



From the Principal...

Congratulations to Year 6 Metcalfe on their fantastic class item, Stuart Park Has Talent. The performance showcased a wonderful range of student talents, including singing, dancing, jokes, and magic tricks. Every student was a winner, and I was incredibly proud of the confidence, creativity, and enthusiasm displayed on stage. Their performance has certainly sparked an exciting idea for an end-of-year SPPS Has Talent event!

Vision and Values

In this edition, we have included the final round of feedback opportunities from our school community as we work towards developing the wording for our school vision and values. Families can access the online feedback form here:

[Shaping Our School's Future Parent Survey](#)

Submissions will remain open for the next two weeks. Your feedback is both valuable and important to ensure all voices are heard as we create a shared vision for our school community. The current suggestions have been shaped through the collective input of our student leaders, staff, and parents.

Change of Date – Pupil Free Day



Please note that our scheduled pupil free day has been moved from Day 1, Week 1, Term 3 (13 July, 2026) to Day 1, Week 3, Term 3. (27 July, 2026).

This change has been endorsed by both our School Council and our Chief Executive of Education, Mrs Susan Bowden. The adjustment allows us to align the day with the availability of our interstate coaches and provides an opportunity for teachers from across Darwin to attend the professional learning workshop focused on our instructional approach.

Providing families with early notice is important so that arrangements can be made ahead of time. **Please note that students will attend school as normal on Day 1, Term 3, as this is no longer a pupil free day. The pupil free day will now occur on Day 1, Week 3, Term 3.**

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Schedule of Events

Friday May 29

Early Childhood Assembly
Item by Year 2 Fronda

Friday June 5

Whol School Assembly
Items by Transition Morris and
Year 5 Johnstone

Monday, June 8

King's Birthday Public Holiday
School Closed

A visit from Mr Warren Giles

On Wednesday, we were delighted to welcome Mr Warren Giles, Director of Darwin Schools, to Stuart Park Primary School. During his visit, Mr Giles spent time in every classroom across the school, observing teaching and learning in action.

Mr Giles was highly impressed by the positive learning environments, the strong engagement of our students, and the quality of learning taking place throughout the school. He commented on how wonderful it was to see so many confident and capable learners in every classroom.

Most importantly, he spoke directly to our students about being "strong learners" and recognised the pride they show in their learning each day. At today's assembly, we proudly revisited our words and actions for "We are strong learners" — a reminder of the positive learning culture we continue to build together at SPPS.

Yours Sincerely,
Maria Albion
Principal



Congratulations to the students recognised today at assembly for excellent growth in literacy or numeracy based on last year's PAT Mathematics and PAT Reading assessments. These students were presented with certificates by Mrs Albion and Kathleen Brown, Assistant Director, School Improvement.



Year 6 Metcalfe stole the show today with their version of "Stuart Park has Talent!"

SCHOOL COUNCIL

update

FROM THE CHAIR

It's been a busy and positive start for our School Council as we continue to settle into our roles, build momentum and get stuck into the work. As a relatively new Council, it's been great to see members leaning in, learning together and contributing across a number of key areas.

Our sub-committees are just about to kick off, with the Finance subcommittee focused on supporting strong budget oversight and planning. Our fundraising subcommittee have the planning underway for the school's 60th Anniversary celebrations, with opportunities for the community to get involved—particularly through the Arts Festival and commemorative pavers initiative.

We're also progressing important governance work, with focus areas emerging across OSHC, facilities planning and future infrastructure priorities.

A highlight this month has been the continued work on shaping the school's Vision and Values, including engagement with staff and student leaders. The wider school community will soon have the chance to provide feedback as we move towards finalising this important piece of work. I highly encourage you to jump into the survey when it comes out, to help finalise this important work.

Thanks to all Council members for your energy and commitment—it's a strong start and there's plenty more to come!

Kylie Collins – Council Chair

SUBCOMMITTEES

Our 2025 School Council sub-committees include:

OSHC: Sam Snell, Bronwyn Bruce, Maria Albion and Kylie Collins

Fundraising: Miriam Scapin, Bronwyn Bruce, Maria Albion, Alastair Marshall, Leisha Crompton and Danni Mattiazzo

Grounds and Facilities: Miriam Scapin, Michelle Lobleby, Maria Albion and Kylie Collins

Finance: Emma Delahunty, Lyn Waugh, Leisha Crompton, Jimmy Kiploks and Maria Albion

Should you wish to join one of these sub-committees, please contact Tracy McDermott or Kylie Collins to find out more. It is expected that teams will meet at least once a term, with additional meetings held if required.

Term 2 Book Club

Your child brought home a book club catalogue this week. Orders are due no later than Wednesday, May 27th. The school receives award points on all orders which allows us to purchase resources for the school.

You can order and pay for your order online on the "LOOP," which stands for Linked Online Ordering & Payments. Go to: LOGIN (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.



Bookclub orders close on
Wednesday, May 27!



Stuart Park Preschool 2027 Enrolments

Give your child the best start to their learning journey.

At Stuart Park Preschool, we provide a nurturing, play-based environment where children develop curiosity, confidence, and a love of learning.

Enrolments are now open for 2027.

If you live within our catchment area and your child turns four before June 30, 2027, please contact the school to complete an expression of interest.

What we offer:

- A safe, inclusive, and welcoming environment
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- Strong focus on early literacy and numeracy foundations
- Play-based learning guided by the Early Years Learning Framework
- Connection to the wider Stuart Park Primary School community

📍 Stuart Park Primary School 89 977733
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**Expressions
of Interest
Open for
2027**

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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.



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PHOTOGRAPHY

Competition

Entries now open
Entries close 3 JULY 2026

Royal Darwin Show 23-25 JULY 2026

Open and Junior sections

PRINT CLASSES:

- Portraiture
- Landscape
- Wildlife
- Documentary & street

DIGITAL CLASSES:

- Nature
- Creative & experimental
- Mobile phone
- Drone & aerial

Royal Darwin Show
Schedule of prizes,
and entry forms:



For more information: darwincameraclub@mail.tidyhq.com



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