



### From the Principal...

We are thrilled to share that last week, our new NT Learning Commissioners were elected by their peers to drive positive change within our school community. Today, these dedicated individuals spent a day delving into school perception and academic data, brainstorming insightful questions and innovative ideas for improvement.

Throughout the school year, this team will collaborate with the Northern Territory Learning Commission to enhance learning experiences at our school. Teachers and school leaders eagerly anticipate the initiatives they will undertake to elevate our educational environment.

In recognition of their vital role, the learning commissioners will be honored with a badge at the upcoming assembly. We are proud of all our student leaders (School Captains, House Leaders, Library & Canteen Monitors) and look forward to the positive impact they will make on our school community.

It is important to note that behind the great work of our student leaders at SPPS is the amazing Mrs Siskamanis who provides many engaging, age appropriate mentoring and learning opportunities for our leaders. In the next newsletter, we will introduce you to our Learning Commissioners and find out a little more about their role in the school.



### Schedule of Events

**March 13 to March 22**  
NAPLAN for Years 3 & 5

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

**Wednesday, March 13**  
Scholastic Book Club Due

**Friday, March 15**  
Upper Primary Assembly  
Item by Year 6 Ildiko

**March 18 to March 22nd**  
Year 6 Camps

**AGM**  
**March 13**  
**6pm**  
**Join Us!**





-Learning Together - Growing Together-

# Coming Soon! Parent Meetings

Parent teacher meetings will be held  
in Week 10 on  
Tuesday, April 2nd

Online bookings will open on  
**Monday, March 18th**

You will receive an email on this day with  
the online booking link and a code.

We hope that you will join us to discuss your  
child/ren's progress, successes and  
learning goals for the year ahead.

*Save  
the  
Date!*



## EASTER RAFFLE DONATIONS NEEDED

We are seeking donations of Easter eggs/treats, Easter  
themed craft, tableware, new books/toys or gift  
vouchers for our upcoming Easter Raffle.

Donations can be dropped in the basket at the office  
or at Preschool.

Raffle tickets will be sent home with your child this week.

The raffle will be drawn at our Harmony Day  
Assembly on Thursday, March 28th.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

**THANK YOU!**



# SPPS House Leaders for 2024

On Friday, February 28th, House Leader candidates presented spirited speeches to their respective Houses in different locations around the school and then students voted. Congratulations to our House Leaders for 2024!

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**Paraskevi Tsikouris & Lewis Bellot**

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**Alexis Mousellis & Alex Lemke**

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**Ned Weston & Eve McMahon**



## School Leaders Badge Presentations

At the last two assemblies, our new School Captains and House Leaders received their badges to great fanfare and have enjoyed wearing them around the school in their new roles. They even received some great advice from our Minister of Education, Mark Monaghan, about being proactive leaders. Our Learning Commissioners will receive their badges at our next Upper Primary Assembly. These elections will complete our Student Representative Council for 2024.



# Pupil Free Day

**Friday,  
April 19th**

**IMPORTANT**



**School will resume in Term 2 on Monday, April 15th.  
Friday, April 19th, the first Friday in Term 2, has been  
scheduled as a Pupil Free Day.**

**Stuart Park Primary will be hosting staff from other city schools for professional development on this day in the Dragonfly and Sandfly rooms.**

**Care will be offered on this day by our Outside School Hours Care staff in the Library and outdoor areas. The cost of care for the school day will be \$25.00, which needs to be paid via the school office. Please drop into the office or give them a ring on 89977333 to make a booking for your child to attend.**

**This care will cover the school day (7:45am to 2:30pm). After School Care bookings will be in place for those regularly scheduled to attend.**

**Bookings for the Pupil Free day will close on Wednesday,  
April 17th.**



*Thank you!*

A huge thank you goes out to Willow's Grandmother, Paulette, for adding some beautiful colour and comfort to our Preschool reading corner with her hand made cushions.

Each of the brightly coloured cushions have a handle for carrying and a special pocket for books. They are amazing!  
Thank you for your generous and thoughtful gift!



## Impromptu Performance

On Wednesdays, our school is visited by NT Music School teachers who give lessons to Years 4 to 6 students who have enrolled in the Instrumental Music Program. An added bonus for staff and students is that we sometimes get treated to impromptu performances at recess and lunch times.

Our Early Childhood students certainly enjoyed Houston and Eliot's practice session last week. Thank you boys!



INTERNETBALL

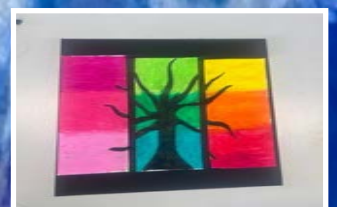
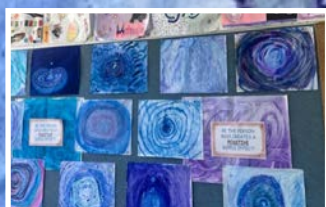
On Friday, May 1st, SPPS fielded two teams at the Primary Schools Netball Gala Day held at Marrara. Both teams consisted of Years 5 and 6 students who represented their school with enthusiasm, positivity, excellent teamwork and beautiful sportsmanship. The teams played both on the indoor and outdoor courts and they both finished 3rd in their respective pools, which was a wonderful achievement given that several students were playing netball for the very first time. Ms Linda Parnham and Mrs Tina Metcalfe were so proud of their teams for the way in which they conducted themselves throughout the day and they are already preparing and planning on forming additional teams to represent the school again in Term 4 for the Primary Interschool Netball Competition. So watch this space for more netball news!



## Friday Art and Crafternoons in Year 6 Metcalfe

So far this year, the students in Year 6 Metcalfe have enjoyed the full gamut of subject areas including English, Maths, Digital Technology, Health, PE and HASS. At the end of each busy week, the students have particularly enjoyed relaxing into their Visual Arts lessons. Every Friday afternoon, students move around the room to sit where they like and chat with their classmates while they sketch, paint, colour and create a variety of artworks. It's a wonderful opportunity for them to enjoy each other's company and express their individuality through art.

At the beginning of term, students created their own 'Me Poster' to illustrate their own values, strengths, and interests as a way of getting to know more about each other. They then painted their own version of the 'ripple effect' to illustrate how our acts of kindness can affect others, which is a whole class intention for the term. Students then completed their 'Tree of Life' design to experiment with warm and cool colours, using oil pastels. Being surrounded by the students' artwork in the classroom is just as enjoyable as the creative process itself, and students in Year 6 Metcalfe will continue to prioritize their Friday art and crafternoons!



# 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](mailto:joshua.bentes1@education.nt.gov.au)



*Darwin Region Sport Education*

**NETBALL SELECTION TRIALS 2024**  
**12 YEARS & UNDER**  
**STUDENTS BORN BETWEEN 1ST JULY 2011 - 31ST DECEMBER 2014**  
Age dispensation applies for girls born from 1/7/2011 - 31/12/2011

To be eligible for selection students must be the correct age, attend at least 2 out of the 3 trial days and be enrolled in a Darwin Region School.

**WHERE: Territory Netball Stadium, Marrara**

**WHEN: Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th & Thursday 14th March**

**TIME: 3.30 - 5.00pm**

**Please bring appropriate clothing, footwear and water bottle**

**CONTACT DARWIN REGION SPORT EDUCATION OFFICE OR YOUR SCHOOL TO RECEIVE A PERMISSION FORM**

JORDIE WILLIAMS - PATHWAY COORDINATOR 0460 037 976 [darwinsport.doe@education.nt.gov.au](mailto:darwinsport.doe@education.nt.gov.au)  
HANNAH ROLL - SPORT EDUCATION COORDINATOR 0437 001 735 [hannah.roll@education.nt.gov.au](mailto:hannah.roll@education.nt.gov.au)

DARWIN REGION  
SPORT EDUCATION



**TENNIS**

**TEAM NOMINATIONS**

**12 YEARS & UNDER**  
**STUDENTS BORN BETWEEN**  
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**SELF NOMINATE**

Contact [darwinsport.doe@education.nt.gov.au](mailto:darwinsport.doe@education.nt.gov.au) to get your form. Nominations due 28.03.2024

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.







# Hockey Club Sign On Day

## Marrara Indoor Stadium

Saturday 9th March

8:30am - 1:00pm

Come down to Marrara Indoor Stadium to sign up for your club for the 2024 season. From 8:30am there will be a Come & Try session for players 8 and under. All gear will be supplied, no need to register just arrive and join in the fun.

There will be drinks, a breakfast BBQ, as well as a cake stand to help fundraise for the upcoming Under 16 National Championships.




**PLAY FOR KICKS**

NAB AFL Superkick is next level fun for 7 to 12 year olds who are new to footy, or want to continue to grow their skill levels.

**TIO STADIUM, MARRARA**

**STARTS TUESDAY 12TH MARCH**

**5PM - 6PM**

**4 SESSIONS      COST: \$50**

**AFL Superkick**

Contact: [joshua.mccarthy@afl.com.au](mailto:joshua.mccarthy@afl.com.au)

**PLAY.AFL/SUPERKICK**

# JUNIOR VOLLEYBALL DEVELOPMENT CAMP

SITZLER NETBALL CENTRE  
MARRARA

- ◆ Volleystars Head Coach - Dave Preston
- ◆ Australian Volleyball Academy Senior Coach - Brendan Garlick
- ◆ Volleyball NT Coaching Development Opportunity
- ◆ Saturday March 9th  
Sunday March 10th

Register now -  
[www.volleyballnt.com.au/events](http://www.volleyballnt.com.au/events)



## ★ COME AND TRY HOCKEY ★

**ALL JUNIORS WELCOME**

THURSDAY 14TH & 21ST MARCH @ 5:30PM

**Marrara Hockey Centre**

**NO CLUB Fees** and **FREE** starter kit for Juniors playing their **FIRST** season with Banks Hockey Club in 2024

[www.bankshockeyclub.com](http://www.bankshockeyclub.com)

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