



From the Principal...

Welcome back to Term 4 and our final term of 2026! It has been wonderful to see our students settle so well into their classroom routines and return ready to learn. Thank you to our staff and families for helping make this such a positive start.

While Term 4 brings many celebrations and special events, it remains an important time for learning. Our whole-school literacy and numeracy programs continue, with explicit teaching, daily review and regular checks of student understanding helping teachers support and extend each child.

Congratulations, Mr Marshall!

Congratulations to Mr Alastair Marshall on being named a finalist in the Primary Teacher of the Year category. This recognition celebrates his dedication to teaching and the positive contribution he makes to our students and school community. We wish Mr Marshall all the best as the Darwin Schools category winner and overall Northern Territory winner are announced. We are very proud to have him as part of the Stuart Park Primary School team!



Your feedback: NT School Survey

Thank you to the students, parents, carers and staff who contributed to the 2026 NT School Survey. Your feedback helps us recognise what is working well and identify where we need to improve.

High expectations for learning were a clear strength, recognised by 92% of student respondents, 96% of parent and carer respondents, and 100% of staff respondents. Parents and carers also responded positively to school communication (93%) and the maintenance of our school (95%). Among students, 92% reported strong friendships, and positive responses about feeling safe increased from 64% in 2025 to 70% in 2026.

The survey also highlighted areas requiring further attention, including students' sense of belonging, opportunities for student and family voice, and consistency in behaviour management and fairness. These findings will help shape our 2027 Annual School Improvement Plan, including a proposed review of our behaviour processes using a School-Wide Positive Behaviour Support framework.

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Schedule of Events

Thursday, October 22

SPPS Anniversary Quiz Night
& Raffle Drawn
6pm Darwin Trailer Boat Club

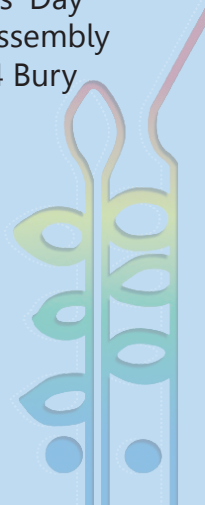
Friday, October 23

Early Childhood Assembly
Item by Year 2 Davis

Friday, October 30

World Teachers' Day
Whole School Assembly
Item by Year 4 Bury

**Quiz Night
& Raffle
this
Thursday!**



Attendance matters—right through to the end of term

Every school day provides opportunities to build knowledge, practise skills and connect with others. Regular attendance and arriving on time help children participate fully and maintain confidence in their learning. Please continue to prioritise attendance throughout Term 4, plan appointments outside school hours where possible, and notify the school when your child is absent. Children who are unwell should stay home to recover.

If your child is finding it difficult to attend school, please speak with their classroom teacher or a member of our leadership team. We want to work alongside families to understand any barriers and provide support.

Supporting student wellbeing

This term, students will participate in a social and emotional wellbeing survey. Transition and Year 1 students will complete a paper-based survey with their teacher, while students in Years 2–6 will complete the online PAT Social and Emotional Wellbeing Survey. This will help us better understand students' experiences and identify ways to strengthen wellbeing across our school.

Planning for 2027

Our Leadership Team and staff have begun developing our 2027 Annual School Improvement Plan and budget priorities. We are drawing on student learning information, survey feedback and our progress this year to plan the next steps in literacy, numeracy, attendance, engagement and wellbeing. Our focus is on ensuring that resources and teaching practices support the needs of our students.

Coming together as a community

There is plenty to look forward to this term, including our Anniversary Quiz Night at the Trailer Boat Club on Thursday 22 October, World Teachers' Day on Friday 30 October, and our Bunnings Sausage Sizzle on Saturday 31 October.

Thank you to our School Council, fundraising committee and volunteers for supporting these community events. Please keep an eye on school communications for further details. Thank you for your continued partnership. I look forward to a productive and enjoyable final term as we celebrate our students' learning, effort and achievements.

Maria Albion
Principal





STUART PARK
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Wet Weather Plan

As the Wet Season approaches, it is more likely that it will be **raining at pick up time.**



If there is heavy rain or storms at the end of the school day, students may be held in class until it is safe to release them. While we understand that this may be an inconvenience, the safety of students is our priority. Should parents attend the class, the student will be released to them.



Pick up at the undercover Bree Stop area off Nudl Street.

Once deemed safe, the best pick up point is at the undercover Bree Stop pick up area. Wait until the buses have gone after 2:40pm, then drive through and pick up your child. You should feel comfortable that your child is safe and you can do the pick up a little later than usual.



School buses will continue to run if safe to do so.



Students who walk or ride home may also be held back until it is safe to leave.



Please drive to conditions in our school zone and exercise extra caution during inclement weather.

New Trees for our School



Our wonderful green space around our school is about to get a little greener with thanks to the Mettam family at Plants Direct and also The City of Darwin.

Last week Ms Maia's class went out to cheer on the planting of three new shade trees donated by Plants Direct in the early childhood playground. We were also fortunate to receive a donation of native trees from The City of Darwin which are finding new homes around our school. Thanks to Mick and Gail for their all their efforts in keeping our grounds so beautiful.





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 this **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>



SPPS Anniversary

RAFFLE

Great prizes. A brighter future.

PRIZE PACK 1

Rod, Tackle & YETI Package

An awesome local prize pack packed with outdoor adventure, great food and good times!

\$555 VALUE



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DARWIN N.T.

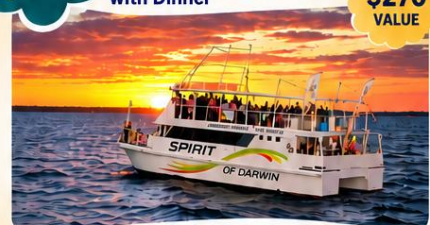
YETI

HOT TAMALE

PRIZE PACK 2

Spirit of Darwin Sunset Cruise for 2 People with Dinner

\$270 VALUE



SPIRIT OF DARWIN

PRIZE PACK 3

CLUBLIME

3-Month Multi Club Gym Membership

\$360 VALUE



Integrating Health

ACUPUNCTURE | MASSAGE | HERBAL MEDICINE



PRIZE PACK 4

Handmade Double Size Quilt
Donated by SPPS alumni the McCullough Family

Signed Children's Picture Book
By local author and illustrator Maria Grujic

\$350 VALUE



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Maria Grujic STUDIO

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!



SCAN HERE

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

\$10 PER TICKET OR 3 FOR \$25

ONLINE RAFFLE | DRAWN AT OUR QUIZ NIGHT THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22ND

Every ticket sold supports our students and school community.

Thank you to our Sponsors:



HOT TAMALE



CLUBLIME



The McCullough Family
The Collins Family
The family of Summer H

There are still tickets available in our 60th Anniversary Raffle featuring four fantastic prize packs.

Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25

The raffle will close and be drawn 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.

Thank you to our kind sponsors who have donated prizes to our raffle and quiz night.

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

Term 4 Reminders

A Friendly Reminder

We kindly ask parents and visitors to **refrain from using the student toilets**, as these facilities are reserved for our students.

You are very welcome to use the **staff toilets** located in the **front office**.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in helping us maintain appropriate facilities for everyone.



Parents

Please **check** your child's head for **nits**

After-School Language Classes



Students welcome from Transition - Year 12

We offer the following after-school language classes:

- Monday: Japanese, Portuguese, Spanish
- Tuesday: Auslan, German, Greek, Indonesian, Italian
- Wednesday: French, Mandarin, Russian
- Saturday: Mandarin (10:00am - 12:30pm)

Join us now

Mon-Wed - 3:30pm - 5:30pm
Sat - 10:00am - 12:30pm
Sport Vouchers welcome

CLASS FEES **\$180** per term

EXTRA SERVICES

\$85 per term
BUS PICKUP

\$35 per term
BBQ SAUSAGE + DRINK

Contact: 08 8997 7000 | dlc.nt@education.nt.gov.au

www.darwinlanguagescentre.nt.edu.au



Everyone can play!

2027 enrolments now open!

JOIN US FOR IN-SCHOOL LESSONS YEARS 4 - 12

CHOOSE FROM CHOIR, VOICE, VIOLIN, VIOLA, CELLO, FLUTE, SAXOPHONE, CLARINET, GUITAR, BASS GUITAR, TRUMPET, TROMBONE and PERCUSSION

INSTRUMENT HIRE AVAILABLE

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For more info, call us on 8963 5550 or visit www.ntms.net.au



NT Music School Enrolments for 2027

Enrolments are now open for the NT Music School program for students who will be in Years 4, 5 and 6 in 2027.

If your child is interested in joining the program next year, please contact the NT Music School directly for information about enrolment and available opportunities.

If your child is continuing music student, you need to re-enrol for 2027.

Please click on the link below:

<https://www.ntms.net.au/>

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.

BUSSY'S CORNER
CDC NORTHERN TERRITORY
SUPPORTING SAFER BUS TRAVEL

NT Student Road Safety Art Competition 2026

COMING SOON!

Get creative and help make bus travel safer!

Create. Inspire. Make Bus Travel Safer!

Open to Primary School and Secondary School / High School students

Great prizes to be won, including gift vouchers for winners!

Winning artwork will be displayed on the back of a school bus!

STAY TUNED FOR MORE DETAILS COMING SOON!

Art can make a difference!

WOMEN, GIRLS & BOYS SOCIAL SMASH!

FUN, FAST AND SOCIAL CRICKET FOR EVERYONE!

4 FRIDAYS | 23 OCT - 13 NOV | 5:30 - 6.30PM
AT DXC ARENA, MARRARA

GIRLS SOCIAL SMASH
\$30
GIRLS AGED 7 - 12

BOYS (TAPE-BALL) SOCIAL SMASH
\$30
BOYS AGED 7-16

WOMEN'S SOCIAL SMASH
\$30
WOMEN 13+

PLAY CRICKET TOGETHER!
THREE PROGRAMS. SAME TIME. SAME PLACE.

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SMASH SERIES CRICKET

Scan to book

Maria Grujicic STUDIO

Art Workshop

All materials included • Maximum 10 children
Saturday 17th October 11:00am-11:50am

Colour, Swirl and Mask

\$25 per child
Ages 4-12

Bookings: www.mariagrujicicstudio.com
Questions? Call Maria: 0421 526 722

Mudul-ma Community Art Space
Address 2/1 Travers Street, Coconut Grove NT 0810