingle in Transition

On February 14th, Valentines Day, our Transition classes held their very first mingle session. Students were encouraged to move between our three Transition rooms, meet new "pals" and do some fun activities. These activities help us grow socially, teach us oral language skills and give us a chance to practice our fine motor skills all while having fun!



















No Drop Zone

The car park adjacent to the Upper Primary basketball court is for car parking only. This is **not** a safe place for dropping off and picking up students before and after school.

Please use our designated drop zone, The Bree Stop, or organise a safe place to meet your child

APPLY ONLINE



Children living in an urban area are eligible to receive two \$100 sport vouchers each year - one in January and one in July for sport, recreation and cultural activities.

Redeeming your child's voucher is now even easier with a new online application form.

Parents or carers need to apply for vouchers online each semester.

TO APPLY FOR YOUR VOUCHER

- 1. Visit sportvoucher.nt.gov.au/apply
- 2. Click apply online
- 3. Follow the prompts to complete the form



If your child's details are in the system, your voucher will be available to print or save immediately. If your child's details are not found in the system, a voucher will be sent to your nominated email address within 10 working day Further information is available by calling 1800 817 860 or email sport your bergint govau

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Darwin Region School Sport

School of Sport Education NT is a delivery agent for NT Department of Education in the curriculum area of physical education and sport. Throughout the year they will hold out of school hours trials for various sports as per below. If your child is interested in participating in any of these trials, they should see Mr Bentes to collect a form. Alternatively, request one by email: joshua.bentes1@education.nt.gov.au





The following advertisements are not necessarily endorsed by the school.

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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

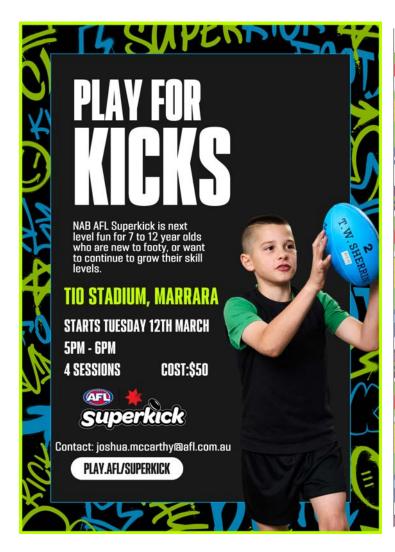
Come and enjoy martial arts with a qualified instructor for self-defence, fitness and fun. Contact Peter on 0427991394.

Come and Try. First two lessons free.











IDEAS IN NUTRITION

The Power of a Colourful Plate

Want to make lunchtime exciting and nutritious for your kids? Let's think about the colours in their lunchbox. Bright, colourful fruits and veggies are not only visually appealing but a fantastic way to provide the essential nutrients they need to grow.

Each colour represents different health benefits:

- Red fruits and veggies, like strawberries and capsicum, are rich in antioxidants.
- Oranges and yellows, like carrots and oranges, have vitamin C for strong immunity.
- Greens, such as broccoli and spinach, are packed with vitamins and minerals for growing bodies.
- Blue and purple foods like blueberries provide antioxidants to boost brainpower.





KIDS^ GO FREE IN FEB

Walk or run this Mother's Day, Sunday 12 May.

Register now on mothersdayclassic.com.au

^Kids Go Free in Feb applies to up to 2 children aged 12 and under per adult/concession ticket purchase.

