3rd April, 2013
Term 1 Week 10

“The season is Gudjeuk - The Monsoon Season. The winds are blowing from the North-West, bringing the monsoon rains with them. Storms blow across the countryside and rain rejuvenates the land after months of being dry.”

FROM THE PRINCIPAL …

Parent/Teacher Interviews yesterday evening demonstrated the close partnership that exists between Stuart Park Primary School and parents. Thank you to the parents of 372 students who were able to meet with their child’s teacher to discuss progress achieved this term. Teachers endeavour to make these short interviews informative and positive. If parents feel they need more time to discuss issues, or if they were unable to attend last night; feel free to call the school to make an appointment.

As Term One draws to a close, we look forward to the changing of the seasons and the exciting opportunities, programs and events that will take place at school when students return from the mid-semester break. These include projects to be undertaken by the newly elected Student Representative Council, participation by students in the school’s ANZAC Day Commemoration, a focus on Outdoor Education with Athletics Carnivals and a whole-school Twilight Sports Day. There will be a visit to the school by award winning author Phil Kettle and students will participate in National Simultaneous Story Time, an event that will include a special surprise performance by our talented Early Childhood teachers.

PERFORMING ARTS AND MUSIC

The school’s Performing Arts and Instrument Tuition programs will blossom in Term 2 with performances by the Senior Choir and the establishment of a Junior Choir under the direction of Ms Katie Streader. Students from all classes will be learning songs in their weekly music lessons that will complement the Musica Viva Program. Musica Viva this year will celebrate some of the most popular songs of the past century, and students will be able to join in with The Hummingbirds, an all-female vocal group that will perform at the school in May.

Ms Natalie Chin and Mr Simon Pedder, teachers from the NT Music School, are preparing instrumental students for participation in a Stuart Park Rock Band. The enthusiasm shown by students learning to play instruments in the program this year is unprecedented, and we look forward to seeing a performance at a future assembly. All students at Stuart Park will also be inspired by a performance by a percussion group from the Young Australia Workshop called, ‘Drumbeat’. This celebrated group will present a history of percussion through the ages and perform using a variety of instruments. Over 30 students participating in the Extension Recorder program will have the opportunity to perform next term. These students are learning to read music and play classical music in two and three part harmony.

We will keep parents informed through the school newsletter when performances next term will take place.
FUNDRAISING …

- **WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN PROGRAM**
  Last year we were able to purchase around $15000 worth of furniture, and resources with the credits we earned in the Earn and Learn program. This year we aim to do more furniture and resource refurbishment with the points we earn from the Woolworths Earn and Learn program.

  **It’s simple to participate:** from Monday 8th April, when your staff and parents shop at Woolworths they can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Points from the checkout operator and place them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet. There’ll be 1 Woolworths Earn & Learn Point for every $10 spent*. Once completed, they can place their Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet in the Collection Box, either at school or at your local Woolworths.

  *excludes liquor, cigarettes and gift cards.

- **MOTHER’S DAY RAFFLE**
  Thank you to those families who have made donations so far. We are still looking for more donations for the raffle. Raffle tickets will go out early next term.

**BACK TO SCHOOL VOUCHER**
The Northern Territory Government’s back to school voucher's need to be used by the end of this week. The voucher is worth $150 and if not used, is required to be returned to the NT Government.

**LIBRARY NEWS**
On Wednesday 17th April we will have a school visit by award winning Author Phil Kettle. Students from Year 3 – 6 will be involved in these workshops. Some of the topics Phil will cover are: Where story ideas come from; How to plan a story .. settings .. character development .. introductions...the writing adventure . destinations; Why reading and story writing are so much fun; Q&A

**PHIL WILL HAVE BOOKS FOR SALE AND SIGNING…..ALL BOOKS $10.**
Have a preview by going to his website: [http://www.philkettle.com/](http://www.philkettle.com/)

**PRESCHOOL EASTER RAFFLE**
The lucky winners of the Easter Raffle were … Ada Whiteside, Liam Matthews, Ella Barry, Kade Brewer, Yiannis Mousellis, Chloe Warthold, Anastasia Dionysiou, Matilda McCullough, Nyah Brown, and the Needham family. These winners all were very happy to take their stash home on Thursday to enjoy over the Easter holidays.

**DEFENCE NEWS**
Morning Tea will be held this Friday 5th April in the Dragonfly Room straight after our school assembly.

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CALENDAR

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DARWIN CRICKET CLUB
Junior training has started at Kahlin Oval, Larrakeyah. Season starts Sat April 13 U11, U13 and U15 Wednesdays from 4.30 to 6.00. Milo in2cricket for 5-8 Year Olds starts Friday May 3 at 5pm. Cricket Aust qualified coaches in all junior grades Contact Simon Dring 0437 230123 – simon.dring@coateshire.com.au

NRL HOLIDAY CAMP
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April from 9am to 2 pm. Cost: $20 per child from 6 to 12 years. Includes lunch, Rugby League Ball, Rugby League certificate. Register at www.ntdevelopment.leaguenet.com.au or phone Trent Gorrie on 0409180038

THE ULTIMATE BABY LAWN SALE
The Stuart Park Neighbourhood and Childcare Centre will host 'The Ultimate Baby Lawn Sale' on Saturday April 13th from 8am to midday. Come and browse multiple stalls to find all of your second-hand needs for baby and kids. Toys, clothes, books, prams, nursery items, maternity wear and more! Food and drinks also on sale or why not try your luck in the raffle? 36 Charles Street, Stuart Park. For more information, please contact Tamie 0439826042.

KICK START MOTORCYCLE RIDING
During the NT School holidays 8th to 14th April 2013 qualified motocross coaches will be conducting the Kick Start motorcycle riding program. This is a basic entry level course to selecting the correct motorbike, riding gear and in understanding how to get started in motorcycling. Day and half day sessions available at various locations around Darwin, Palmerston and down the track.

Fee: FREE—yes, that’s right a FREE holiday activity. To find out more details and locations closest to you email mkntaustralia@gmail.com or phone Maureen on 0438 844 814.