



## From the Principal...

As we come to the end of another successful ten-week term, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you for your support and dedication to our school community. Your involvement and commitment continues to make a difference in the lives of our students.

It was great to see so many families attend Parent Meetings this week. During these meetings, all teachers shared information about students and their reading progress. This provides a valuable opportunity to discuss ways in which we can work together to further support student literacy development. We encourage incorporating literacy into all aspects of everyday life, from reading street signs on the way to school to reading the directions in a recipe together.

Your partnership is invaluable, and I am confident that together, we can continue to nurture a love for learning and literacy in our students.

## THE MILLION WORD GAP

New research shows the different numbers of words kids will have heard by age 5 based on how often parents read to them:

- Never read to: 4,662 words
- 1-2 times per week: 63,570 words
- 3-5 times per week: 169,520 words
- Daily: 296,660 words
- Five books a day: 1,483,300 words



## Schedule of Events

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

**April 8th to 12th**  
School Holidays

**Monday, April 15th**  
School resumes for Term 2

**Friday, April 19th**  
Pupil Free Day - No school

**Thursday, April 25th**  
ANZAC Day Public Holiday

**Friday, April 26th**  
ANZAC Day Assembly



# 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.**



We would like to express our thanks to our school community for your support this term with our Easter Raffle. We raised just over \$2500 for the school.

Our first Book Club for the year was also finalised yesterday and orders were sent home. Thank you for your purchases. The school receives "rewards dollars" based on our total orders which we can now use to purchase books and resources for our library.





## SPPS Student Leadership Forum

On Monday, March 25th, our Student Representative Council members participated in a leadership forum at school. The students, consisting of our School Captains, House Leaders and NT Learning Commissioners, spent the day unpacking what makes a good leader and reflecting on their own strengths and weaknesses. After lunch, the students had the privilege of a 'Meet and Greet' with a Leader in our community, the Lord Mayor of Darwin, the Honourable Kon Vatskalis. He shared some of his leadership strategies and some entertaining anecdotes. The student leaders enjoyed the day and are looking forward to the next forum in Term three.

## Save the Dates: Term 2 Parenting Workshops

Back by popular demand, we are offering two new parenting workshops next term with the knowledgeable, practical and engaging Dr John Callanan. John will discuss how kids developing minds respond to and cope with big and challenging situations and emotions. More information will be sent out early in Term 2 but the dates are as follow:

**Week 3 - Wednesday, May 1st**

**Week 6 - Wednesday, May 22nd**





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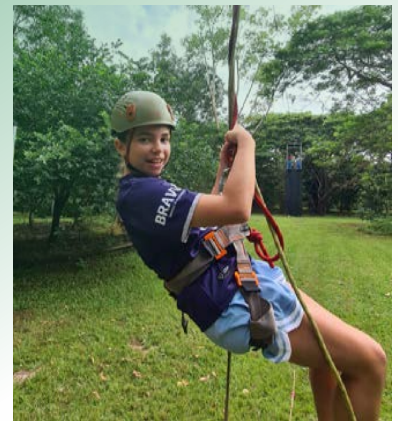
This term in our Visual Art unit, students have been exploring four different artists, as well as their chosen mediums of art. Students have created artworks based on the skills learnt from these artists.

This has been a fantastic way to learn about colour theory, how different colours can illicit emotions, and the use of different techniques. The result of our cubism artworks has been fantastic and each one is unique, as students have also learnt that art is subjective. It's been lovely to witness every student bring out their inner artist and have a go at Picasso's cubism technique, even if it was challenging!

Drawing straight lines across the page can be challenging, as well as choosing specific colours that the students believe will elicit a feeling or emotion. However, every student showed great persistence and did their personal best. 2ML are amazing artists and have done a wonderful job in all of their Visual Art lessons this term!







# Year 6 Camp Adventures

The year 6 camp this term was a huge success. Having the camp earlier in the year yielded unexpected benefits, such as bonding experiences for the year sixes that will establish lasting memories and strong friendships between our graduating students.

As always, the BOEC (Batchelor Outdoor Education Centre) offered a range of challenging activities, the favourites being rockclimbing, high ropes, mountain bike riding, raft building and archery. Many of the year 6 students operated outside of their comfort zones to climb higher, walk further and ride longer than they thought possible. The down time between activities was particularly enjoyable as students enjoyed trampolining, socializing, team building games and fun in the evenings.

Thank you to all of our parent helpers this year; the camp would not have been possible without you offering your time and energy to spend the most part of 3 days with the students and we are grateful for your help.



In week eight, we went to camp, and we had a blast! We made many memories, and we learned along the way. Because of this, all of us are extremely grateful, and will remember the peak of 2024. Camp wouldn't have been possible without the parents and teachers. It put us in good stead for an amazing year! - Eliot





## SPPS Sporting Legends

We would like to congratulate our students who have been selected to represent Darwin Region through the School Sport Education NT Program in various sports so far this year. Well done and keep up the great work!



Cooper Azzopardi - Touch Football  
Ty W- Touch Football  
Elijah Anderson - AFL  
Eva Tsirogianis - Netball  
Ciara Olivetta - Netball  
Indy Folkers - Netball  
Chloe Baylis - Netball

**\*\*Special mentions to the following students who have been selected to represent the NT through School Sport at the National Championships in their respective sports:**

**Elijah Anderson - AFL - Geelong VIC  
Chloe Baylis - Swimming - Gold Coast, QLD**

## Preschool Enrolments Opening

**Preschool 2025 expression of interest forms will be available from the office starting in Term two. If your child is eligible for Preschool next year, please drop in and collect a form.**

### 2025 Preschool Expression of Interest- NOW OPEN!

Nestled in natural bushland, Stuart Park Preschool provides an exciting and engaging learning environment for all.



Exceeding the National Quality Standards, we are most proud of our individualised opportunities for exploration and interest-based learning.

Children who turn four years of age before 30<sup>th</sup> June each school year are eligible to start preschool that January.

Please contact the front office on 89 977 333 or [stuartpark.school@education.nt.gov.au](mailto:stuartpark.school@education.nt.gov.au)

2023 Stuart Park Preschool Model will be:

BLUE GROUP 8 – 2:30pm Monday/Tuesday

GREEN GROUP 8 – 2:30pm Thursday/Friday

Both groups alternate Wednesday half days.

BLUE GROUP odd weeks 8 – 12:00pm

GREEN GROUP even weeks 8 – 12:00pm



IMPORTANT: Preference is given to families who live in the school's enrolment catchment area

## Pertussis (whooping cough) increasing in the NT

Pertussis can be a very serious infection in young babies.

Vaccination is an important preventative measure against pertussis and can reduce the risk of infection and severe illness.

Make sure that you and your child are up to date with vaccines.

For more information see [Pertussis \(Whooping cough\) | NT.GOV.AU.](https://www.nt.gov.au/health/communicable-diseases/pertussis-whooping-cough/)

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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)

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## 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.



## Ride Against Cancer NT

Presenting a family friendly day on the racetrack.

Come join in the fun and experience time on the track with proceeds going to

## Alan Walker Cancer Care Centre

Date: 25/05/2024 • Time: 08:00am - 12:00pm • Gates open at 07:00am

Have you ever wanted to walk, jog, cycle, skateboard, roller blade or wheelchair on **Hidden Valley Racetrack**? Now is your chance! **Helmets are MANDATORY.**

**Don't forget to bring your bike/board/blades/wheelchair.**



In March 2019, **Chantal** was diagnosed with Stage 4 Small Cell Lung Cancer. Her daughter and beautiful friends raised the funds to remove the financial burden, allowing Chantal to put all her efforts into her well-being. This is how 66 Laps for Chantal was born! Chantal was a true fighter but lost her battle with cancer in September 2021.

Ticket purchase & donations can be made through QR code.

Adult \$20 • Family Pass \$30 • Free entry for children under 15

Hidden Valley Raceway Gate: 2, 171 Hidden Valley Rd, Hidden Valley

Like our Facebook page for event updates / Ride Against Cancer NT





# PLAY NETBALL IN 2024!



NDE is a long term family netball club, focused on fun and development. We have a team for everyone!

## Juniors

NetSetGO (6-9yo), U11, U13, U15, U17  
Pre-season training starts 4 March  
Season starts 17 April

## Fees and registrations

NetSetGO \$190  
Juniors \$245



Sport voucher accepted

Ask us about family discounts!

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Northern Districts Eagles  
Netball Club

[www.districts.darwinnetball.org.au](http://www.districts.darwinnetball.org.au)

MARRARA Darwin NT  
Coach: Nick Pastrokos  
Email: darwintta@gmail.com

Spinneroos gives kids a great first experience with table tennis!



2024 PROGRAM  
Starts Wed 24 April 2024  
5.30pm to 6.30pm  
FEE: \$100 for 8 lessons  
AGE 6y to 10y



## 8 weeks of fun!

Program includes a kit bag, t-shirt, bat and balls!

WEDNESDAY 24 APRIL 2024  
5.30PM TO 6.30PM  
DARWIN TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION  
MARRARA MULTI-PURPOSE HALL  
Enrol at darwintta@gmail.com

Find out more and book now!  
[Spinneroos.com.au](http://Spinneroos.com.au)



**Goodstart**  
Early Learning & Preschool



## Stuart Park

We're for children,  
not for profit.

## Now taking enrolments

### Key benefits

- ✓ Government funding available
- ✓ Designed in line with the National Quality Standards
- ✓ Led by Qualified Early Childhood Teacher & Educators
- ✓ Flexible hours & days available

### Program inclusions

- ✓ Language, literacy & numeracy
- ✓ Science & emotional development
- ✓ Creative arts
- ✓ Physical development
- ✓ In-house community visits & excursions
- ✓ Strong focus on families & the local community
- ✓ School readiness

**Book a tour!**

**Stuart Park**  
2 Bishop Street

1800 222 543 goodstart visit our centre

Scan to enquire or book a tour



**Scouts**  
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# Join Scouts

## Alawa Scout Group

65 Lakeside Drive,  
Alawa, NT

Age Group: 5 to 14 Years



**Fun | Friendship | Adventure**

Contact: [gl.alawa@nt.scouts.com.au](mailto:gl.alawa@nt.scouts.com.au)