



### From the Principal...

This week, our Year 6 students are spending time at Batchelor Outdoor Education Centre doing a range of outdoor activities like climbing, bike riding, archery, high ropes and other team challenges.

Camp can be fun but also challenging. It helps prepare our students for the world that awaits them through building strong, positive relationships, being resilient when things go wrong, persevering through hard times, persisting so that we achieve our goals and just being a good friend to our peers.

We hope they enjoy the experience and are not too tired when they get home!

Our Years 3 and 5 students have completed their NAPLAN testing for this year with only catch-up testing to finalise. We were very impressed with our students' positive mindset and their ability to take their time to complete their tests thoroughly. Results will be sent home when we receive them in Term 3.

This week is Harmony Week, a time for us to come together and celebrate the incredible diversity and multiculturalism we have in our communities. At our school, this means respecting each other and sharing a message that everyone belongs. We invite you all to wear something orange and join us next Thursday, March 28th, at 8:30am for our Harmony Day Assembly. We hope to see you there!



### Schedule of Events

**March 13 to March 25**  
NAPLAN for Years 3 & 5

**Friday, March 22nd**  
Early Childhood Assembly  
Item by Year 1 Clark

**Thursday, March 28th**  
Whole School Harmony Day  
Assembly - **Wear Orange!**  
**Easter Raffle Drawn!**

**Friday, March 29**  
Good Friday Public Holiday

**Monday, April 1st**  
Easter Monday Public Holiday

**Tuesday, April 2nd**  
Parent Meetings

**Friday, April 5th**  
Last day of Term 1







# Parent Meeting Bookings Now Open

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

Online bookings are now open. Meetings can be in person or over the phone. Please book via the link and code below. If you need assistance booking online, please contact the office on 89977333.

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



Click below link to book :

<https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code/n357b>

Code: **n357b**

## Harmony Day Assembly Thursday, March 28th

**8:30am**

*Please Join Us!*

*\*Our Easter Raffle will be drawn at this assembly*

**Wear  
ORANGE  
for Harmony  
Celebrations!**





# Introducing our SPPS Learning Commissioners

Congratulations to our NT Learning Commissioners for 2024! These students were elected by their peers to drive positive change within our school community. This new initiative places students at the centre of leading research and providing evidence-informed recommendations alongside their teachers and school leadership teams to improve practice within their own school, across regions and the entire system.

On Wednesday, March 6th, eight of our nine Learning Commissioners attended the Northern Territory Learning Commission Kick-off Event with Mrs Siskamanis. The event was held at the Double Tree by Hilton in the city. Our Learning Commissioners had the opportunity to meet and interact with commissioners from other schools and find out more about their roles and responsibilities. After morning tea, the commissioners unpacked and analysed some data about our school and brainstormed ideas and strategies they could implement to improve teaching and learning at SPPS. We look forward to hearing more about their journey throughout the year.

## Our Learning Commissioners 2024

Jasmine - 6 Marshall  
Oliver - 6 Metcalfe  
Nethum - 6 Ildiko  
Cassidy - 5 Roditis  
Andy - 5 Kelly  
Noah - 5 Jessie  
Yiannis- 4 Bury  
Aida - 4 Watt  
Mackenzie - 4 Hancock



NORTHERN TERRITORY  
**LEARNING  
COMMISSION**  
STUDENTS AS PARTNERS IN THEIR LEARNING



# Pupil Free Day

**Friday,  
April 19th**



**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.**



## Vacation Care Bookings Now Open

The program will be open: April 8th to April 12th

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



# Flexible Seating in Year Five Jessie



Students in Year 5, Ms Jessie's class have been using flexible seating in their classroom this Term. Research suggests that flexible seating offers numerous advantages for student learning. It motivates everyone to work in a collaborative environment, improves engagement and promotes and builds on students' self-esteem and social skills.

Flexible seating options in Year 5 Jessie include: Floor Options with beach chairs and lap tables; Table options with dining chairs and cushions; Quiet room with wobbly stool and gym ball and many more.

As easy as flexible seating may sound, all Year 5 students were presented with a challenge at the start of term: How do I monitor my own learning when I'm in class? What does "smart seat" look like? It's been such a pleasure witnessing the learning journey each student has embraced in 5 Jessie this term and we look forward to more "magical learning moments" this year!

**choice**



**MOVEMENT**



**Comfort**



**motivation**

**problem solving**



## Our Science Program at SPPS

Here at Stuart Park Primary School we have 3 specialist Science Teachers. **Mrs Kayla Hood** teaches science to Transition and Year 1. **Mrs Sylvia Siskamanis** teaches science to our Year 2s and 3s, whilst **Mrs Carolyn Gabrielle** teaches the Year 4, 5 and 6 students. We are very fortunate to have two dedicated science rooms in our school. One is located near the Preschool and the other can be found near the Engine Room in the Early Childhood building. Within each science room, you will find students predicting, investigating, testing, exploring, concluding and above all, having fun!

# Science at SPPS



**Year 3 dropping balls into sand to make craters**



**Year 2 students were amazed to see their bead change colour in the sunlight!**



**Year 1 making habitat trioramas**



**Students in Year 4 learn about what living things need to survive and how they interact and rely on specific natural environments for this survival.**







## Easter Raffle Update

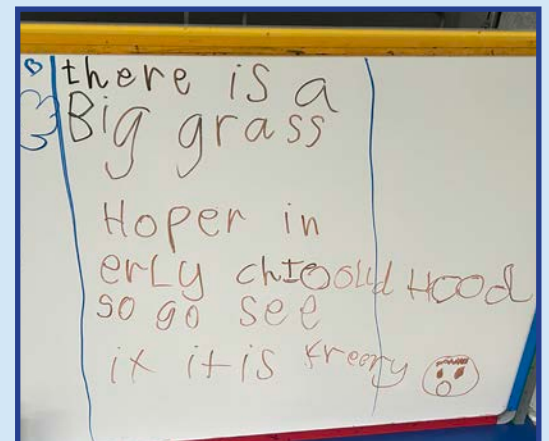
Thank you to all of our families who have kindly donated to our Easter Raffle and also to those who have purchased tickets. Thanks to you, our baskets include not only Easter treats but also some vouchers from Mr Barra, Bunnings and some colourful Yeti cups and bottles. We will be accepting donations until the end of this week and tickets will be on sale in the office until next Wednesday. Good Luck!

## Real-Life Learning around our School



Students have been in awe of the latest visitor to our school this week. This giant praying mantis caused a lot of excitement during recess.

Some of our Year 1's even left Ms Hall an important message about the "big thing" in EC she needed to investigate. Can you spot our well camouflaged visitor?





## Do you know an outstanding female educator?

This year, the Northern Territory will be participating in 'Women of the Year' awards for the first time.

The awards recognise and celebrate inspirational, influential and innovative women across nine categories including 'Champions of Education', 'Angels Among Us', 'Champions of Sport', 'First Nations Person', 'Industry Professionals', 'Stars of Tourism and Hospitality', 'Public Sector' and 'People's Choice'.

If you know an inspirational educator, now is the perfect time to nominate her as part of the awards! To find out more or to make a nomination before applications close on Friday, 5 April, [click here](#).

Winners will be announced as part of an awards ceremony at Mindil Beach Casino Resort on Friday, 10 May. Tickets are available for purchase [here](#).



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**TERM 2**

# AFTER SCHOOL LANGUAGE CLASSES

TERM FEES  
**\$180**

**YEAR 1 TO YEAR 12 STUDENTS**

Classes run Mon to Wed 4:00pm - 6:00pm  
Sat 10.00am - 12.30pm (Mandarin Only)



We offer classes in the following languages:

Auslan - French - German - Greek - Italian - Indonesian  
Japanese - Korean - Mandarin - Portuguese - Spanish

School pick up service available from many local Darwin primary schools  
fees apply - ask for details



[www.darwinlanguagescentre.nt.edu.au](http://www.darwinlanguagescentre.nt.edu.au)

Hi!

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Hola!



**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.

# Calling All Juniors!

The cricket season is almost here, time to get ready to hit the sixes!  
Before the season starts, there is some registration and dates to keep in mind.



PlayHQ is the site to register for the upcoming cricket season for 2024, starting on the Saturday, 20th April.

Kids aged 6 to 18 can enrol into Junior cricket.  
Sports vouchers are accepted and can be used during registration to pay.

All Juniors, new and returning (excluding Blasters), are required to be registered fully ASAP for team selection and ordering of uniforms.

Blasters Cricket is for the youngsters aged 5 to 9 years old, and is played at Kahlin Oval (Darwin Cricket Club). All Blasters are encouraged to register via PlayCricket. Select Darwin Cricket Club and follow the process from there. The first game is this Friday, 1st March, and goes for the next 6 weeks. We hope to see you there.



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Join the Blues  
**MINIROOS  
& JUNIORS**

AGE GROUPS: Under 6-Under 18 boys & girls

**EVERY WEDNESDAY**  
**at Jingili Oval, 5:30pm**

26 Jingili Terrace, Jingili NT 0810

Contact the club directly for more information  
e: [hellenicac@gmail.com](mailto:hellenicac@gmail.com) f: [/Hellenic Athletic Club](https://www.facebook.com/HellenicAthleticClub)

**FREE  
LEARN  
TO SKATE**



**EVERY WEDNESDAY 4-6PM**  
**4/111 COONAWARRA RD WINNELLIE**

all equipment supplied & all welcome!

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★ **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)

**GAMES**



**BBQ**



**FRIENDS**



**FITNESS**