



From the Principal...

What an incredible start to the year! I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know our students, staff, and families over the past fortnight. There is so much to learn about our wonderful school, and I am truly excited to be part of such a warm and welcoming community.

As part of my transition into the school, I have been meeting with staff members individually to learn more about their experiences, what is working well, and any areas for improvement. Although it is still early days, several consistent themes have emerged, including:

- A positive, supportive, and caring school culture
- A dedicated and helpful leadership team
- Strong, positive relationships between students and staff
- Collaborative planning among teachers

Mrs. Bright and I also had the pleasure of speaking with our upper primary students about what they love most about Stuart Park Primary School. Their responses were heartwarming and included:

- Supportive and friendly teachers
- Plenty of play spaces
- Fun and engaging learning experiences
- Strong friendships and a kind school community
- The variety of specialist programs available

I look forward to meeting with our School Captains this week to gain their insights and will also be seeking feedback from parents and families in the coming weeks and months. Your perspectives are invaluable in ensuring our school continues to thrive.



Schedule of Events

Friday, February 7th
Early Childhood Assembly

Friday, February 14th
Meet and Mingle Morning
8:10am to 9:00am All welcome!
House Captain Elections
No Assembly

Friday, February 21st
Upper Primary Assembly
Year 6 Marshall

Coming in March - Date TBA
School Council AGM



Teaching and Learning

The first two weeks of school have been dedicated to fostering strong relationships and a sense of belonging among students and teachers. A key focus has been reinforcing our school values:

- Mutual Respect
- Appreciations (No Putdowns)
- Attentive Listening
- Participation (Right to Pass)

Our school has developed a behaviour matrix that highlights the positive behaviours associated with these values, ensuring a consistent and supportive learning environment for all students.

As we move forward, I am committed to maintaining high expectations for both students and staff. Our expert teaching team will continue to focus on high-impact teaching strategies, our whole school programs, collaborative structures, and student and staff wellbeing, all of which are essential for a thriving learning community.

Meet and Mingle

We know 2025 will be another action-packed and exciting year, and we invite you to join us for our Meet and Mingle event on:

Friday, 14th February
8:10am – 9:00am

During this session, teachers will open their classrooms to families, providing an opportunity to learn about class expectations, routines, and, most importantly, how you can support learning at home. We encourage all parents and carers to attend and connect with their child's teacher. I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible on the day. In the meantime, please don't hesitate to say hello if you see me in the yard, I'd love to hear your thoughts and experiences.

MUTUAL RESPECT



APPRECIATION



GOOD LISTENING



PARTICIPATION





Save the Date!

All Welcome!

Meet and Mingle

Friday, February 14th
8:10am to 9:00am

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 four School Captains for 2025. Congratulations once again to:



Darcy



Noah



Chloe



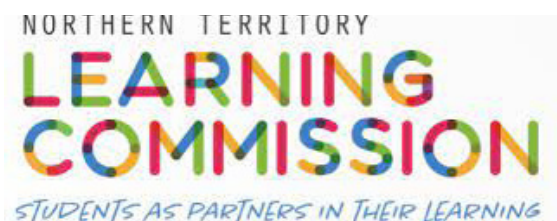
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Last week, we invited our year six students to become canteen helpers and library monitors.

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 Meet and Mingle on **Friday 14th February**, at 9:10am. Parents are most welcome to come along and listen to the speeches.

Once again, we are 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 four, 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 2025



Library Monitors 2025

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.

5 tips for a safer internet



1 Create a kinder world

Practice respect, empathy, and kindness online.

2 Start the conversation

"So...how do you keep safe online?" ask your friends, family and community!



3 Be mindful

Balance your time online and be smart about the content you watch and share.

4 Speak up

Tell a trusted adult and report online abuse and harmful content.



5 Get support

There's a young people's section just for you. Visit [eSafety.gov.au](https://www.esafety.gov.au).

Together, let's make the internet a safer, more positive place.



eSafety Commissioner

[eSafety.gov.au](https://www.esafety.gov.au)

Internet Safety Focus

Safer Internet Day is a global day of action bringing communities, schools, organisations and families from more than 180 countries together to raise awareness of online safety issues and work towards a safer internet.

The eSafety Commissioner leads the day in Australia and we're calling on all Australians to help make the internet a safer, and more positive place.

All classes are learning about Online Safety this term. Please read your child's class letter for further information.



Mobile Phone Reminder

If your child brings a mobile phone to school it needs to be stored in the office during the school day and collected at 2:30pm. NT Education policy states that Students in preschool to year 6 will not be permitted to have mobile phones in their possession during the school day and smart watches must be switched to flight mode.

Free parent and carer webinars



eSafety
Commissioner

[eSafety.gov.au/SID](https://www.esafety.gov.au/SID)

@eSafetyOffice offers free webinars for parents & carers to gain knowledge, skills & tools to support their children to have safe online experiences.

Register here: www.esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars

#SID2025 #BackToSchool

#SaferInternetDay

[Click for Webinars](https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars)

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](#)

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 and midges can be particularly prolific in Darwin. The calendars below is a great guide for when they will be at their worst.

[2025 Salt Marsh Mosquito Calendar](#)

[2025 Biting Midge Calendar](#)



Would you like to learn trombone or trumpet in 2025? Stuart Park Band wants you!

The NT Music School's Instrumental Program at Stuart Park Primary has spaces available for students interested in learning trombone and trumpet.

These lessons are offered during school hours on Wednesdays for students from Year 4 to Year 6.

Instrument hire is available through the Music School.

Please contact NTMS to secure your interest at

www.ntms.net.au



SPPS Choir for Years 4 to 6

Choir will begin in Week 3.

Students in Years 4 to 6 will be invited to participate.




Does your child want to learn a language?

Students welcome from Year 1 - Year 12

We offer the following after-school language classes:

Monday: Greek, Japanese, Portuguese, Spanish
Tuesday: Auslan, Greek, Indonesian, Italian
Wednesday: French, German, Mandarin, Russian
Saturday: Mandarin (10:00am - 12:30pm)

Join us in 2025

\$180 PER TERM

- Mon-Wed - 4:00 - 6:00pm ✓
- School pick-up service ✓
- Sports Vouchers accepted ✓

ENROL NOW

Contact Us 8997 7000  More Information www.darwinlanguagescentre.nt.edu.au 

The following advertisements are not necessarily endorsed by the school.



FREE

ALL GIRLS COME & TRY

3 WEEK PROGRAM | AGES 4-11

WEDNESDAY 19/02 - WEDNESDAY 05/03
 5.30PM - 6.30PM AT TRACY VILLAGE
 28 TAMBLING TERRACE, LYONS

PLAYERS NEW AND RETURNING WELCOME

 HELLENICAC@GMAIL.COM  @HELLENICATHLETICCLUB



SIGN ON DAY

 **WEDNESDAY 26TH OF FEBRUARY**

 **5.30PM**

 **TRACY VILLAGE OVAL
 28 TAMBLING TERRACE, LYONS**

BRING BOOTS/CLOSED SHOES AND WATER BOTTLE

- SOCCER TRAINING & GAMES
- FUN ACTIVITIES FOR THE KIDS
- SAUSAGE SIZZLE

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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.



DARWIN SCHOOL OF BALLET - ENROL NOW

TRAINING

- From 5 years old to Advanced 2 level
- Qualified teachers
- Students trained to high technical standard in internationally recognised Cecchetti Ballet syllabus
- Annual Cecchetti Ballet examinations

PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES

- Annual concert, showcasing classical ballet, national and contemporary dance
- Community events, including the Seabreeze Festival
- Senior students encouraged to develop choreographic skills

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