



From the Principal...

This term has been filled with many highlights and moments worth celebrating at SPPS.

Our students from Year 1 to 6 took part in the Swim to Survive program and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. We remain committed to working in partnership with Royal Life Saving NT to provide a safe, engaging environment that supports swimming and water safety learning.

We marked some special occasions this term: Preschool Wheelathon, Sporting Hero Day, Sports Day, School Photo Day, and the 10th anniversary of the You Can Sit With Me initiative, which we've proudly implemented again this year at SPPS.

Among our staff, we've shared in some joyful personal milestones:

- Congratulations to Mrs. Fronda and Mr. Luke Kelly on the arrival of their babies.
- Best wishes to Mrs. Maria Taktikos, who is expecting early next term.
- We also celebrated in advance the upcoming weddings of Mr. Ryan Nyhuis and Mr. Josh Bentes, both taking place during the holidays.

In broader education developments, the Department of Education and Training has launched the **Boosting Literacy and Numeracy Plan**, a Territory-wide initiative focused on explicit teaching. This is an important step in strengthening outcomes for all students and aligns well with the work already underway at SPPS.

This week, Semester 1 reports are being sent home. I encourage all parents and carers to take the opportunity to read these reports with your child/ren and talk with them about their learning, achievements, and personal goals for Semester 2. I have really enjoyed reading the reports across the school—they reflect the hard work, growth, and persistence of our students. I am incredibly proud of each and every one of them. In Semester 2, we will also take time to review our reporting processes to ensure they continue to reflect and support high-quality teaching and learning.

Schedule of Events

Thursday, June 19

Special Assembly for Ms Sheryl
2:10pm in Assembly Area

Friday, June 20

Upper Primary Assembly
Item - Year 3 Hancock
Last day of Term 2

School Holidays

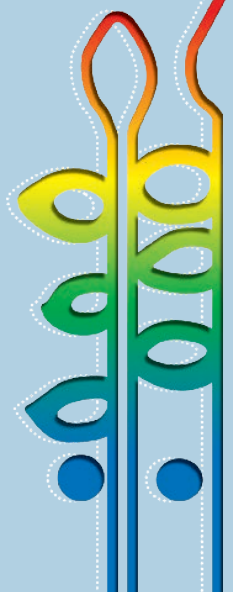
Monday, June 23 to
Friday, 11

Monday, July 14

Pupil Free Day

Tuesday, July 15

First Day of Term 3



Principal's Message - continued

I would also like to take a moment to congratulate our student leaders who have continued to lead with maturity and pride. In particular, I commend our School Captains – Eve, Noah, Darcy, and Chloe – for the way they have embraced their roles, represented our school community, and supported their peers with responsibility and kindness.

As I approach my first six months as Principal, I continue to feel energised and optimistic about the journey ahead. This term has been vibrant and purposeful—marked by student achievement, community celebration, and a sustained focus on high-quality teaching and learning.

Our staff continue to collaborate effectively, and our students are engaging deeply in both academic and co-curricular programs. Looking ahead to Semester 2, our priorities will remain:

- Deepening the quality of instruction
- Refining our systems of student support
- Strengthening our partnerships with families

I would also like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all members of our team—our dedicated teachers, administration officers, support staff, and leadership team—for their ongoing commitment to SPPS. Without their collective effort, care, and professionalism, none of the great things we've achieved this term would be possible. Their contributions make SPPS the vibrant, inclusive, and high-performing school that it is.

Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to our school. I look forward to continuing this journey with you.

Warm regards,
Maria Albion
Principal





Farewell to Our Canteen Manager- Sheryl Humphreys

After 27 years of dedicated service at Stuart Park Primary School – 25 of those as our much-loved Canteen Manager – we say a fond farewell to Sheryl Humphreys as she begins her well-earned retirement.

Born in Brisbane and raised in Darwin, Sheryl's journey into school canteens began as a volunteer at Holy Family School. Her career flourished through roles at Nhulunbuy Primary and Nightcliff High, before she joined Stuart Park's OSHC team in 1998 and then became our Canteen Manager in 2000.

Sheryl has been the heart of our canteen, overseeing its transformation from a traditional tuckshop menu to a space that reflects health, nutrition, and modern conveniences. Her dedication and consistency has left a lasting impression on generations of students – many of whom now return as parents and even grandparents. We thank her for the countless meals, friendly chats, and unwavering care she's given our community. Enjoy your next chapter, Sheryl – you'll always be part of the Stuart Park family.



Pupil Free Day

Monday, July 14th

There will be no onsite care offered for this Pupil Free day.

School will resume for Term 3 on **Tuesday, July 15th**



IMPORTANT

**SCHOOL
FUNRUN.**

**FRIDAY,
AUGUST 1ST**



Last Tuesday, your child should have come home with their **Colour Fun Run** letter and prize booklet. Our event will be held on **Friday 1st August**. We are hoping to raise much needed funds for resources for our school such as Smartboards. In just over a week, we have raised \$6 000...WOW! Our target is \$35 000! **Mrs Albion has committed to being SLIMED if we reach the \$35 000 target!!!**

To set up a Profile Page for your child, go to: schoolfunrun.com.au

We're hoping all students will participate in this great day for our school community, so we'd love everyone to come down to support the kids.

Students who raise \$10 or more can choose a prize.

The more money you raise the better the reward, and the more you help the school!

More information about our Colour Fun Run and what is needed on the day will be given after the school holidays. **Thanks for supporting our school and we hope to see you at the event!**





Big Buddies, Little Buddies: Learning and Growing Together

Every morning during Play Investigations, something wonderful happens - our Big Buddies join us to support their Little Buddies with letters, sounds, and those all-important tricky words. It's a joyful time where connections are built, confidence grows, and learning blossoms.

Our Big Buddy, Little Buddy Program is a shining example of the values we cherish as a school: community, care, and collaboration. While our older students offer their guidance and leadership, our Little Buddies shine brightly in their own right — showing enthusiasm, curiosity, and a real eagerness to learn. Their willingness to listen, ask questions, and try their best is truly impressive, and inspires their Big Buddies in return.

Our older students take on a meaningful role of mentorship, responsibility, and pride in being a positive role model. At the same time, our Little Buddies bring energy, fresh perspectives, and a deep desire to be part of something special.

Together, these partnerships create a warm and collaborative environment where every student is a learner and a teacher. Buddy Time reminds us that learning is most powerful when it's shared, helping every student feel seen, supported, and truly valued. Because here, at our school, "We learn together, we grow together."

Big Buddy Feedback:

"I love helping my little buddies with their learning and I'm impressed with how much they are improving with their reading in the mornings."
Max - Year 6 Metcalfe

"We have played soccer, cricket, ten pin bowling and tip with our buddies this semester and they are a lot of fun. Hugo - 6 Metcalfe

"I love hanging out with the buddies because they are all so energetic and loving and they always get so happy when we see them like the sun shines in their day." Eden - 6 Metcalfe





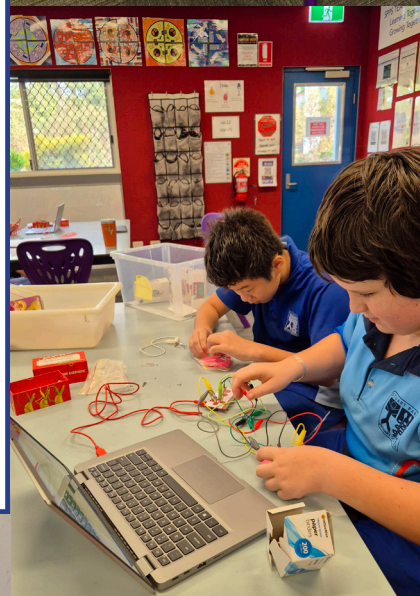
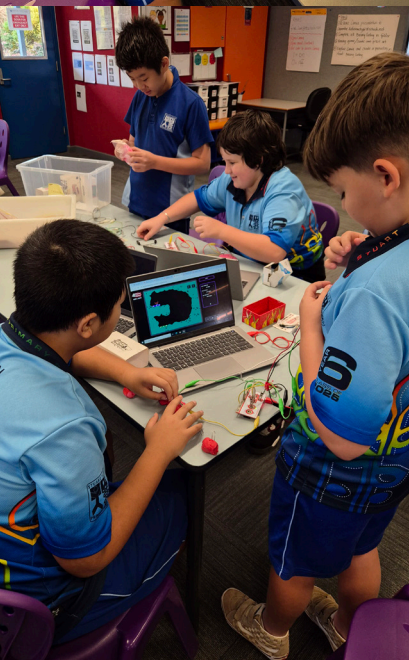
YEAR 6 END-OF-TERM FUN WITH MAKEY MAKEY KITS!

To wrap up the end of term, our Year 6 students have been getting creative and hands-on with Makey Makey kits – an exciting introduction to electronics and invention!

Makey Makey is an innovative tool that turns everyday objects into touchpads and connects them to a computer. Using alligator clips and a circuit board, students can control programs or create music and games using items like fruit, foil, or even playdough!

Students explored coding, circuits, and problem-solving as they designed their own interactive systems – from fruit pianos to game controllers. It was a fantastic way to apply their digital technology learning in a fun, engaging, and imaginative way.

The room was literally buzzing – a perfect way to wrap up a great term!





SPPS LOCAL LEGENDS

SCHOOL OF SPORT SELECTIONS

Congratulations to our students who have been selected to represent Darwin Region through the School Sport Education NT Program in various sports during Term 2. Well done and keep up the great work!

TENNIS Development Squad - Isaiah Salaa

NT Selections - Special mention to Eden Evans, Jayden Moore, Austin Loughman, Jasiah Anderson and Harry Collins who were selected to represent the NT as part of the 12 Years and Under Australian Football Team.



NT CALISTHENICS JUNIOR SOLO CHAMPION

Congratulations to Milly Ravlich!



ATHLETICS GALA DAY

Today, 29 of our 10, 11 and 12 year old students participated in the Darwin City Athletics Gala Day at Marrara Stadium.

This day allows schools to compete against each other in a variety of track and field events including shot put, discus, long jump, high jump, 100m and 200m sprints.

A great day was had by all!



Second-Hand School Shorts

If you have blue school shorts at home that your child has grown out of, please drop them into the office. They always come in handy. Much appreciated.



**WE
NEED
YOU!**

IN THE CANTEEN

If you are interested in volunteering during school hours in our canteen, please drop in and talk to Sheryl.



Stuart Park Preschool Enrolment

**Expressions of Interest
Now Open for 2026**

Children who turn four years of age before 30th June each school year are eligible to start preschool that January. Please contact the front office on 89 977 333 or email stuartpark.school@education.nt.gov.au

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

Children's Online Privacy Code

The Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (OAIC), the Australian Government's privacy regulator, is seeking input from parents and carers to assist them in its development of the Children's Online Privacy Code (the Code). The Code will put children at the center of privacy protections in Australia. By the time a child turns 13, it's estimated that 72 million pieces of data will have been collected about them. The aim of the Code is to strengthen privacy protections for the handling of children's personal information.

Your insights as a parent or carer are important. To have your say, please take a few minutes to complete the parent discussion paper here:

[Children's Online Privacy Code \(consultation for children and parents\) | OAIC.](#)

Your support is also important in helping your child or young person to take part too, please assist them in filling out the appropriate worksheet, provided in the link above. This consultation will be open until the 30 June 2025. You can read more about the Code here:

[Children's Online Privacy Code | OAIC](#)




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


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DARWIN REGION RUGBY
Holiday Program




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| MONDAY, 23 JUNE |  |
| Venue: Skyring Rugby Park Address: 71 Abala Road, Marrara Time: 9:00am - 12:00noon Age Group: 9 - 12 Years Cost: \$30.00 per person | |
| TUESDAY, 24 JUNE |  |
| Venue: Skyring Rugby Park Address: 71 Abala Road, Marrara Time: 9:00am - 12:00noon Age Group: 13 - 17 Years Cost: \$30.00 per person | |
| WEDNESDAY, 25 JUNE |  |
| Venue: Swampdogs Home Ground Address: 20 Bees Creek Rd, Freds Pass Time: 9:00am - 12:00noon Age Group: 9 - 12 Years Cost: \$30.00 per person | |
| THURSDAY, 25 JUNE |  |
| Venue: Swampdogs Home Ground Address: 20 Bees Creek Rd, Freds Pass Time: 9:00am - 12:00noon Age Group: 13 - 17 Years Cost: \$30.00 per person | |
| MONDAY, 7 JULY |  |
| Venue: Skyring Rugby Park Address: 71 Abala Road, Marrara Time: 9:00am - 12:00noon Age Group: 9 - 12 Years Cost: \$30.00 per person | |
| TUESDAY, 8 JULY |  |
| Venue: Skyring Rugby Park Address: 71 Abala Road, Marrara Time: 9:00am - 12:00noon Age Group: 13 - 17 Years Cost: \$30.00 per person | |
| WEDNESDAY, 9 JULY |  |
| Venue: Swampdogs Home Ground Address: 20 Bees Creek Rd, Freds Pass Time: 9:00am - 12:00noon Age Group: 9 - 12 Years Cost: \$30.00 per person | |
| THURSDAY, 9 JULY |  |
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Proudly Supporting Junior Rugby

FOR MORE INFORMATION
E: junior.poching@nt.rugby



COME AND TRY

CALLING ALL
Under 9s and 10s Boys & Girls
(Born 2016, 2017, 2018)

THURSDAY 10 JULY
4:30PM - 5:30PM
Darwin Basketball Association

razzlejuniors@gmail.com

YOUNG TERRITORY AUTHOR AWARDS



**Write and create a book and you could be
the 2025 Young Territory Author of the Year!**

The competition is open to all Territorians 18 years and under
residing in the Territory at the time of entering a submission.

First prize - \$500

Variety NT Runner-up Award - \$250

School Entry prize - \$500

CBCA NT Wow Award - \$200

Enter online, by mail, at any City of Darwin
Library or your local library.

To find out more, go to: darwin.nt.gov.au/ytaw
or scan the QR code.



SCAN ME



Thank you to our sponsors



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.



PLAYERS WANTED

UNDER 10 AND UNDER 11 BOYS

**TRAINING:
WULAGI OVAL
WEDNESDAYS, 5:15-6:30PM**

Contact:
juniors.garudafc@gmail.com
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method!



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microplastic found
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sources



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Be empowered
by how you can
make a
difference

Friday 27th June

@ Darwin Trailer Boat Club
8 Atkins Drive, Fannie Bay
9:30 am - 3:30 pm



Register
here
Places
limited!

or join our family friendly
Community event!

Sat. 28th June

@ Mindil Beach
9:30 am - 11:30 am
All Ages Welcome!



See here for
more
information
Places limited!

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

June - July 2025

From sports and workshops to entertainment and educational activities, there's something for kids of all ages these school holidays.

Check out our program of FREE activities — scan the QR code or visit darwin.nt.gov.au/school-holidays

Note: Fun Bus, Baby Book Time, Rhyme Time, and Family Story Time for children five years and under will continue throughout the holidays as part of our regular programming.



SCAN ME



CITY OF
DARWIN



THE ARRAY []

MINECRAFT CAMP

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

23-27 JUNE, 2025 | 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM
Learning Dojo at The Array []
The Vic Mall, Darwin CBD

\$90 P/DAY OR \$400 FOR THE WEEK

TURN SCREEN TIME INTO SKILL TIME!



SAVE THE DATE

CASUARINA COUGARS NETBALL CLUB

CAR BOOT SALE INVITE

SATURDAY 12TH JULY, 9:00AM - 12:00PM
Territory Netball Stadium, 235 Abala Rd Marrara

Set up from 7:00 am
Stalls will open to the public from 9:00am -12:00pm and be packed up by 1:00pm

\$25 Per car space or \$50 per commercial car space.
Send your EOI or any enquiries to us via email: casuarinacougarsnetball@gmail.com



June and July School Holiday Fun for Kids

Wednesday 25th & Thursday 26th June
Parent and Child - Headdress Workshops
10.00am to 12.00pm
\$30 per person

Thursday 3rd & Friday 4th July
Pottery Short Course - 2 days
10.00am to 12.00pm \$200 per child

Wednesday 2nd & Thursday 3rd July
Mosaic Short Course - 2 days
10.00am to 12.00pm \$120 per child

Tuesday 8th July
Block Printing
10.00am to 12.00pm
\$60 per child

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Contact us for more details
m:0452 135 400
www.adultshortcourses.com

June and July School Holiday Fun Cooking Classes for Kids

Wednesday 25th June - Baking Sweet and Savoury treats
2.30pm to 4.30pm

Thursday 26th June - Making Bread, Doughnuts and Pizza
2.30pm to 4.30pm

Wednesday 2nd July - Cake and Biscuit Decorating
2.30pm to 4.30pm

Thursday 3rd July - Sushi! 2.30pm to 4.30pm

Each cooking class is \$60 per child

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June and July School Holiday Fun Cooking Classes for Kids

Wednesday 9th July - Practice your Baking Skills for the Darwin Show
2.30pm to 4.30pm

Thursday 10th July - Practice your Baking Skills for the Darwin Show
2.30pm to 4.30pm

Each cooking class is \$60 per child

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