

From the Principal...

We are already nearing the end of Week 4, with so many activities and events still to come! Teachers are busily completing their units of work and beginning final assessments as we move toward report writing, with reports to be sent home in Week 10.

Professional Learning

Last week, our teachers worked alongside two instructional coaches from Western Australia to observe, practise, and receive feedback on their teaching. The feedback from staff was overwhelmingly positive, with many noting significant growth in their understanding of what makes an effective and highly engaging explicit lesson in Mathematics. Teachers also deepened their knowledge of engagement norms and daily reviews. A big thank you to all the students who participated in these demonstration lessons and supported our teachers' professional learning journey.

Strategic Planning

We are currently deep in the process of developing our 2026 Annual School Improvement Plan (ASIP) and aligning our school budget to support these priorities. I would like to sincerely thank all parents who took the time to complete the recent NT School Survey and share their perspectives. Your feedback provides valuable insight and helps ensure our plans reflect the aspirations of our families and community. A summary of the parent and student survey responses has been collated and will be shared with you as a separate document early next week.

School Disco

A big thank you to our School Council Fundraising Committee for organising the Halloween Disco, which will be held tonight from 5.30pm at the school.

I hope many families can come along to enjoy a fun evening together—it's always wonderful to see our community come alive with excitement and creativity at these events!



Schedule of Events

Thursday, October 30 SPPS Halloween Disco 5:30pm to 7pm

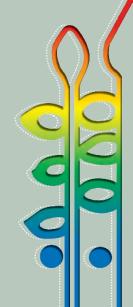
Friday, October 31
World Teachers' Day

Whole School Assembly Item by Year 4 Roditis

Friday, November 7
Early Childhood Assembly
Item by Transition Maia
SRC Fundraiser Pyjama Day!

Friday, November 14 No Assembly





From the Principal cont....

Student Voice in Action

Congratulations to our Northern Territory Commissioners, who have been working hard with Ms Kristi Moseley to complete their data inquiry ahead of their formal presentation on November 11. This week, they have been surveying classes to find out more about what students feel is fair or unfair at school—an important step in building a culture of inclusion, respect, and student voice.





As we move into the second half of the term, I encourage everyone to take a moment to celebrate how much has already been achieved—by our students, teachers, and community alike. Thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to seeing many of you at tonight's disco and at our upcoming end-of-year events.

World Teachers' Day – Assembly Tomorrow

This Friday, we'll be celebrating World Teachers' Day with a special assembly in honour of our dedicated and hard-working teachers. It's a wonderful opportunity to recognise the passion, care, and commitment our staff bring to our students each day.

Parents and carers are warmly invited to join us as we celebrate and say thank you to our teachers for all that they do.

Maria Albion Principal



STUDENT COUNCIL FUNDRAISER

Pyjama and Teddy Day at SPPS





DRESS DOWN FOR A CAUSE



Gold Coin

Friday, November 7



ALL PROCEEDS WILL
GO TO RONALD
MCDONALD HOUSE
CHARITIES SUPPORT FOR
FAMILIES WITH
CHILDREN WHO ARE
ILL OR INJURED WHEN
THEY NEED IT MOST



PLEASE ENSURE YOUR PYJAMAS ARE SUN SMART AND APPROPRIATE FOR SCHOOL





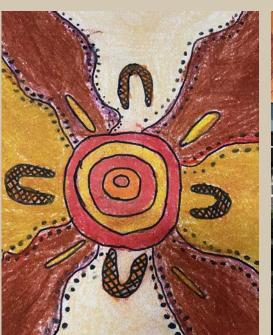


Aboriginal Art and Learning about Connection to Country in Year 4 Nyhuis

In our history unit this term, 4RN students studied the histories and cultures of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples prior to European settlement. We learnt about the diversity of First Nations groups, their sustainable ways of caring for the environment, and their deep connection to Country.

To help us better understand the connection between Country and the significance of Aboriginal Art in culture, we participated in an art activity, which allowed us to use symbols commonly found in aboriginal art to tell a simple, fictional story. The story tells of four women with digging sticks sitting by a fire, which would become their meeting place. They have travelled along tracks to this place, which is beside a creek. While they are sitting in this place, a mob of kangaroos hop around them.

We followed instructions to help us make our drawings neat and our symbols accurate, but we were able to be creative with our colours and placement of different symbols based on how we wanted to tell the story. We used earth-like colours like red, orange and brown to represent the land and experimented with cross-hatching techniques which is common in Aboriginal Art.







Sport Voucher Scheme – 2025–26 Applications Now Open

- •Semester 2 (July–Dec 2025) vouchers available now (opened 1 July 2025)
- •Semester 1 (Jan–May 2026) vouchers open 1 January 2026
- Applications close: 24 May 2026 and vouchers must be used by May 31, 2026
- •Each eligible child receives two \$100 vouchers per year. Open to children aged 5+, enrolled in an NT school or registered for home-schooling
- •Vouchers can be used for sport, active recreation, and cultural activities

How to Apply:

Parents and carers can apply online at 25/26 Sport Voucher Scheme | GrantsNT Administration





Ideas...

FOR CHILDREN

Baby to age 16

NEW Toys, Craft Kits, Balls, Games, Gift Cards, Vouchers

FOR FAMILIES

Non-perishable Not chocolate Won't melt Festive feel

(Sean to find out more)

Baked beans or spaghetti
Canned spam, bully beef, ham, fish
Canned fruit, vegetables
Breaky cereals, spreads: jams, honey
Coffee, milo, tea, long-life milk
Rice, pasta, simmer sauces
Pretzels, nuts, dried fruit, salty plums
Crackers, biscuits, chips, jelly, lollies
Food kits, cake mix, napkins, bonbons

All donations go to Territorians doing it tough this Christmas!



GIVE YOUR GIFTS UNDER THE GIVING TREE



(08) 8948 8113

Vinnies Christmas Hamper Drive 2025

Thank you for once again supporting the Vinnies Christmas Hamper Drive for 2025. The donation bin is back in the office now ready for donations. Please see the poster to the left for acceptable donation ideas.







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.





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.











The Lions Club of Palmerston proudly presents International Entertainment Australia's...

2025 Razzamatazz Variety Show

The Razzamatazz Variety Show - a mix of comedy and circus acts, provides relaxed theatre performances for children, young adults and families.

Enjoy the "live performance" experience with a casual attitude to audience noise and movement in an accessible and inclusive environment, where you are welcomed and free to be yourself without restriction or judgement.

One hour shows. Suitable for all ages and accessible for people...

- with diverse abilities and backgrounds (wheelchair accessible)
- who might require a more flexible and inclusive environment when attending the theatre (sensory-friendly).
- who are facing hardship.
- are without access or opportunity to live theatre.
- *Featuring moving and flashing lights, and upbeat, sometimes dramatic music.

<u>ALL TICKETS ARE COMPLIMENTARY</u> , including parent, sibling and carer tickets. Thanks to sponsorship from local businesses.

*Bookings from schools, organisations, carers and families are all welcome.



EVENT CINEMA PALMERSTON, V-MAX THEATRE 1 Roystonea Ave, Yarrawonga, NT

SHOW DATE	#1 SHOWTIME	#2 SHOWTIME	#3 SHOWTIME
SUNDAY, 2 nd NOVEMBER 2025	11.00 AM	1.30 PM	4.00 PM

To book tickets, please email your name, preferred showtime/s and ticket numbers to...

meredithnewman@showintent.com.au or call / text 0404-367-782