



### From the Principal...

Welcome back to Term 3! We hope you all enjoyed a restful break and had the chance to spend some quality time together. It's been wonderful to see the students return with energy and smiles, ready for another term of learning and growth.

### NAPLAN Results

NAPLAN results have now been sent home with students. These results provide a snapshot of your child's progress in literacy and numeracy and are one of the many tools we use to understand student achievement. If you have questions or would like to discuss your child's results in more detail, please do get in touch with your child's teacher. Remember, NAPLAN is just one piece of the puzzle — your child's effort, attitude and growth across the year are equally important.

### Professional Learning – Pupil Free Day

On last week's pupil-free day, all teaching and support staff engaged in a full day of professional learning alongside our colleagues from Moil and Nightcliff Primary Schools, and the NT School of Music. The focus of the day was the Science of Learning and Explicit Instruction. Together, we explored the use of Daily Reviews, Engagement Norms, and practices that build strong, consistent instructional routines across classrooms.

This professional learning aligns with our shared commitment to ensure that teaching at our school is effective, consistent, and responsive- and that every student benefits from high-quality, evidence-informed instruction.

Over the coming weeks, you may notice some new strategies being trialled in Maths lessons, such as daily reviews and structured engagement routines. These practices are designed to help students retain knowledge, participate more actively, and feel more confident in their learning.



### Schedule of Events

**Friday, July 25**  
**Darwin Show Day**  
**Public Holiday**  
 No School

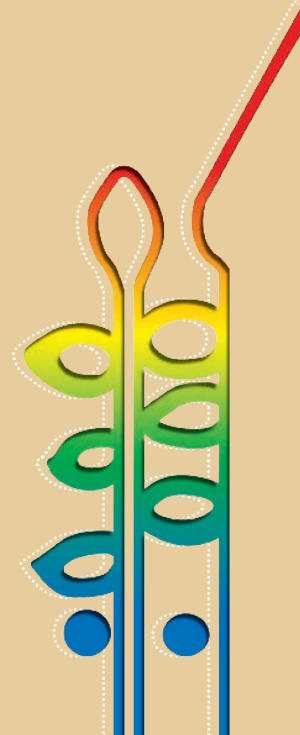
**Wednesday, July 30**  
 Book Club Orders Close

**Friday, August 1**  
**SPPS Colour Fun Run**  
 No Assembly

**Monday, August 4**  
**Picnic Day Public Holiday**  
 No School

**Friday, August 8**  
 Upper Primary Assembly  
 Item - Year 3 Laura  
**Science Sparks**  
**Whole School Event**

**Monday, August 18**  
 School Council Meeting





## Tree Update – Early Childhood Area

You may have noticed that a large tree was recently removed from the Early Childhood area. This decision was not taken lightly. The tree was unfortunately assessed by a qualified arborist as very high risk, posing an immediate danger to the safety of children, staff, and families. The arborist identified extensive internal structural damage—possibly caused by lightning—and recommended urgent removal.

We are now working through the remainder of the arborist's report. The other trees identified in the assessment carry lower levels of risk and may require pruning or treatment, rather than removal.

At Stuart Park, we value our trees for the shade and natural play opportunities they provide. We only remove trees when they pose a significant risk to our school community. All decisions regarding tree removal are approved not only by our School Council, but also by the Department of Infrastructure.

## Attendance and Engagement

We know that consistent attendance has a direct impact on student achievement and wellbeing. We're pleased to see strong attendance across the school, and we appreciate your support in getting students to school on time, every day. Please reach out to your child's teacher or the front office if you ever need support with this—we are here to help.

### Term 3 Events

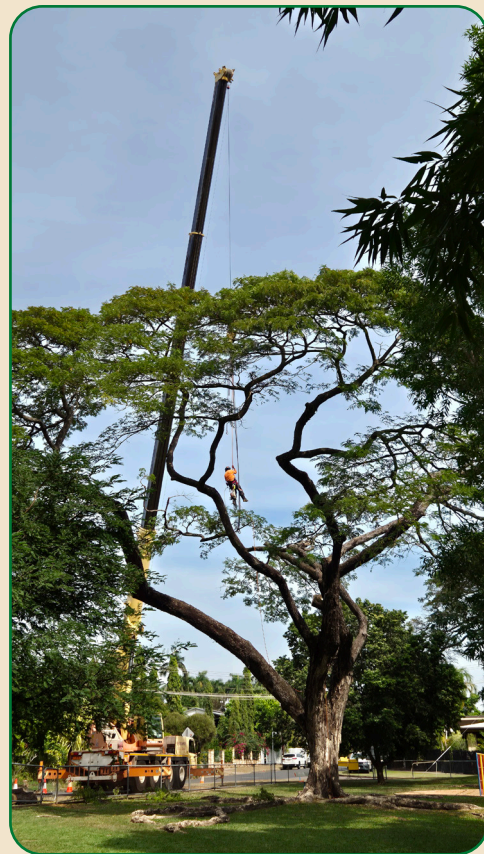
There's plenty to look forward to this term! From excursions and in-class activities to our special Father's Day / Significant Person's Day, there'll be many opportunities to connect and celebrate learning together. Keep an eye out for updates and invitations in the coming weeks — we look forward to seeing you there!

### Open Door Policy

Our school continues to operate with an open-door policy. Families are always welcome — whether it's to share a question, a success, or just to say hello. Building strong relationships with our families is something we value deeply, and we know that students thrive when schools and families work together.

We're looking forward to another positive, productive term with your children. As always, thank you for your ongoing support.

Warm regards,  
Maria Albion  
Principal



*Every day*   
**COUNTS!** 

School success starts  
with attendance

Monday, July 14 - Pupil Free Day
Tuesday, July 15 - First Day of Term 3
Friday, July 25 - Darwin Show Day Public Holiday
Friday, August 1 - <b>Colour Fun Run Event</b>
Monday, August 4 - Picnic Day Public Holiday
Friday, August 8 - SPPS Science Sparks Event
Week 5 - August 11 to 15 - Year 5 Camps
Friday, August 22 - Book Character Parade Whole School Assembly
Friday, September 5 - Father's Day/ Significant Person's Day Breakfast
Week 9, September 8 to 12 - Year 6 Camps
Wednesday, September 17 - Parent Teacher Meetings
Friday, September 19 - Last Day of Term 3



Friday 1<sup>st</sup> August – Week 3

EC Classes 11:00-11:30am

UP Classes 12:00-12:30pm

It's only 10 days until our Colour Fun Run!

So far, we have 288 students with a profile, and we have raised an amazing \$16,597!

CLASS LEADERBOARD	
1. Transition Maia	\$2165
2. Year 3 Evans	\$1367
3. Year 3 Tracey	\$1203

It is time to continue with our fundraising efforts and get prepared for the day.

Below is a list of things ALL children need to bring on the day.

- ◆ Come dressed to school in an old white shirt and shorts
- ◆ Full school uniform to change back into
- ◆ A towel
- ◆ An old hat
- ◆ A labelled plastic bag
- ◆ Sunscreen
- ◆ Sunglasses or goggles if desired



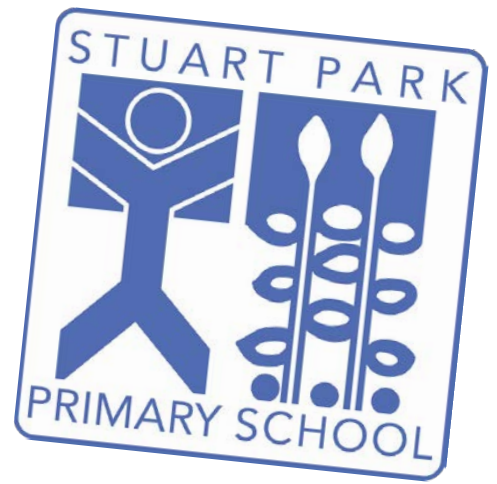
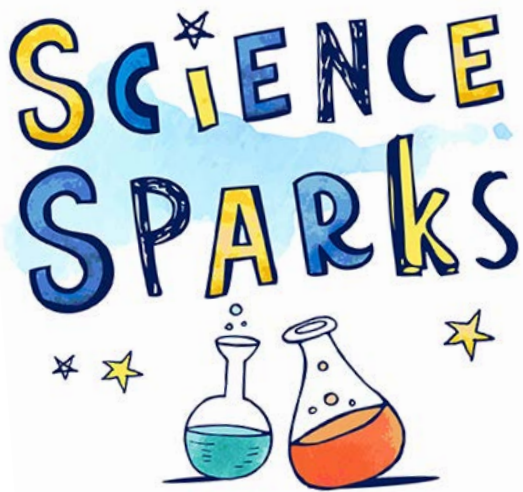
Students will be completing the Colour Fun Run in their shoes; however, you are welcome to send along an old pair of shoes if you wish.

Please ensure all the above items are clearly labelled with your child's name.

If you would like to volunteer to help, or simply watch the fun, you are most welcome. Please contact the office with your availability.

**When we hit our target \$35 000 Mrs Albion will be slimed! 10 students who have raised money to help reach out target will be randomly chosen to slime Mrs Albion.**





**WHAT:** A STEM experience for the students at SPPS

**WHY:** To celebrate National Science Week across Australia

**WHEN:** Friday 8th August

Session 1: Early Childhood & Year 3LH & 3LL  
10:50-11:30am

Break: 11:30-11:45am

Session 2: Middle (Year 3 RE) & Upper Primary  
11:45-12:35pm

**HOW?**

Each class will present an activity with another class in the school. External Organisations will be present to engage the students also. Including....Darwin High School, CDU, Cancer Council, NT Hearing, NT Health, PAWA, NT Fisheries, Aboriginal Sea Company & Centre Disease Control.

*Parents are welcome to attend!*



## Term 3 Book Club

Your child brought home a book club catalogue last week. Orders are due back no later than Wednesday, July 30th. The school receives award points on all orders which allows us to purchase resources for the school and our library.

You can order and pay online on the "LOOP," which stands for Linked Online Ordering & Payments. Go to: LOGIN ([scholastic.com.au](http://scholastic.com.au)) then either **Log in or Register** to create an account. or <https://www.scholastic.com.au/book-club/book-club-home/> select Book Club, then Book Club Parents in the drop down menu.

- Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for)
- Enter the item number from the Book Club catalogue.
- You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school
- All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will be delivered to your child's classroom if you order by the close date.

You may also still order the old fashion way by sending orders to school with cash. Please make sure order forms are filled out correctly with the student's name and class and placed in an envelope or small bag with the cash. Please don't sticky tape money to the order form as this makes it very difficult to read.

If you would like the items to be a surprise, there is a GIFT function when you order online. The Gift Function enables you to tag Book Club orders on LOOP that are intended as a surprise gift. LOOP orders tagged as a gift will be delivered to school and marked accordingly, for the Book Club Organiser to set aside at the school office for you to collect. Thank you again for supporting our school library!





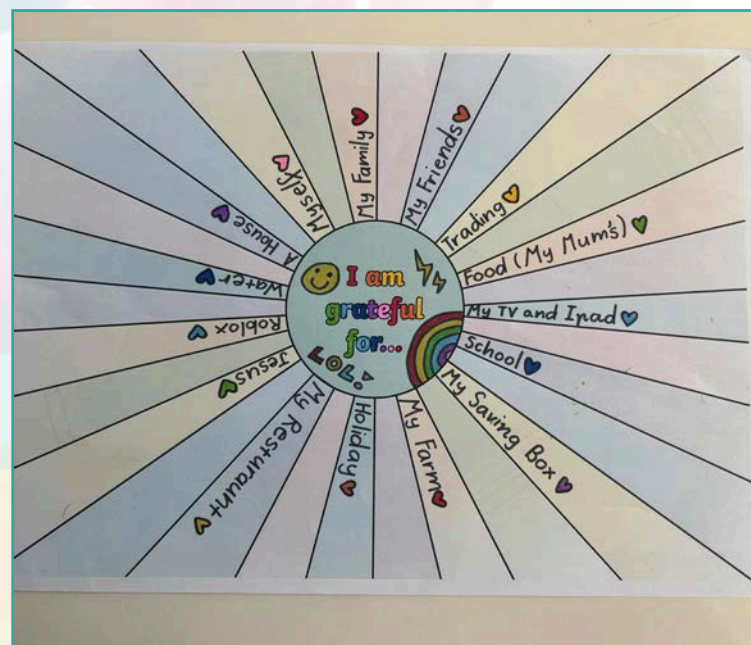
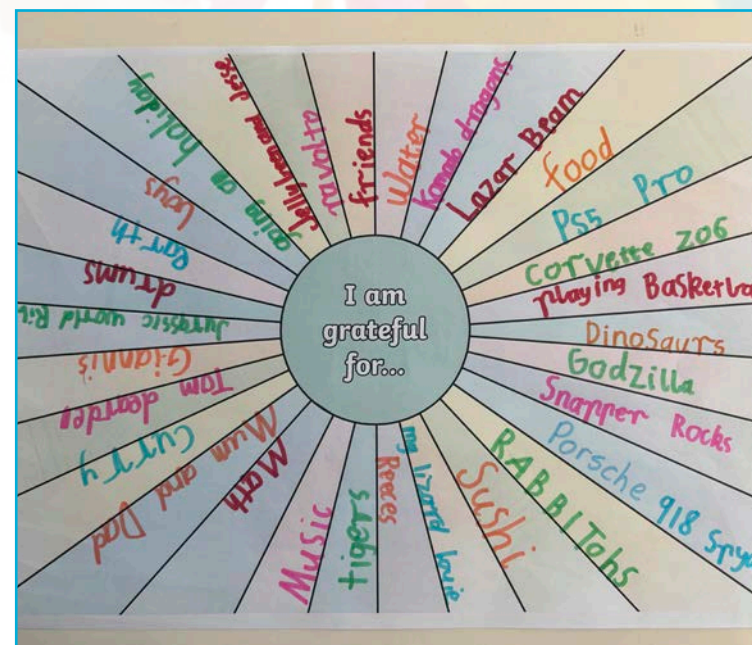
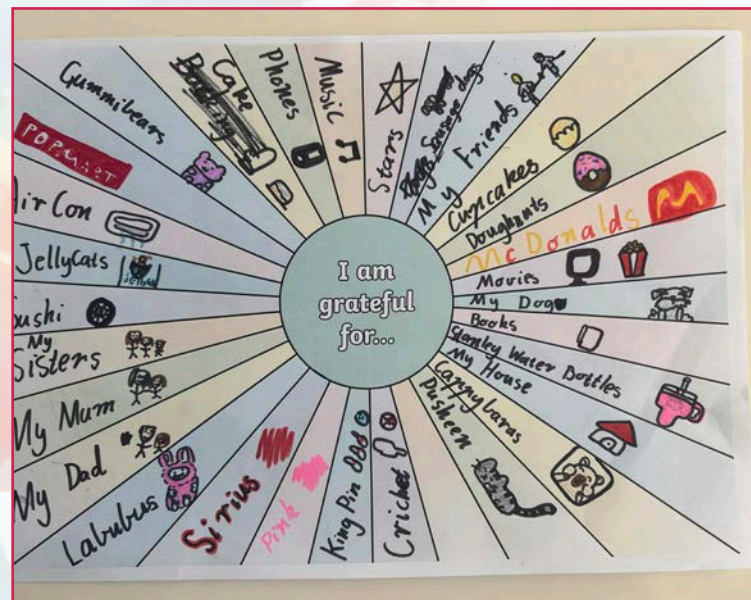
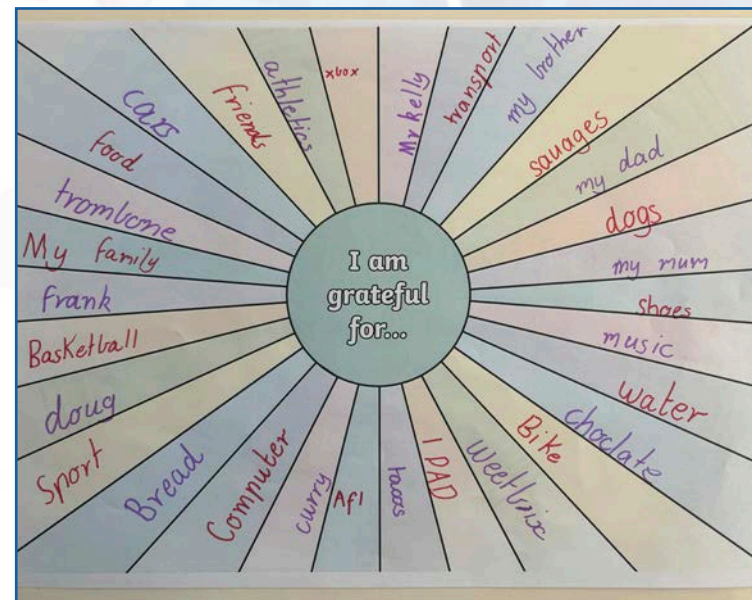
# GRaTitude

## In Year 5 Kelly

To start Term 3, in 5LK we've been focusing on the power of **gratitude** – understanding what it is and why it's important.

As part of this conversation, students have taken part in a range of classroom activities like journalling, group discussions, art tasks, and short reflections to help them identify the things in their lives they are genuinely thankful for.

Gratitude has a big impact on student wellbeing. It helps them develop a more positive mindset, improves focus, builds resilience, and strengthens relationships with others. We've noticed it also brings a calmer, more supportive feel to our classroom. Students have shared a wide range of things they're grateful for – from their families and friends to pets, food, sport, and even quiet time. It's been a valuable topic that's helped everyone stop, reflect, and appreciate the good in each day.







## Book Character Parade

*Coming Soon!*

**Friday,  
August 22**



## Please ensure your child brings their hat to school each day!

Children must wear a bucket or broad brimmed hat to play in the sun and during PE if they are not under cover. Hats are available for purchase in the office year round.

## 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.



## 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](mailto:stuartpark.school@education.nt.gov.au)

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



# 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.







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This is a **FREE** event, but bookings are essential.

Most people spend 1–2 hours at our pop-up science centre.

Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

**Alice Springs**

Saturday 2 August, 9 am – 4 pm

Alice Springs Convention Centre

93 Barrett Dr, Alice Springs, NT 0870

**Katherine**

Saturday 9 August, 10 am – 4 pm

Stuart Memorial Hall, Katherine

Showgrounds

11 Murphy Street Katherine South,  
NT, 0850

**Tennant Creek**

Wednesday 6 August, 3 pm – 7 pm

Tennant Creek Civic Hall

41 Peko Rd, Tennant Creek, NT, 0860

**Palmerston**

Sunday 24 August, 9 am – 4 pm

Palmerston Recreation Centre

11 The Blvd, Palmerston City, NT, 0830

**National Science Week at the Darwin Waterfront**

During National Science Week the *Science Circus* will be busking at the Darwin Waterfront Precinct.

Wednesday 13 August – Friday 15 August, 2 pm – 6.30 pm

Sunday 17 August, 12 pm – 6 pm

Peninsula Lawns, Darwin Waterfront Precinct,  
Darwin City NT 0800

**No Tickets required!**

Contact [ScienceCircus@Questacon.edu.au](mailto:ScienceCircus@Questacon.edu.au) or 0466 922 801 for enquiries.

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## Free workshop

### 2 Day Autism Workshop for Parents and Carers

Darwin, NT



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This workshop is for parents, full time carers and grandparents.



Wednesday & Thursday  
13 & 14 August, 2025  
9:30am - 2:30pm



Novotel Darwin Airport  
2 Sir Norman Brearley Drive  
MARRARA NT 0812

Morning tea and a light lunch will be provided



Interpreters available upon request

#### During the workshop you will learn about:

- The diversity of autism
- Sensory processing
- Understanding behaviour
- Working together with your child's school.

Learn more about autism and ways to strengthen the partnership between home and school.

For more information or to register visit:  
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SCHOOL SPORTS VOUCHERS ACCEPTED

## 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.



## Quiz Night

Raising funds to help send NT students to Sydney for the International Finals of Tournament of Minds (TOM)



### Tournament of Minds

An International educational program 'challenging the world' to develop creative problem solving skills

**Saturday 9th August, 2025**

6pm for a 7pm start

**Tracy Village Social & Sports Club**



**Get ready for some fun games and Raffles as well**

For further information or to pre-purchase tickets:  
email [nt-director@tom.edu.au](mailto:nt-director@tom.edu.au)





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