Stuart Park Primary Update

Term 4 - Week 6 2026



From the Principal...

It is hard to believe that we have just five weeks remaining in the 2026 school year! As we approach the end of another busy and productive year, our teachers are completing their final units of work, conducting assessments and preparing student reports to share with families.

While the end of the year brings excitement, our focus remains on maintaining high expectations for learning, positive behaviour and attendance right through to the final day.

Celebrating Student Achievement – Some Great News!

We have recently been analysing our 2026 Progressive Achievement Test (PAT) results in Reading and Mathematics, and I am delighted to share some encouraging news!

Our early analysis indicates positive student growth across both learning areas, with Mathematics emerging as a particular strength. Students in Years 1 to 6 have demonstrated sustained improvement in Reading and Mathematics.

These results reflect the dedication of our teachers and students and our continued commitment to evidence-based teaching practices, including Explicit Direct Instruction, Maths Hero, Daily Review Maker and structured literacy instruction.

Importantly, the results also help us identify areas for further improvement, particularly in Reading. This information will guide our teaching priorities and targeted support in 2027.

It is wonderful to see the hard work happening in our classrooms translating into positive student outcomes. Congratulations to our students and staff!

Planning for 2027 – Classes and Staffing

Our leadership team is currently working through class structures and staffing arrangements for 2027.

This involves carefully considering enrolment numbers, student learning needs, social dynamics and staffing allocations to ensure balanced classes and positive learning environments for all students.

There are many moving parts in this process, and arrangements may change as enrolments and staffing are finalised. We appreciate families' patience and will communicate further information as plans are confirmed.

If your child will not be returning to Stuart Park Primary School in 2027, please notify our front office as soon as possible. This information is particularly important for our planning.

Schedule of Events

Friday, November 20
Whole School Assembly
Item by Year 3 Tracey
*Last Assembly for principal's awards/flags

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

Friday, December 4
Whole School End of Year Presentation Assembly
8:30am - All welcome

Whole School Assembly Friday



Be Principal for the Day!

I am excited to announce a special opportunity for one of our students to become Principal for the Day!

The successful student will step into my shoes, attending meetings, visiting classrooms, making decisions and experiencing the rewards and challenges of leading our school.

And here's the exciting twist – I will become a student for the day in their classroom! I'll swap my office for a classroom desk and experience school life from a student's perspective.

Students interested in applying are invited to submit a one-page Expression of Interest outlining why they would like this opportunity, what they hope to achieve and how they would give back to our school.

Key dates:

- 27 November: Applications close.
- 30 November: Winner announced.
- Experience date: To be confirmed.

I encourage all interested students to apply. You don't need to be a school captain or have previous leadership experience – just enthusiasm, great ideas and a willingness to make a





Finishing the Year Strongly

With five weeks remaining, I encourage families to continue supporting regular school attendance. There is still important learning taking place, alongside the many exciting celebrations and activities that make the end of the school year so special.

Thank you to our wonderful families for your ongoing support. I am incredibly proud of what our students and staff have achieved throughout 2026, and I look forward to finishing the year on a positive note.

Warm regards,
Maria Albion
Principal
Stuart Park Primary School

Bunnings BBQ Thanks

A big shout-out to our SPPS School Council fundraising team for the successful Bunning Sausage Sizzle held on November 1st. Special thanks to Mr Alastair Marshall for his tremendous effort in coordinating and overseeing the BBQ fundraiser. We raised approximately $2000 for literacy resources which is a fantastic result! We managed to sell every last sausage.

A huge thank you also to our wonderful parents, students and staff who volunteered their time to support the event. It was a terrific team effort and another great example of our school community coming together to make a difference.













SRC Pyjama, Teddies, Crocs and Socks Day

Children's Starlight Foundation



Last Friday's Pyjama day was one of our most successful SRC fundraisers of all time! There were PJ's, teddies, crocs and socks galore and lots of smiles around our school. Thank you to every-one who participated and donated gold coins.

Our SRC raised an astounding $777.85 for the Children's Starlight Foundation!





















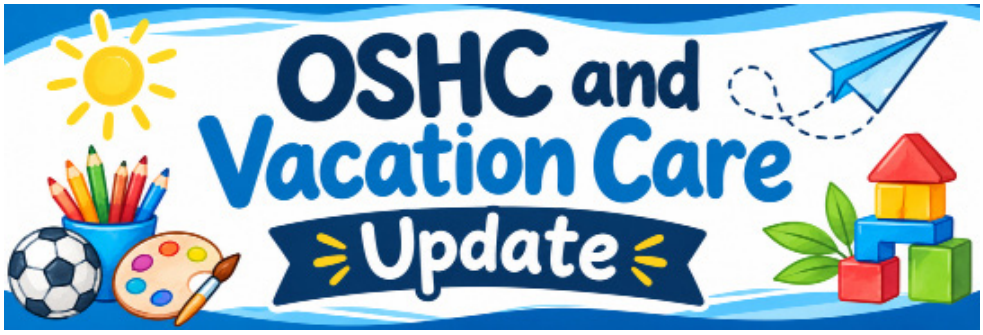


Term 4 Reminders





Collection Bins for Vinnies Christmas Appeal are in the main office and at Preschool



Following a comprehensive review, School Council has approved changes to our OSHC and Vacation Care fees for 2027.

This is the first significant review in several years and reflects increased operating costs, including staffing, food and excursions. Council has carefully considered affordability for families alongside the long-term sustainability of the service.

The revised fees are:

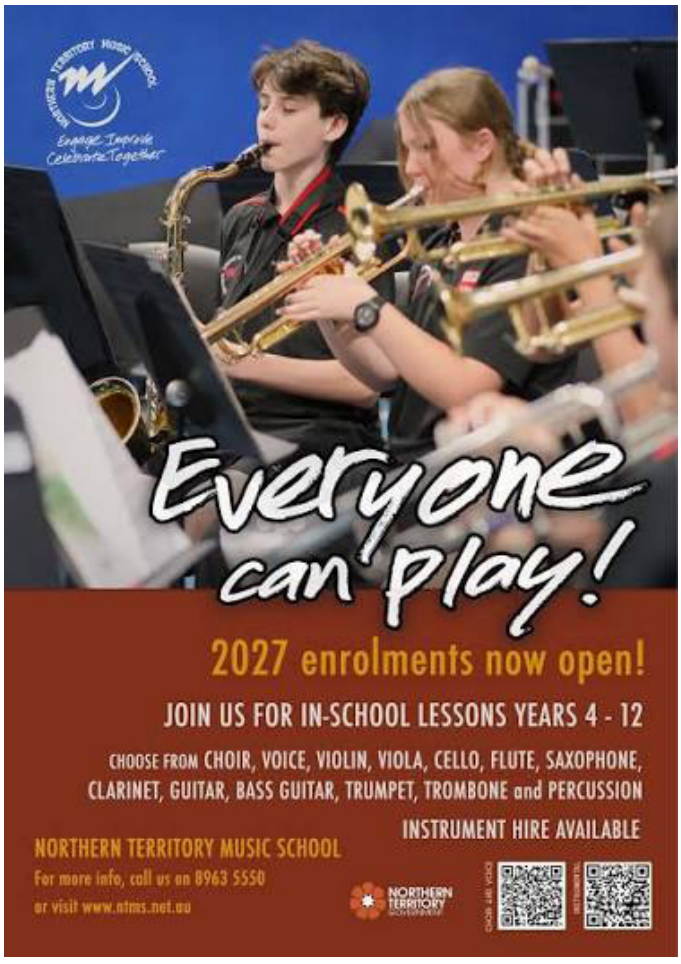
Service	**New Fee**
After School Care – 5 days	$125 per week
After School Care – 1–4 days	$35 per day
Emergency/Casual Care	$50 per day
Vacation Care	$70 per day
Vacation Care Excursion Days	$85 per day

The new Vacation Care fees will commence during the 2026/27 Christmas holiday program, with After School Care fees taking effect from Term 1, 2027.

Our service remains competitively priced compared with similar services across Darwin. School Council has also endorsed annual fee reviews to ensure the service remains affordable, high-quality and financially sustainable. Annual reviews will not automatically result in fee increases.

We appreciate families' understanding and thank our School Council and its subcommittees for their careful consideration of these changes.





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

Calling all NT Students!

School Bus Safety Art Competition 2026

CDC NORTHERN TERRITORY

Categories

1. Primary School
2. Secondary School

Theme Ideas

- **Respect your Driver:** Keep noise down. Don't distract the driver.
- **Do the Right Thing:** Buckle up! Always wear a seatbelt when seated.
- **Make the Right Choice:** Be kind. Be safe. Be a great bus buddy.

Important Dates

- **Entries Open:** Monday, October 26 2026
- **Entries Close:** Monday, November 23 2026

Prizes

- **$200 Gift Card** for the overall NT winner of the poster design competition. Plus, the winner's artwork will be featured on the back of two CDC buses.
- **$50 Gift Card** for 12 regional winners and second placegetters.

Judging Criteria

- **Creativity (40%)** Originality and imagination.
- **Safety Message (40%)** Impactful bus safety message.
- **Presentation (20%)** Clarity, neatness, and artistic effort.

All entries will be judged by a panel comprising representatives of CDC Northern Territory and relevant government, education, and industry stakeholders.

How to Enter

Fill in the entry form and upload artwork at:

www.cdcnorthernterritory.com.au/art-comp

*Terms and Conditions Apply

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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

To find out more about this activity, contact the host directly.

Only $10 per adult!



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