



**February 1 2017**  
**Term 1 Week 1**

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## ***Dalay – Monsoon Season***

*Dalay is the Monsoon Season and usually runs during January and February. The monsoon replenishes a dry thirsty land. Water gushes from rivers and creeks and floodplains are buried under lakes of water. The water disperses seeds and new plants are sprouting. Manmanma (cyclones) seem more frequent and are a sign of a troubled planet.*

*Saltwater crocodiles are laying their eggs. Barramundi are multiplying upstream on the floodplains. Bush current is fruiting now. They are very sweet and a favourite of children. Big Red Apple and Pink Wild Apple are fruiting. The Red Dye Plant is fruiting. It is used to dye natural fibres such as Biyarmarra (Pandanus) and Gwilirrimba (Sand Palm) to make Denela (string bags) and Malarramamba (Pandanus mats).*

Welcome back to all of our continuing families and a big welcome to Stuart Park to all our new families.

At Stuart Park we follow the seasons of the Top End as described by the Larrakia people, the original owners of the land on which we live. These are the Gulumoerrgin Seasons and you can find them described in more detail at <http://csiro.au/en/Research/Environment/Land-management/Indigenous/Indigenous-calendars/Gulumoerrgin>

While in the Top End we do not have the well-known four seasons that most people refer to, you will find that we do have some very identifiable seasons throughout the year that relate to climate as well as changes in the environment and we follow them as best we can, trying to identify times as seasons change.

### ***FROM THE PRINCIPAL...***

Day One of the school year went off very smoothly and it was great to see the students meeting back together after the break or getting to know our new students. Teachers will soon send home a class letter introducing themselves and giving you some information about what will be happening in Term One. They will also give you their contact and it is the positive communication between home and school that ensures a productive teaching and learning year.

### ***The importance of being on time***

Each morning teachers and students call roll then talk about the day to come. Teachers let students know what to expect of the day and this helps them prepare and not be surprised by events. Students who arrive late disrupt the class as the teacher has to go back over old ground and the late student can start the day not knowing what to expect.

Starting the day with the rest of the class sets students up for a successful learning experience. Please be on time.

### ***End of School Day Procedures if it is raining***

Term 1 can be a wet term. If there is a storm on home time that we feel is dangerous for children, teachers will keep their class indoors until the danger passes. This may cause issues with parking but please rest assured that your child is safe and we just need to be patient and take things slowly on these days.

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### ***What to do if your child will be absent***

Please call the school office if your child will be late or absent from school or preschool (89977333). We follow up all absences so your call certainly saves us a lot of time.

### ***An afternoon pick up tip***

From 2:30-2:40pm every afternoon it is very busy in the drive through out front of the office. By 2:40pm the buses have left and calm returns and so I recommend you ask your child to wait outside the front office where they are under cover and can chat with friends. When you drive through after 2:40pm they will spot you, get in the car and off you go.

## **Parent Contributions**

We ask families to make a contribution of \$150 per child each year and this goes towards supplying your child with all the stationery they need; ensuring there are sufficient teaching and learning resources; providing opportunities for excursions; improving the school facilities such as the playground. While the contribution is voluntary, we do hope that families will see the great benefit to the school when families decide to support us.

## **NT Government Back to School Vouchers**

We have a Northern Territory Government Voucher for each child here at the office. You can use this \$150 towards uniforms, camps and music instruction and it must be used in the first term.

## **CYCLONE SHELTER**

As we move through the Cyclone Season, don't forget to check what you need to do should a cyclone affect our area. You will need a plan for you and your family and this will involve deciding where to shelter. There is good information at [www.pfes.nt.gov.au/Emergency-Service/Public-safety-advice/Cyclones.aspx](http://www.pfes.nt.gov.au/Emergency-Service/Public-safety-advice/Cyclones.aspx)

## **NT MUSIC SCHOOL INSTRUMENT TUITION**

There has been a good response from Stuart Park students interested in learning to play a musical instrument in 2017 as part of the NT Music School program. Placements will be confirmed in the coming days. Numbers are limited, and priority is given to students in Years 5 and 6, although Year 4 students may be considered if there are vacancies.

The woodwind teacher, Natalie Chin, has let the school know that there are places available for students wanting to learn to play the saxophone. The school has a number of saxophones, clarinets, flutes, guitars and brass instruments available for hire at discounted rates.

[www.ntms.net.au](http://www.ntms.net.au)

**Please note:** Only online enrolments will be accepted. The NT Music School reception staff are available should you require assistance **89635550** or [nt.musicsschool@ntschoools.net](mailto:nt.musicsschool@ntschoools.net)





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	<p><b>CALISTHENICS CLASSES</b>  <b>Resplendent Calisthenics College</b></p>
<p>Calisthenics is a team sport consisting of several different types of routines or disciplines. It incorporates elements of dance, gymnastics, ballet, marching, apparatus technique (rods and clubs), acting and singing. Calisthenics improves coordination, mobility, balance, strength, grace, flexibility and deportment; as well as fostering self-esteem and team spirit.</p> <p>For more information about Resplendent Calisthenics College please email <a href="mailto:resplendentcalisthenics@hotmail.com">resplendentcalisthenics@hotmail.com</a> or telephone Cassandra on 0403 985 630.</p>	

## DARWIN CRICKET CLUB

**Sign on Day for junior boys and girls Sat Feb 25 – 9.30am to midday  
 Kahlin Oval, Temira Cres, Larrakeyah**

**Season starts early to mid April and training will start mid March**

**U11, U13 and U15 Wednesdays from 4.30 to 6.00**

**U17 Tues and Thurs from 4.30 to 6.00**

**Milo in2cricket for 5-7 Year Olds – starts Friday May 5th at 5pm.**

**T20 Blast for 7-11 Year olds – starts mid April TBA**

**Cricket Aust qualified coaches in all junior grades**

Contact Simon Dring (0437 230123 – [simon.dring@coateshire.com.au](mailto:simon.dring@coateshire.com.au))

# TAKING YOUR FIRST CATCH



## NIGHTCLIFF CRICKET CLUB

**GIRLS AND BOYS OF ALL AGES AND ABILITY ARE  
WELCOME**

**12TH FEB 10AM—REGISTRATION AT NIGHTCLIFF SPORTS CLUB**

**24TH FEB 4:30PM —*COME AND TRY CRICKET* AT MARRARA OVAL**

**(ALL GIRLS AND BOYS ARE WELCOME)**

**CONTACT MURALI VARATHARAJAN ON 0418 685 162**



# SOCIAL 7s COMPETITION

**Play mixed slowpitch softball  
in a fun and social environment**

**Great for all abilities  
All equipment provided**



## WHAT IS SOCIAL 7s?

- 7-a-side social mixed softball
- Every player bats each inning
- Easy to learn rules
- 4 innings games played in under an hour
- A new pitcher each inning
- High scoring: every base gained is a run
- Ball is pitched slower, means more hits!

## COMPETITION DETAILS

- Competition is run by Softball NT
- Tracy Village Sports Grounds Thursday evenings from 6pm
- 6 weeks, 2 March 2017 to 6 April 2017
- Mixed teams, min 4 females on diamond
- Care facilities available for children upon request
- \$25 registration and \$10 per week. Welcome pack and BBQ included

## MORE INFORMATION

Phone: 08 8927 3333 or 0417 700 652

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For more information, go to [www.social7's.com.au](http://www.social7's.com.au)