



From the Principal...

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

Congratulations to our students who have been successfully selected as members of the NTLC team for 2026. The NT Learning Commission brings together student leaders from across schools to provide a voice on important issues, build leadership capacity, and contribute to positive change within their school communities.

This year, our NTLC students will continue the work of the previous team through the Fairness Project, with a focus on unpacking the concepts of equity and equality within our school. This is an important area of learning as we support students to develop a deeper understanding of fairness, inclusion and belonging. Thank you to Ms Jessie and Ms Kristi for coordinating this work across the year, culminating in an expo in November. NTLC members will be presented with their badges at our Harmony Day Assembly tomorrow morning—congratulations to all students involved.

NORTHERN TERRITORY
**LEARNING
COMMISSION**



Schedule of Events

Friday, March 20

Whole School Harmony Day
Assembly - Transition Maia and
Year 5 Jessie

Tuesday, March 31 & Wednesday, April 1

Parent Meetings

Thursday, April 2

Last day of Term 1

Friday, April 3

Good Friday Public Holiday

School Holidays

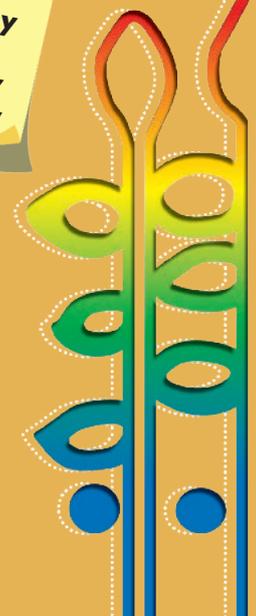
April 6 to April 10

Monday, April 13

Pupil free Day

Tuesday, April 14

First day of Term 2





Year 6 Camp Postponed

Unfortunately, the Year 6 camp scheduled for next week has been cancelled due to Batchelor Area School being involved in flood evacuation support for affected communities. We understand this is disappointing and will work to reschedule the camp as soon as alternative dates become available.

Vision and Values Community Meeting

As outlined in the flyer, we will be holding another parent workshop on Wednesday, 29 April in the school library, led by Robyn Thorpe, who is supporting our work in reviewing and refreshing our school vision and values.

We have already gathered valuable insights from students, staff and families, and this session provides an important opportunity to further refine and shape our future direction. I encourage all parents and carers to attend.

Harmony Day Assembly Tomorrow

We look forward to coming together for our Harmony Day Assembly as we celebrate the rich diversity of our school community. This year's theme, Everyone Belongs, reflects our shared commitment to inclusion and respect for all. The assembly starts at 8:30am and all are welcome to attend.

**Wear
Orange
for
Harmony
Day**

Weather!

As we head into the weekend, please take care with the developing weather conditions, as the cyclone system moves across northern Australia and may bring heavy rain and localised flooding to parts of the Territory.

Please stay safe, follow local advice, and we look forward to seeing everyone back at school next week.

Kind regards
Maria Albion

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**Shaping our Future
Parent Workshop**

**Wednesday 29
April 2026**

**5.30pm - 6.30pm
School Library**

Following our recent consultations with parents, staff and students, we have gathered valuable insights about what matters most to our community.

Now, we need your voice to help refine and define our future vision, mission and values.

**Please register your attendance
at the front office**

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**Harmony Day
Assembly - this Friday**

**March 20th
8:30am**

All are welcome!

Wear
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cultural
dress

A group of children in school uniforms are standing in a line outdoors, holding up signs that spell out 'Everyone Belongs'.



Maths Hero
by Shaping Minds

Strengthening Mathematics Learning at Stuart Park Primary School

Introducing Maths Hero

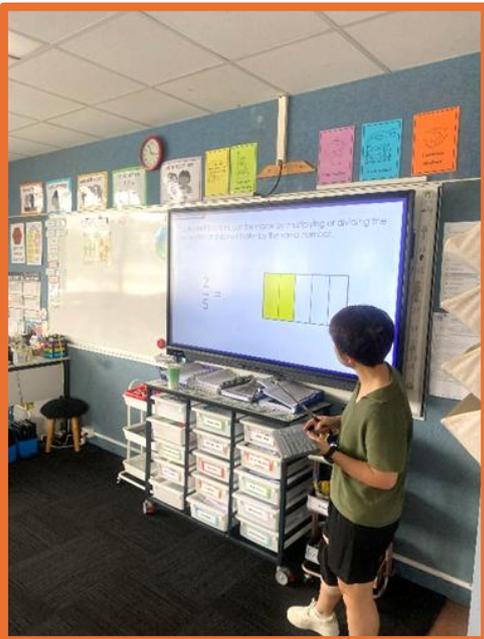
Following the Northern Territory Department of Education's focus on explicit, evidence-based teaching, Stuart Park Primary School has reviewed how mathematics is taught across the school. Through recent professional learning in Cognitive Load Theory and the Science of Learning, SPPS teachers chose to introduce Maths Hero, an explicit and structured mathematics program. Research shows that students learn best when new concepts are clearly explained, practised step by step and regularly reviewed.



What is Maths Hero?

Maths Hero is an explicit and structured mathematics program designed to build strong mathematical understanding, confidence and fluency.

Lessons are carefully sequenced and taught using an explicit structure. This approach ensures concepts are clearly explained, practised and checked for understanding. Concepts are also reviewed regularly to support the transfer of learning from short-term to long-term memory.



Structure of a Maths Hero Lesson

Daily Review

Students begin by reviewing previously learned skills to strengthen understanding and build fluency.

Learning Objective

The teacher explains what students will learn and what they should be able to do by the end of the lesson.

Concept Development

The teacher explicitly teaches and models the new mathematical concept using examples.

Skill Development/ Guided Practice

Students practise the new skill with teacher support, often using mini whiteboards. Teachers continually check for understanding.

Independent Practice

Students complete an independent task to apply the new skill and demonstrate their understanding.

Closure

The teacher reviews the key learning and checks student understanding before finishing the lesson.

How teachers support student learning

Teachers are checking for understanding each lesson, they then regularly review student work and assessment data to identify areas where students may need additional teaching or practice.

When common gaps in understanding are identified, teachers plan targeted lessons to strengthen these skills and support student progress.

Learning Through Doing mathematics resources may also be used to reinforce, extend, or deepen students' understanding of key concepts when appropriate.



How families can support maths learning at home

Families can support their child by:

- Encouraging effort and persistence
- Asking your child to explain how they solved a problem
- Practising basic number facts together
- Talking positively about mathematics
- Celebrating progress and improvement
- Talking to teachers about learning gaps and possible supports

Student voice from 5 Jessie-

"Math Hero algorithms are much easier" Isabel

"I like the step by step on Math Hero" Lila

"It breaks down the concept really well and makes it easy to understand". Ned and Jacob



We encourage you to ask your child about what they like about Maths and what they are learning. If you would like any more information on how we teach mathematics at SPPS please contact your child's teacher or Miss Kennedy (Curriculum Leader and Instructional Coach). Or you can check out the Maths Hero website <https://mathshero.com.au/>



Each newsletter we will spotlight the amazing teaching and learning practices happening here at SPPS, along with other exciting events from our school community. We look forward to sharing and celebrating how we . Watch this space for more updates.

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Harmony Day Assembly

Friday, March 20th 8:30am

All are welcome!



PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

**BOOKINGS
NOW OPEN!**

Schedule your appointment online at:
<https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code/6ge3y>

Available dates: March 31 & April 1

We hope you will join us to discuss your child/ren's
progress and goals for this semester.

5 Kelly - Green Zones and Brain Breaks

5LK is a Green Zone classroom, where students aim to stay calm, focused and ready to learn throughout the day. One of our most consistent routines that supports this is 10 minutes of silent reading each morning and again after both recess and lunch. This quiet reading time helps students settle, reset and transition calmly back into learning.

Throughout the day we also use short 10-minute Brain Breaks, including UNO cards, mini handball, drawing and colouring, which allow students to recharge before returning to their learning.

Recently, students shared their student voice by reflecting on how these routines help them stay in the Green Zone and focus on their learning. Here are some student responses.

1. What does being in the Green Zone mean to you as a learner?

- That everyone is calm & listening to the teacher.



2. What does our classroom look and sound like when everyone is in the Green Zone?

- quiet and steady

3. Why do you think our classroom is a better place to learn when students stay in the Green Zone?

- It makes students feel safe and they can concentrate
- Happy students

4. Why are Brain Breaks important for helping 5LK students learn during the day?

- Some times our brains need a break because our brains will get filled up with stressful work and it resets our brains.

5. How do you feel before a Brain Break compared to after a brain break?

- before i have a brain break i feel sluggish after i have one i feel ready to learn.

6. Which Brain Break helps you the most and why does it help you refocus?

- Mini hand ball because i sit down for too long



Easter Raffle

Drawn
Wednesday
April 1

**DONATIONS WELCOME
UNTIL FRIDAY, MARCH 27**

We are still welcoming donations of Easter eggs/treats, Easter craft items, tableware, books/toys or gift vouchers.

Donations can be dropped into the office or Preschool.

Raffle tickets are available in the school office.



Thank you for your support!

Thank you to everyone who has donated and special thanks to the following businesses



Pupil Free Day

Monday, April 13th

School will resume for Term 2 on
Tuesday, April 1th

IMPORTANT

Pupil Free Day

Please note that Monday, April 13 will be a Pupil Free Day. School will resume for all students on **Tuesday, April 14.**

VACATION CARE

Please book your children in for the holidays as soon as possible, as April holiday care bookings will close week 9, Thursday March 26th. Fees will be deducted for week 10 and the holiday period on March 27th.

Also, no care will be provided on Monday April 13, the Pupil free day, as the service is closed for a professional development day.

The following advertisements are not necessarily endorsed by the school.

KIDS

FUN SATURDAY COOKING CLASS!

SATURDAY 4TH APRIL
10.00AM - 12:00PM
EASTER TREATS!

Ages 8+

\$60 class fee

WWW.ADLTSHORTCOURSES.COM PH: 0452 135 400

KIDS

HOLIDAY COOKING CLASSES!

THURSDAY 9TH APRIL
2:30PM - 4:30PM
NATIONAL MEATBALL DAY!
MINCE, MINCE, MINCE!

Ages 8+

\$60 class fee

WWW.ADLTSHORTCOURSES.COM PH: 0452 135 400

School Holidays - Cooking Classes for Kids!

Chef Jenny has kids cooking classes during the school holidays. Keep them busy and learning to have fun with food!

Use your NT Sports Vouchers to pay for the classes.

Ages 8+

Wednesday 8th April 2.30pm to 4.30pm
 Pizza, Bread and Doughnuts

Thursday 9th April 2.30pm to 4.30pm
 National Meatball Day - mince, mince and more mince!

\$60 per class

Easter School Holidays

Montessori Watercolour Critters - Easter Garden Edition

Tuesday 7th April from 10am to 12pm \$50

Thursday 9th April from 10am to 12pm \$50

A calm, small-group art session exploring line, form, storytelling and outdoor observation for children aged 4 to 9 years old.

www.adultshortcourses.com



Darwin

Connecting children with disabilities to local sports clubs.
 Try a range of sports, meet new people and have fun!

Monday 18 May 2026
 10 am - 1 pm
 Territory Netball Stadium,
 235 Abala Rd, Marrara
 NT 0812

Click here or scan the QR code to register:



Contact: abilitiesunleashed@sports.org.au

Supported by:



School Holiday Clinic

Thursday 9th April
9am-3pm
TIO Stadium Oval 2

nab AFL Auskick 5-7 years

AFL Superkick 8-12 years

ALL GIRLS GROUPS

AFL PLAY

VISIT PLAY.AFL




ALL GIRLS
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VISIT PLAY.AFL/HOLIDAYPROGRAMS

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 Art Studio – From Colour to Mask

Wednesday 8 April 2026
10:00am – 12:00pm

Mudul-Ma Community Art Room
2/1 Travers Street, Coconut Grove
(Opposite UNTiLED Gallery)

A calm, Montessori-informed studio workshop where children explore colour mixing and create a small sculptural character mask using plasticine.

Ages 4–9 | Parent-attended
Small group – limited to 6 children

Bookings:

www.mariagrujicicstudio.com



Presented by  Bupa

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 Disability Sports Australia  Paralympics Australia

Bupa Try Para Sports is coming to Darwin.

Delivered by Disability Sports Australia in partnership with Paralympics Australia and presented by Bupa Australia, this free event provides an opportunity for people with disability to explore Para sport in a welcoming and supportive environment.

Participants can learn about different Para sports, understand eligibility and classification, and connect with local clubs and participation pathways.

-Territory Netball Stadium
-Saturday 28th March 2026
-10am-1pm

Register Here: Bupa Try Para-Sports- Darwin

