



From the Principal...

What a term it has been! As we come to the end of Term 3, it is wonderful to reflect on all that has happened across our Stuart Park Primary School community. From our Character Parade and our spectacular 60th Anniversary celebrations, to our BEAT performance, three-way conferences and the many learning experiences happening in classrooms every day, it has certainly been a busy and rewarding term.

Our 60th anniversary celebrations were a particularly special highlight, providing an opportunity to celebrate our school's history, acknowledge the many people who have contributed to SPPS over six decades, and look forward to our future together. It was wonderful to see our students, staff and families come together to celebrate our community.

Behind all of these wonderful events, however, is the most important work we do every day — teaching and learning. I am incredibly proud of the growth we are seeing in our students. Our 2026 NAPLAN results for Years 3 and 5 have shown fantastic achievement and growth across the assessment areas.

We have also seen strong growth in our Year 1 Phonics Check data from 2025 to 2026. These results provide encouraging evidence that the consistent, evidence-informed approaches we are implementing across the school are making a difference to student learning.

Our teachers and support staff have been working hard to embed programs and practices such as InitialLit, Maths Hero, Ochre English units and our targeted intervention programs, alongside our ongoing focus on explicit teaching, engagement norms and checking for understanding. While data is only one part of understanding a child's learning journey, these results give us something very important to celebrate — our students are growing, and the work we are doing together is having a positive impact on their learning outcomes.

I would like to thank our students for their enthusiasm and commitment to learning, our staff for their dedication and expertise, and our families for the important role you play in supporting your children and partnering with us.

As we head into the school holidays, I encourage everyone to take the opportunity to slow down, rest and reconnect. Spend time together, explore, play, read, talk, laugh and enjoy the simple things. Let our children be curious, ask questions, investigate the world around them and follow their interests. Learning doesn't stop when the school bell rings — some of the best learning happens through everyday experiences. Have a wonderful and safe holiday, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back for our final term of 2026. Learning Together, Growing Together.

Warm regards,

Maria Albion - Principal

Schedule of Events

Friday, September 18

Last day of Term 3

**September 21 to
October 2**

School Holidays

Monday, October 5

Pupil Free Day

Tuesday, October 6

First Day of Term 4

**Enjoy
the
Holidays!**



As part of our 60th Anniversary celebrations, we're running an online raffle featuring four fantastic prize packs, generously supported by our school community and local businesses. Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25, giving you the chance to win one of our great prize packs while supporting Stuart Park Primary School.

The raffle will close on Wednesday 21 October, with the lucky winners announced at our 60th Anniversary Quiz Night on Thursday 22 October. Tickets are limited, so don't miss out! Click the link below to purchase your tickets and get into the draw.

<https://rafflelink.com/r/stuart-park-primary/stuart-park-primary-school>

STUART PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

60TH ANNIVERSARY QUIZ NIGHT

\$20

Test your general knowledge and support your school

60's theme

THU 22 OCT | 6PM

Darwin Trailer Boat Club
8 Atkins Dr, Fannie Bay

PRIZES RAFFLE GAMES +MORE!

TICKETS \$20, including a free drink

TEAMS discounts for tables of 10

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Get your team together and join us for a fun night of trivia as we continue celebrating 60 years of Stuart Park Primary School!

Our 60th Anniversary Quiz Night will be held on Thursday 22 October at 6:00pm at the Darwin Trailer Boat Club.

Expect plenty of general knowledge, a special SPPS History round, games, prizes, the announcement of raffle winners, and a little 60s-themed fun (best-dressed included)!

Tickets are \$20 and include a free drink, with discounts available for tables of 10.

Thank you to our SPPS School Council for organising this event. Children attending must be under the supervision of their parents/carers.

To purchase tickets, click the link or scan the QR code below:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/stuart-park-primary-school-60th-anniversary-quiz-night-tickets-1999339583515>

Year 3 Visit to Crocodylus Park

Year 3 had a fantastic day at Crocodylus Park in Week 8. At the museum, students discovered fascinating crocodile facts and explored the animal displays before heading out for the crocodile feeding. Watching the crocs leap from the water was incredible, and some brave students and Ms Tracey even had the opportunity to feed them.

The kangaroos and wallabies were the clear favourites. We spotted joeys peeking from their mums' pouches, hand-fed the animals and even received a few very special wallaby hugs. The students loved them so much that we simply had to return for another visit before leaving!

We also explored the zoo and saw lions, monkeys, wombats, emus, meerkats and the ever-popular capybaras. By the end of the day, Year 3 was exhausted, happy and full of wonderful memories, with several students declaring it "the best day of my life!" A huge thank you to all our wonderful Year 3 parent volunteers for helping to make our excursion possible, and to our Year 3 students for making the day such a success.



Bright Future STEM Program

Bright Future STEM Program Inspires Our Year 5 and 6 Students

On Thursday 10 September, our Year 5 and 6 students were fortunate to take part in the Bright Future STEM Program, an exciting visiting program that travels across Australia to inspire young people and promote the many career opportunities available in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM).

Students enjoyed an engaging session featuring guest speakers, interactive demonstrations and hands-on STEM activities. The program provided students with an opportunity to explore how STEM skills are used in real-world careers and to discover the diverse pathways available to them in the future.

It was fantastic to see our students actively participating, asking questions and embracing the challenges presented throughout the session. Experiences such as these help our students to see the exciting possibilities that STEM can offer and encourage them to consider how their interests and skills could shape their future careers. A big thank you to the Bright Future STEM team for visiting our school and providing our students with such an inspiring and hands-on learning experience!



ART COMPETITION

TRANSITION TO YEAR 6

Draw
a safer,
stronger
NT!



Show us what emergency management
means to you! ♥

CREATE



Make an **A3** drawing,
painting or artwork
about emergency
management and the
people who keep our
communities safe.

WIN



The school with the
most votes will win a
special visit from NTFES
with **mascots, fire trucks**
and **NTES boats!**

SUBMIT



Email your artwork to:
NTEM.Symposium@pfes.nt.gov.au
Include your name, age
and school.



Entries close
Friday 2 October 2026



BE PREPARED



BE AWARE



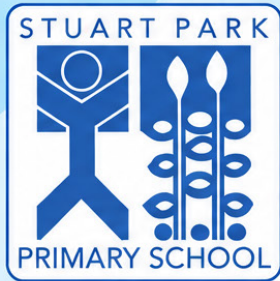
WORK TOGETHER



SAFER
COMMUNITIES

♥ Small
artworks.
Big ideas!

PEOPLE | COMMUNITIES | RESILIENCE



Pupil Free Day

Monday, 5 October

Mark
it in your
calendar!

We would like to remind families that Monday, October 5,
is a Pupil Free Day.



Pupil Free Care Available

We will be offering
Pupil Free care through
our OSHC service for
this day to students
from Transition to
Year 6.



Cost

The care will cost
\$30.00 for the
school day
(8am to 2:30pm).



Bookings

Bookings can be made
over the phone or
in person at the
school's main office
on **8997 7333**, and will
close **COB Friday,**
October 2.



After School Care/OSHC

Students already booked
into After School Care/OSHC
may still access this service
on the day.

Thank you for your support! ♥



School resumes for all students on
Tuesday, 6 October.

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.



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COME AND TRY DAY!

THURSDAY 3 SEPTEMBER
5:30-6:30PM
GARDENS OVAL

Ever thought about giving footy a go?
Head down to Waratah Football Club at Garden's Oval and join us for our 2026/27 season come and try day!

This is a great opportunity to meet some of our players and coaches, learn some new skills, and experience what being part of the Waratah's Army is all about.

We have junior teams in each age group from U9s across boys and girls.

Everyone is welcome and families are welcome to stick around afterwards for a free BBQ!

Bring a friend, try footy, and join our Army.

More info?
Contact the Club via 0408 815 321 or manager@waratahfc.com.au



Register Here

What's On? SCHOOL HOLIDAYS



ALL ABILITIES COME & TRY

WED 23 SEP, 2026 | 4:30 - 6PM
AT DXC ARENA, MARRARA



Our sessions provide a supportive environment where participants living with disability are encouraged to get involved, build confidence and enjoy cricket in a way that works for them.

\$20 NO AGE LIMIT | NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED



JOIN US AT THE HOME OF NT CRICKET
DXC ARENA, ABALA ROAD, MARRARA
To sign up, or for more information, visit ntcricket.com.au/holidayprograms



ALL GIRLS SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINIC

Tuesday 22nd September
9am-2pm
Marrara Indoor Stadium





MINECRAFT BIOSECURITY CHALLENGE 2026

Build. Protect. Innovate.
Create biosecure solutions for a better tomorrow.

MINECRAFT BIOSECURITY CHALLENGE 2026

Build the Ultimate Biosecure Property for Northern Australia

Healthy Plants & Animals | Water management | Sustainability | Creativity | Biosecurity | Community Safety

Entries Open: 3 August 2026
Entries Close: 5 October 2026

VISIT THE WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION

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RADICLE Science and Technology Engagement Centre

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COME AND TRY ALL GIRLS MULTI-SPORT PROGRAM

TUESDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER
DARWIN INTERNATIONAL TENNIS CENTRE

tennis | cricket | AFL | netball

**9AM-1PM
FREE PROGRAM
AGES 5-12 YRS**

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Images of girls playing tennis, cricket, AFL, and netball.



REGISTRATIONS OPEN • TERM 4

BALLER BUBS, AUSSIE HOOPS & HOOPSTARS RETURN

Basketball NT is excited to open registrations for our Term 4 junior programs at Darwin Basketball Stadium. Whether your child is taking their very first steps onto the court or is ready for a taste of competition, there's a program to suit every age and stage.

BALLER BUBS AGES 2-4 A fun, low-pressure intro to basketball built around movement, coordination and enjoying the ball for the first time. Dates: 14 Oct – 2 Dec When: Wed, 3:45–4:30 pm Where: Darwin Basketball Stadium Cost: \$100	AUSSIE HOOPS AGES 4-8 Basketball Australia's flagship program, teaching fundamentals through fun, structured activities. Dates: 12 Oct – 5 Dec When: Mon & Wed, 3:45–4:30 pm; Sat, 8:00–8:45 am Where: Darwin Basketball Stadium Cost: \$100	HOOPSTARS AGES 6-8 Bridges skill development and real competition — a first taste of game-day basketball in a supportive environment. Focus: Intro to competition Dates: 17 Oct – 5 Dec When: Sat, 7:45–8:45 am Where: Darwin Basketball Stadium Cost: \$100
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READY TO JOIN THE COURT?

Spots fill quickly each term — register early. Questions about the right fit for your child? Get in touch with the Basketball NT team.

Visit nt.basketball to register.

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