Stuart Park Primary Update

Term 4 - Week 4 2026



From the Principal...

As we move further into Term 4, it is hard to believe that we are already mid-way of another school year. It has been a busy and productive month at Stuart Park Primary School, with much to celebrate and some important planning underway as we prepare for 2027.

Quiz Night – A Wonderful Community Success!

What a fantastic evening we had at our recent School Quiz Night! It was wonderful to see our school community come together for an evening of laughter, friendly competition and fundraising. A huge thank you to our School Council, organising committee, staff, families, volunteers and sponsors who contributed to making the evening such a success. Events like these do not happen without considerable effort behind the scenes, and I sincerely appreciate everyone who gave their time, donated prizes or supported the evening.

Beyond the fundraising, what makes these events particularly special is the sense of community they create. Building strong connections between our families, staff and school is something we value enormously at Stuart Park Primary School.

World Teachers' Day – Celebrating Our Wonderful Teachers!
Tomorrow, Friday 30 October, schools across Australia will celebrate World Teachers' Day, an opportunity to recognise and thank the dedicated teachers who make such a positive difference in the lives of our children every day.

At Stuart Park Primary School, we are incredibly fortunate to have a team of passionate, hardworking and committed teachers who go above and beyond to ensure our students feel supported, challenged and inspired to achieve their best.

To mark this special occasion, we will be holding a special assembly to acknowledge and celebrate our teachers, followed by a staff morning tea, generously provided courtesy of our local MLA, Dr Tanzil Rahman. We sincerely thank Dr Rahman for this thoughtful gesture and his ongoing support of our school community.

We are also especially proud of Mr Alastair Marshall, who has been named a finalist for the Primary Educator of the Year award at the World Teachers' Day celebrations, where the winners will be announced. This is a wonderful achievement and well-deserved recognition of his dedication, passion and contribution to education. On behalf of our entire school community, we wish Mr Marshall all the very best at the awards celebrations. We are already incredibly proud of him!

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Schedule of Events

Friday, October 30
World Teachers' Day
Whole School Assembly
Item by Year 4 Bury & Transition Fronda

Friday, November 5
SRC Fundraising Event
Pyjamas, Teddies, Crocs & Socks
No assembly this day

Friday, November 20
Whole School Assembly
Item by Year 3 Tracey

Wednesday, November 24
SPPS Music Extravaganza
Assembly - 11:45am
All Welcome!



To all our wonderful teachers, thank you for the knowledge, care, patience and encouragement you bring to your classrooms every day. The impact you have on children's lives extends far beyond the classroom, and your work is deeply valued and appreciated. **Happy World Teachers' Day!**

Planning for 2027 – Our Annual School Improvement Plan
Our leadership team and staff are currently reviewing our progress against the 2026 Annual School Improvement Plan (ASIP) and developing our priorities for 2027. Our planning is informed by student achievement data, staff feedback, the NT School Survey and our ongoing evaluation of teaching and learning practices.

Our two key improvement priorities will continue to be:

1. **Improving Literacy and Numeracy Outcomes**
We remain committed to ensuring every student develops strong foundations in reading, writing and mathematics. In 2027, our focus will include:

- Strengthening consistent, evidence-based teaching practices across classrooms.
- Continuing our whole-school approach to explicit instruction.
- Using student assessment data more effectively to identify learning needs, monitor progress and inform teaching.
- Strengthening our Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) to ensure students receive timely and targeted intervention when needed.
- Providing ongoing professional learning and opportunities for teachers to collaborate, observe and learn from one another.

2. Strengthening Student Wellbeing, Engagement and School Culture

Our second priority focuses on creating a positive, inclusive and supportive learning environment where every student feels safe, connected and ready to learn. This includes finalising our school vision and values in consultation with our community, strengthening our whole-school approach to positive behaviour and wellbeing, and continuing our focus on student attendance and engagement.

Our goal is simple: to ensure every child experiences high-quality teaching, feels a strong sense of belonging and is supported to achieve their personal best.

Parent Voice – We Want to Hear From You!

Thank you to the families who participated in the recent NT School Survey. Your feedback is extremely valuable and helps us identify what we are doing well and where we can improve.

Two areas in the parent survey stood out as opportunities for further discussion:

- Opportunities to have a say in the direction of the school and its education.
- Feeling that the school takes parents' opinions seriously.

We recognise that these statements can mean different things to different families, and we would like to understand your perspectives more deeply.

Shortly, we will distribute a brief parent survey seeking your feedback on these two areas. In particular, we would like to know what meaningful consultation looks like to you, how you would prefer to contribute to school decisions and what we can do to ensure parents feel genuinely heard and valued. Your responses will help shape our future communication and consultation practices and inform our 2027 school improvement planning.

I strongly encourage all families to participate. Your voice matters, and we want to ensure that our school continues to grow in partnership with our community.

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Student Achievement – Early PAT Assessment Results

Our teachers have been undertaking Progressive Achievement Tests (PAT) in Reading and Mathematics, providing us with valuable information about student learning and progress. We are currently analysing our 2026 results and comparing them with 2025 data to better understand student growth and achievement across Years 1 to 6.

The early data is helping us identify areas of progress, celebrate student achievements and determine where further teaching support may be required. Importantly, we look at more than just whether students have achieved a particular score. We are interested in the growth students make over time, recognising that children begin at different starting points and progress at different rates.

These assessments are one part of our broader approach to monitoring learning. Teachers also use classroom assessments, observations and other achievement information to make informed decisions about the next steps in teaching. Once our analysis is complete, I look forward to sharing a more detailed overview of our whole-school results with families. Our commitment remains to ensuring that every student makes meaningful progress in their learning, regardless of their starting point.

Bunnings Fundraiser – This Saturday, 31 October!

A friendly reminder that our Bunnings Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser is happening this Saturday, 31 October! This is another wonderful opportunity to raise funds for our school while bringing our community together.

We are still looking for more parent and family volunteers to help throughout the day. Even if you can spare just an hour or two, your assistance would be greatly appreciated.
Fundraising events like these rely on the generosity of our families, and many hands certainly make light work!

Looking Ahead

As we approach mid-way of the school year, our focus remains on maintaining high expectations for learning, celebrating student achievements and finishing the year positively.
Stuart Park Primary School is a wonderful community, and I am proud of the work we are doing together to make our school an even better place for every child.
Thank you for your ongoing partnership and support.

Warm regards,

Maria Albion
Principal
Stuart Park Primary School



SPPS 60TH ANNIVERSARY RAFFLE & QUIZ NIGHT Highlights

What a fantastic night! Our 60th Anniversary Quiz Night was a wonderful success, with a full house at the Darwin Trailer Boat Club, a beautiful sunset to set the scene and plenty of fun and laughter throughout the evening! Thanks to the wonderful support of our school community, we raised $1,520 from the Quiz Night!

We also held our very first online raffle, which proved to be a great success, raising an impressive $3,047! That's a fantastic combined total of $4,567 raised for our school.

All funds raised from these events will go towards purchasing much-needed school resources, including literacy resources to support our students' novel studies in 2027.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who purchased quiz night and raffle tickets, our generous sponsors for their wonderful contributions, and our SPPS School Council fundraising committee for organising the Quiz Night. Your support and generosity are greatly appreciated. Congratulations to our lucky raffle winners below!

Prize Pack 1 - Nomiki Kambourakis
Prize Pack 2 - Kellie Dean
Prize Pack 3 - Laura Angus
Prize Pack 4 - Katrina Truscott



















Thank you to our Raffle and Quiz Night Sponsors

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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.

STUART PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Pyjama Day!

Starlight Children's Foundation

and Crocs & Socks

♡ Bring a Teddy! ♡

Our Student Representative Council is raising money for the Starlight Foundation!

We're inviting all students to come to school in their pyjamas and Crocs and socks, and bring a teddy for the day!

For the privilege of not wearing a uniform, bring along a gold coin donation.



WHEN?

Friday, Week 5
November 6th

PYJAMAS NEED TO BE SUN SMART AND SENSIBLE.



Crocs and socks or any sandals are fine!

Let's make a difference together!

Bush Tucker planting with Leslie Gordon

As part of our commitment to embedding local Aboriginal perspectives and knowledge within our learning environment, Stuart Park Preschool has been engaged in ongoing conversations with local Larrakia Elder, Leslie Gordon, to establish a garden that will produce flowers and fruit throughout the Larrakia seasons.

Earlier this year, Leslie visited the preschool to develop a planting plan featuring native calendar plants. She then sourced, nurtured and cared for the plants before bringing them to the preschool ready for planting. On Saturday morning, nine preschool families joined us to help bring the vision to life. Families worked together digging holes, fertilising, watering and spreading woodchip mulch. Despite the hot conditions, the garden was completed by 11:00am.

Together we planted lolly bush, native apricot, bush apple, black plum and green plum trees. While it may be at least three years before the trees begin to fruit, we are excited to care for them and watch them grow over time.
We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the Wuda, Richards, Harte, Gough, Hodgson, Stinton, Barsden, Mead and Yu families for generously giving their time and support on the day.













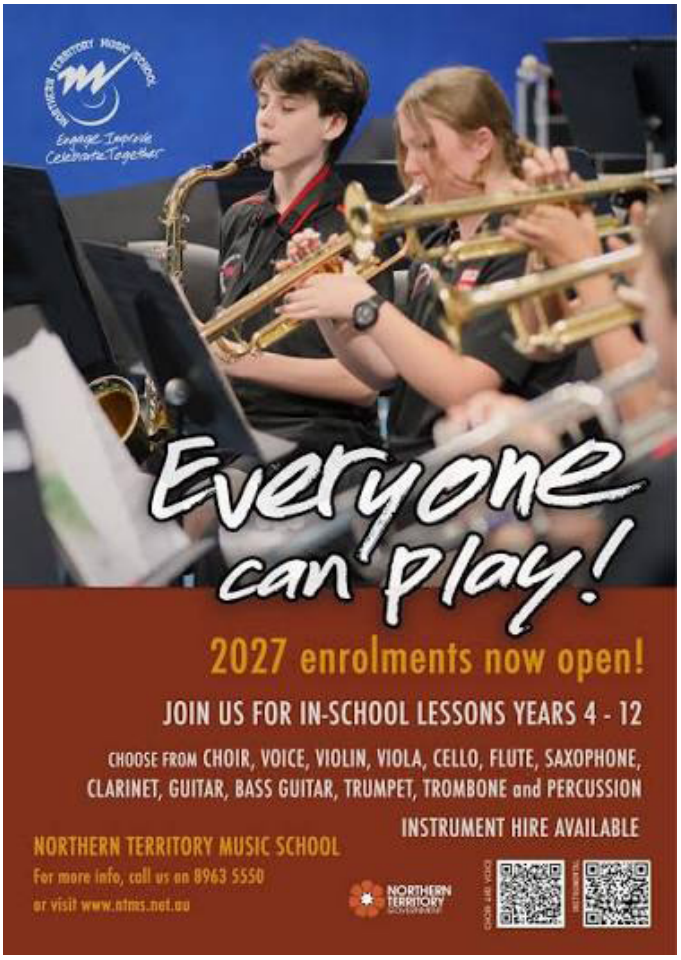


Term 4 Reminders



Can you help?

A kind family has donated two benches to the school however, they are quite heavy (concrete) and require a truck and fork lift to move them.
If you are able to donate some time and have the equipment to help us collect these benches, please reach out to the main office on 89977333.



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/



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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.

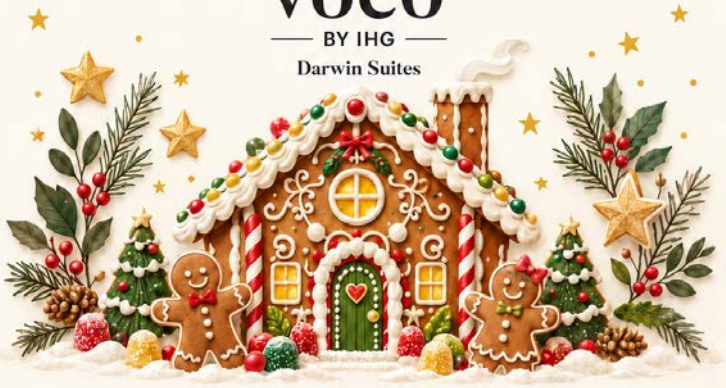
Come and Try. First two lessons free.







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Gingerbread Building Workshop

A little Christmas magic at voco Darwin Suites

Get ready to build, decorate and create your very own gingerbread masterpiece!

Bring the kids along for a festive morning of Christmas fun at voco Darwin Suites by IHG, where little builders can unleash their creativity and construct a delicious gingerbread house to take home. From icing rooftops and colourful lollies to festive decorations, kids will have everything they need to create their own Christmas masterpiece — with a little help from our gingerbread elves!

What's included?

Gingerbread house kit • Colourful sweets and edible decorations
Creative decorating session
Take-home gingerbread creation • Festive music and Christmas cheer

Perfect for little Christmas creatives

A fun, interactive workshop for **children aged 5–12.** Parents can enjoy a coffee and soak up the Christmas atmosphere while supervising their little builders.

Saturday 12 December
& Sunday 13 December 2026
11am – 12.30pm

$35
per participating child

voco Darwin Suites by IHG
87 Mitchell Street, Darwin

Tickets include one gingerbread house kit per participating child.

Enquiries & bookings
sales@vcdarwin.com.au
Book your little gingerbread builder's place today — spaces are limited!

Build it. Decorate it. Eat it.
Christmas has never been so sweet!

Children must be supervised by a parent or responsible adult. Gingerbread and decorating ingredients contain common allergens.

HEALTHY DARWIN

2026-27 Wet Season
Healthy Lifestyle
Workshops & Short Courses

Stronger Together Workshops

Stronger Together is a series of engaging workshops designed to support adults and families in navigating everyday challenges here in the Top End.

The workshops explore different aspects of personal and family wellbeing through accessible information, reflection, discussion and activities.

Participants will leave with new perspectives and practical strategies they can put into action right away.

24 Oct	Mango Madness: Keeping Your Cool in the Silly Season
07 Nov	Why Won't They Listen?! Managing Challenging Behaviours
05 Dec	Screening Screens for Kids: Creating Healthy Screentime Habits
09 Jan	Stop the Fighting! Practical Relationship Skills for Couples and Families
30 Jan	Don't Lose Yourself: Parenting in the Early Years
13 Mar	On the Same Team: Sharing the Parental Load - 1:00 - 2:15pm*

Saturdays x 6 10:00am - 11:15am* (13 Mar 1:00 - 2:15pm)
Casuarina Library Community Room
17 Bradshaw Terrace, Casuarina

Strong Minds

★ **Bookings required!**
Host: Laura - Strong Minds Counselling Services
E - laura.strongminds@gmail.com
P - 0490 920 329

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Only $10 per adult!



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