



From the Principal...

As Term 3 draws to a close, I would like to thank our wonderful school community for making our Father's Day/Special Person Breakfast last week such a positive and memorable event. It was fantastic to see so many families attend, and the students thoroughly enjoyed their time. A special thank you to Mr Marshall and our choir children, who sang beautifully, and to Mrs Crompton and the team of helpers, who went above and beyond with such an early start to ensure the day's success.

Parent/Teacher interviews are underway, and we have already seen many parents and carers attend appointments with their child's class teacher. These meetings provide valuable time to discuss your child's learning progress, celebrate achievements, and work together on next steps to support continued growth.

As we approach the Term 3 holidays, I would like to wish all our students and families a safe and enjoyable break. Please take this time to enjoy special moments together. Please note, there will be a **pupil free day on Monday, October 6th**. No Vacation Care will be offered on this day as our OSHC staff will be undertaking professional learning.

On this day, Karama School staff will be joining our teaching staff here at SPPS for a professional learning session on teaching Morphology, facilitated by Sara Asome and Kate Watt from Melbourne. We thank Karama School for generously including us in this free PD, which will benefit our ongoing work in structured literacy in 2026.

A big thank you to our School Council members, who are generously working together to review a range of OSHC policies for ratification. A subcommittee within council is also leading the review of our canteen operations and engaging in consultation with our community to ensure the best outcomes for our students and families.

Finally, we offer our heartfelt congratulations to four of our teachers who are expecting babies next term or in the new year: Mrs Rebecca Evans, Ms Courtney Old, Mrs Maria Laouris, and Mrs Irini Roditis.

Thank you again to all our families for your ongoing support. We look forward to seeing everyone refreshed and ready for an exciting Term 4!

Warm regards, Maria Albion - Principal

Schedule of Events

School Holidays

September 22nd to
October 3rd

Monday, October 6

Pupil Free Day

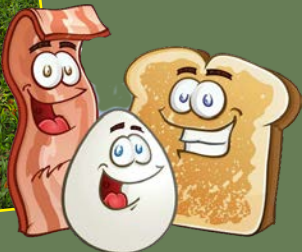
Tuesday, October 7

First Day of Term 4





Father's Day Breakfast





Year 5 SciTech Mars Challenge

Our Year 5 students took part in the SciTech Mars Challenge, exploring what it takes to land safely on another planet. Working like real engineers, they designed, built, and tested their own prototypes to overcome the challenges of landing on Mars. Using MicroBits to measure impact forces, students refined their designs and retested, aiming for the softest landing while keeping their payload safe. This hands-on experience encouraged creativity, problem-solving, and resilience – and there was plenty of fun along the way!



Exploring littleBits

This term, Year 4 students have experimented with littleBits – snap-together electronic blocks that teach how digital systems work.

By connecting inputs (like buttons or sensors) to outputs (like lights, fans or buzzers), students invented circuits and followed a sequence of steps to complete fun activities.

WOW!



littleBits™



WOW!
COOL!

Reminder!
**CANTEEN
CLOSED
ON
WEDNESDAYS**



**WE
NEED
YOU!**

IN THE CANTEEN

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



SPPS LOCAL LEGENDS



Cross Country Champ

On the 15th of August, Yianni Papadakis proudly represented our school at the Interschool Cross Country event, tackling the 3km course through the trails of East Point reserve.

His impressive performance saw him cross the finish line in first place well ahead of the pack, clocking a time of 12 minutes and 39 seconds. Amazing effort Yianni!

Special Honour for Akeesa

Akeesa Weerasinghe was one of the flag bearers at the T20 International cricket tournament between Australia & South Africa, at TIO Stadium on Tuesday 12th August. What an amazing experience for Akeesa!



During the last school holidays, Year 4 student, Amelia Johnson, competed in the 2025 National Minnow Championships held in Darwin with 27 other competitors from around Australia. During a solid week of racing on the water in her Minnow, "Stitch," Amelia completed in all 14 races held, placing 6th in the novice division.

Amelia was very brave, despite windy conditions and, along with another girl, was the youngest to compete in the fleet. Out of the 14 races Amelia got one 1st and two 3rds and was presented some pretty cool flags for her efforts. Exciting stuff for a Year 4 student! Well done Amelia!



Madelyn & Hannah Shine at Mackay Feis!

A big congratulations to Madelyn Teece and Hannah Flynnne, who recently travelled all the way to Mackay to take part in the Mackay Feis – a huge Irish Dancing competition with over 90 dancers from across Australia (and even some from Ireland!).

Both girls danced their hearts out, proudly representing their school and bringing home an incredible collection of medals and trophies.

Madelyn and Hannah said it was a fun, cold, and amazing experience they'll never forget!

Interested in trying Irish Dancing yourself? Check out the flyer at the end of the newsletter for more details.

Language Fest Poster Winner

Congratulations to Hilda Wright on being a prize winner in the Language Teachers' Association of the NT (LTANT) Language Fest poster competition. Hilda created a poster about the "super powers of a language learner" and won a prize in the Indonesian category.

Hilda received a gift bag from LTANT for her efforts during Indonesian class with Pak Sahar. Congratulations Hilda!



Preschool Win at Darwin Show

Our preschool created a collaborative piece of artwork for the Darwin Show and received third prize for their efforts. It's took many weeks to complete this project.

They first painted the canvas with fly swatters, then tore small pieces of plasticine to squish into the canvas for the vase. They then glued different sized circles make flowers, hammered some coffee pods and finally, attached the pods to the middle of the flowers.



EVERYONE CAN PLAY!

Northern Territory Music School invites students & families to apply for enrolment in our 2026 Instrumental and Choir Programs.

Who are we?

NT Music School is a proud division of the Northern Territory Department of Education and Training. We provide high-quality instrumental, ensemble, and choral tuition to students in government schools across the Territory.

What are the benefits?

Learning an instrument and singing nurtures creativity, improves academic performance, builds confidence, and strengthens social connections, as well as being rewarding and enjoyable. We invite your child to begin their musical journey with us in 2026.

How does it work?

Open to students in Year 4 – Year 12. Students receive a 30-minute lesson each week during school hours with an NT Music School teacher. Students are expected to play and practise at home to develop technique, music reading and performance skills. The Choir Program is offered by audition, with weekly rehearsals held after school.

What does the program offer?

Instrumental lessons in guitar, bass guitar, flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, violin, viola, cello and percussion. Voice lessons in Years 7 – 12. An opportunity to join School Concert Bands & Guitar Ensembles and participate in school performances and community events such as the BEAT Festival!

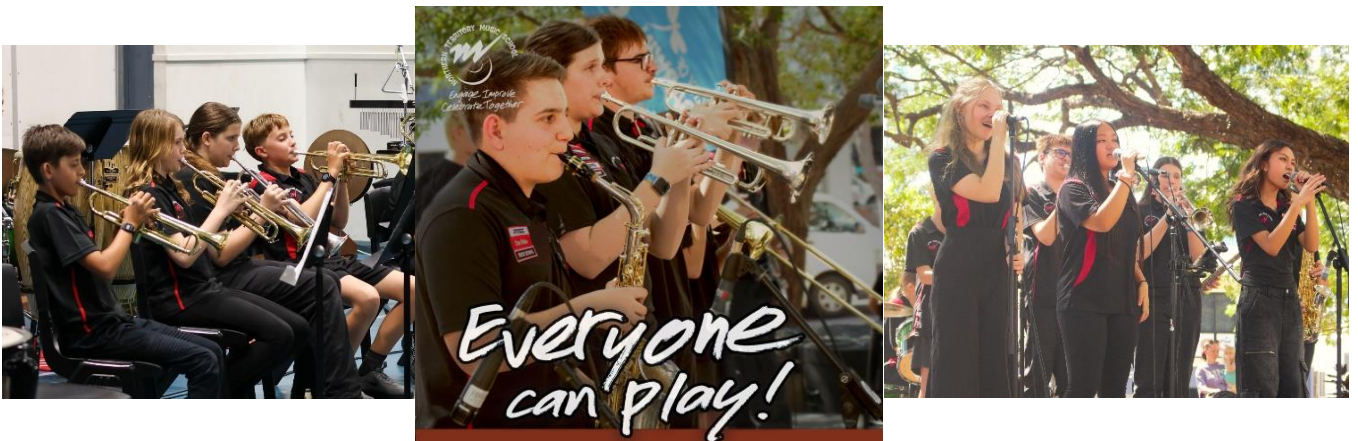
What will it cost?

Lessons are free. An annual contribution of \$100 is requested upon confirmed enrolment. Instruments are available for hire through NT Music School from \$100 per semester. Sports Vouchers accepted to assist with instrument hire costs. Students are required to purchase a tutor book from \$30.

How can I apply?

To learn more and apply, visit NT Music School website: www.ntms.net.au Select and complete an online Application Form for Instrumental or Voice & Choir programs.

Applications close 7 November 2025



The following advertisements are not necessarily endorsed by the school.



TRIVIA NIGHT



RAISING MONEY FOR
THE SSNT 10-12YRS
SWIM TEAM

TRAVELLING TO BALLARAT FOR
THE AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS
CHAMPIONSHIPS IN OCTOBER

SUNDAY 5TH OCTOBER 2025 - 6.30PM START

\$20 PER PERSON | TABLES OF UP TO 10

FREE DRINK UPON REGISTRATION

GREAT RAFFLE PRIZES! GREAT FUN!



AT THE DARWIN TRAILER BOAT CLUB - ALL WELCOME

CROCOSAURUS COVE

SATURDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER

FAMILY Fun Day

ADULT \$40
CHILD \$25

Free family photos, glitter face painting, messy play, unique reptile shows and visits from Dundee the Croc and Frilly the Fairy

LOCALS GET IN FREE with a valid Locals Pass or renew your pass on the day

Book online at croccove.com or get tickets on the day

Radicle Minecraft Challenge:

Hot Climate, Cool Design –
The Top End Tropical House Challenge!

FOR NT PRIMARY STUDENTS (YEAR 1–6)

Make a house that's:

- ✓ Built on stilts
- ✓ Cyclone-safe
- ✓ Cool in the heat
- ✓ Eco-friendly
- ✓ Culturally connected

Opens: 1 Sep | Closes: 11 Oct
Winners: 18 Oct | Awards: 6 Nov

Find more information here!

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DARWIN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Guide our musical journey
through the tropics!

CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE

NEW TIMES!

SAT 20 SEPT, 3PM & 4.15PM
CDU THEATRE

A TROPICAL STORYTELLING ADVENTURE!
NEW WORK BY COMPOSER SIMON BRUCKARD
AND CELEBRATED POET MELANIE MUNUNGURR,
WITH DSO MUSICIANS
IDEAL FOR CHILDREN AGED 0-10

SCAN TO BOOK
or visit dso.org.au



RINCE NA HEIREANN, DARWIN IRISH DANCE ASSOCIATION

IRISH DANCE CLASSES

Enrolling now for Term 4,

1/27 Bishop Street, Woolner

All classes taught by
qualified teacher and 2018
WIDA World Champion

All ages and
abilities welcome

Sports vouchers
accepted

Free Trials available on:

Sat 11 October
&
Sat 18 October

Contact us for further info

Email: rincenah@darwinirishdance.com
www.darwinirishdance.com
Facebook/Messenger



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.



School Holiday Activities @ DASC

ART WORKSHOP

Tuesday 30th September

9.30am to 12.30pm

\$40

Inspired by the famous painting
"The Scream"

Your child makes their own version using
photography and a variety of
upcycled materials.



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Kids Holiday Cooking Classes

Wednesday 24th September, 2.30pm to 4.30pm

Thursday 25th September, 2.30pm to 4.30pm

Saturday 27th September, 10.00am to 12.00pm

Wednesday 1st October 2.30pm to 4.30pm

Thursday 2nd October 2.30pm to 4.30pm



\$60
per
class

Ages
8+

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Kids' Holiday Pretzel Making with Tina

Lets Twist and Bake! Learn to make
German Brezels these school holidays!

Ages 8+

Tuesday 23rd September
10:00am - 12:00pm



\$60



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