

From the Principal...

Welcome to Week 4!

A warm welcome to all our parents, carers, and families! Thank you so much for attending last Friday's "Meet and Mingle" event. It was wonderful to see so many of you visiting your child's/children's classrooms. We hope the experience was both welcoming and engaging for you. Please feel free to send me any feedback as we are always looking for ways to improve our family engagement activities.







Parking Notice

On a side note, we did have 11 parking tickets issued for illegal parking during the event. Darwin City Council, in collaboration with the Department of Education, are working on communication for school communities to ensure parking around school areas adheres to child safety regulations. Just a reminder: please avoid parking on yellow lines, verge strips, or in people's driveways to keep our students safe.



Schedule of Events

Friday, February 21stUpper Primary Assembly
Item - Year 6 Metcalfe

Friday, February 28thWhole School Assembly
Item - Year 5 Kelly

Monday, March 10th School Council AGM - 5:30pm School Library

> March 12 to 24th NAPLAN for Years 3 & 5



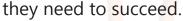


Student Learning Update

All classes have now commenced their units of work, with a strong focus on our new **Learning Through Doing** program, which is a key part of our school's ASIP goal for 2025. This exciting new approach encourages hands-on learning and will be integrated across all year levels. Our Leadership Team will be working closely with teachers to build their capacity and understanding of this program.

Additionally, we will be applying the same approach to our Early Childhood Phonics Program, Initialit, ensuring all staff are well-supported in delivering high-quality literacy learning.

We are also working on our Response to Intervention (RTI) flowchart. This tool will help us target and support Tier 2 and Tier 3 students through the right assessments and interventions, ensuring every child receives the support







School Council AGM and First Meeting for 2025



Please note that our first school council meeting and Annual General Meeting will be held in the school Library on Monday, March 10th at 5:30 pm.

All interested parents/carers are welcome to attend. Please reach out to our current Chairperson, Andrew Baylis, at Andrew.Baylis@nt.gov.au for more information.

For more information about school councils: https://nt.gov.au/learning/parent-and-community-in-volvement/school-councils/join#Why-you-should-join



School Sports Captains

A big thank you to Mrs. Siskamanis for her fantastic coordination of the sports house elections. I was truly in awe of the speeches delivered by the candidates – each one was so confident and well-prepared! Congratulations to the 2025 House Team Captains! We look forward to seeing these young leaders in action as they guide their teams throughout the year. -Principal Maria Albion



Hudson & Madison



Paulette & Andy



Vivienne & Jayden



Yvonnia & Harry

Northern Territory Learning Commission (NTLC)

By the end of this week, we should also have our class representatives (Years 4-6) for the Learning Commission work.

The NTLC is a unique initiative in Australia that fosters collaboration between schools, the Department of Education, and students. It empowers students as "partners in learning" and has grown significantly since 2016, now representing over half of young Territorians in public schools.

We look forward to our new Learning Commissioners directly contributing to our 2025 ASIP school improvement goals. This

program will be led by our Assistant Principal, Mrs. Louise Bright. I look forward to announcing the 2025 NTLC team in our next newsletter.





Please Drive and Park Safely and Responsibly around our School





Please Do

- -always use the pedestrian crossings when crossing the road with your child around our school. You are their best role model.
- -use the Bree Stop for drop offs in the morning and pick ups in the afternoon AFTER 2:40pm
- -always drive cautiously around our school and within the school zone speed limits
- -be patient and courteous in our pick up zone
- -Use car doors on the footpath side for children exiting/entering vehicles
- Be considerate to our neighbours. Park away from their driveways and avoid parking on their lawns
- Talk to your children about road safety around the school.

A handy link: https://raisingchildren.net. au/toddlers/safety/car-pedestrian-safety/ pedestrian-safety



X Please Don't

- -park on or park near pedestrian/ zebra crossings
- -park or stop illegally where there are vellow kerb lines
- -leave your car unattended in the Bree Stop
- -park in the Bree Stop between 2:00 and 2:40pm (This allows for our buses to park safely)
- -do not overtake other cars or buses in the Bree Stop
- -use the staff carparks as drop-off and pick-up zones
- -park (or double park) in our staff car parking lots
- -speed or drive distracted around our school

Please take care, children's lives are at stake.



Sport Voucher Key Details:

Semester 1 (2025) opened on 1 January 2025
 Applications close on 24 May 2025
 Vouchers expire on 31 May 2025
 Each eligible child gets two \$100 vouchers per year
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Open to children Transition to Year 12, including home-schooled students
 Can be used for sport, recreation, swimming, and music lessons

How to Apply:

Parents and carers can apply online at:

24/25 Sport Voucher Scheme (Parents/Carers) | Search | GrantsNT Administration





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

The NT Music School's Instrumental Program at Staurt 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.

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.





Located at Parap Pool, the Darwin Swimming Club caters to a wide variety of swimmers, from graduates of learn-to-swim schools, to those competing at national competitions and everything in between.

The Development Squad is our entry level, and is for kids aged 5 years and over who can swim at least 25 metres confidently.

Come on down to Parap Pool at 3:15pm after school and talk to one of our friendly coaches. Find out more at

darwinswimclub.org.au

email

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Come and try — Club Night events

- Family-friendly atmosphere: Designed to introduce swimmers to racing in a social environment.
- Focus is on fun: Swimmers compete to beat their personal best, with events from 25 metres to longer events.
- Open to non-members: At a nominal fee (\$5 per event), which includes a sausage sizzle BBQ afterwards.





