

Stuarts Point PUBLIC SCHOOL



Term 1 – Week 6

3rd March 2025



Special programs to promote a positive, healthy active lifestyle have begun. Our students are participating in daily physical activity and eating fresh fruit. Please be conscious of the food you send to school in lunchboxes as we promote healthy habits every day. Please keep pre-packaged food to a minimum. We suggest it as 'treat food', not a lunch box full of it. We all need healthy bodies to have a healthy mind.

Well done to Lilly D and Norah who travelled to the Macksville Aquatic Centre to participate in the District Swimming Carnival in Week 5. They should be proud of their efforts and representing SPPS with pride.

Aboriginal Language and Culture Nest Program. Nests provide NSW public school students with the opportunity to learn local Aboriginal Languages and Cultural practices. We are very excited to welcome back Aunty Deb Ballangarry. She will be teaching Gumbaynggirr Language every Tuesday.

Parents as Partners. Thank you to all families who came along to our PLP meetings recently. Our staff really appreciated the chance to make a connection with all parents early in the year. Our focus on goal setting for students was a very rewarding experience and a great opportunity to share with all. Well done to our 'strong and smart' students who planned some of their learning goals before the meeting. Parents who are yet to catch up on this important partnership can call the office to book a meeting time.

Thanks to all of our students and staff who participated in the Schools Clean Up Day on Friday 28 February. Clean Up Australia has been running for over 30 years to address the issue of waste in Australia. It was a great opportunity for our school to join the thousands of school students across Australia working hard to create a healthier environment and to learn about ways to conserve our beautiful country.

SPPS recently set off on their 'Fish Philosophy' journey for 2025. The philosophy helps to make classrooms more caring, increases individual responsibility for actions and attitudes, and motivate individuals to take ownership of their academic achievement. It also helps build effective relationships, establishes individual accountability and provides an emotionally and physically safe atmosphere of engagement and fun. The Fish Philosophy has four "FISH" principles: Be There, Choose Your Attitude, Make their Day, and Play; and it is the basis of our Student Welfare Policy. Basically, we encourage our students to take ownership of their actions and to be the best person they can be by choosing a positive attitude, treating others with kindness and being playful.

FISH Philosophy Tuned Up Please take the time to have a conversation at home about our weekly focus.

Week 6 Passive Play in equipment area, COLA and weather shed.

Week 7 Maintain our own personal space bubble - hands free school.

NAPLAN opens in Week 7 Term 1 and will take place from 12th - 24th March. Y3 and Y5 students will participate. This forms one component of our school learning assessment. Please see the attached information.

Again this year, during 2nd half lunchtime, extra curricular activities will be offered. SRC (Mon), Playground Box (Tues), Marimba's and YEC/Green Team (Wed), and Home Play Club (Thurs). Please encourage your children to join these extra initiatives if they like.

Attached to this newsletter is our Positive Behaviour Flow Chart. This is displayed in each classroom for students to become familiar with. Congratulations to our wonderful students who are already moving towards achieving their first level of Silver.

Don't forget to check out our news articles and albums published regularly to our school website.

Thanks for your continued support. *Trudy Miles*

Parents and carers of Year 6 students;

Mrs Robertson, from Macksville High School, has visited our Year 6 students on Wednesday last week to provide paper copies of the Expression of Interest form for enrolment into Year 7 at Macksville High School for 2026. These forms should be completed and returned to the Stuarts Point Primary School office as soon as possible. There is also an online option to complete this form. The link for the form opens on the 3rd of March and closes on the 28th March. If you have any questions about this process please ask the staff at your school office.

School Community Charter

 Collaborative. Respectful. Communication.

It's timely at the beginning of each year to re-visit the School Community Charter which sets out clear responsibilities of parents, carers, educators and school staff in NSW public schools to ensure

our learning environments are collaborative, supportive and cohesive. Please remember that respectful communication is a right. In all workplaces people have the right to feel respected. Unacceptable and offensive behaviour has no place in our school communities. To ensure the wellbeing of students, staff and the community in our schools, steps will be taken to address unacceptable behaviour. This may include restricting contact with the school community or, in more serious cases, referral to NSW Police. Thank you to those parents who work in partnership with our school. NSW public schools work to create positive environments for students, staff and the entire school community that support student learning. We strive to ensure that every student is known, valued and cared for.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Please visit our school website for more details
<http://www.stuartspt-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

Week 6

7th Mar - Assembly 2.30pm K/1 item

Week 7

12th - 24th Mar - NAPLAN

Upcoming

17th Mar - P&C AGM 3.15pm

18th Mar - Harmony Day

21st Mar - National Ride Safe 2 School Day

2nd Apr - Cross Country Carnival 9.30am

3rd - 4th Apr - Peer Support Camp 4/5/6 students

House Captains 2025

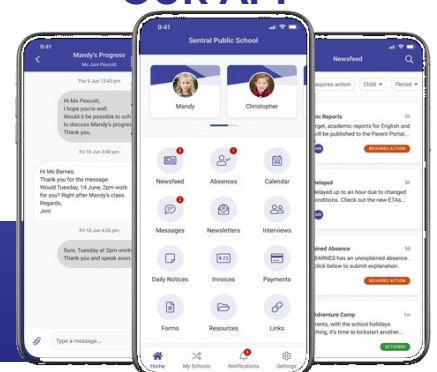
Stuart: Addison, Lilly D, Isaac

Hennessy: Savannah, Khan, Jazelle, Eli

Cooper: Koby, Lilly W. Xavier, Nellie

Wheaton: Charli, Jaxen, Honey-Rose

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AWARD WINNERS WEEK 4



Merit Award Winners Jazelle, Savannah, Norah, Izzy, Sienna, Ollie

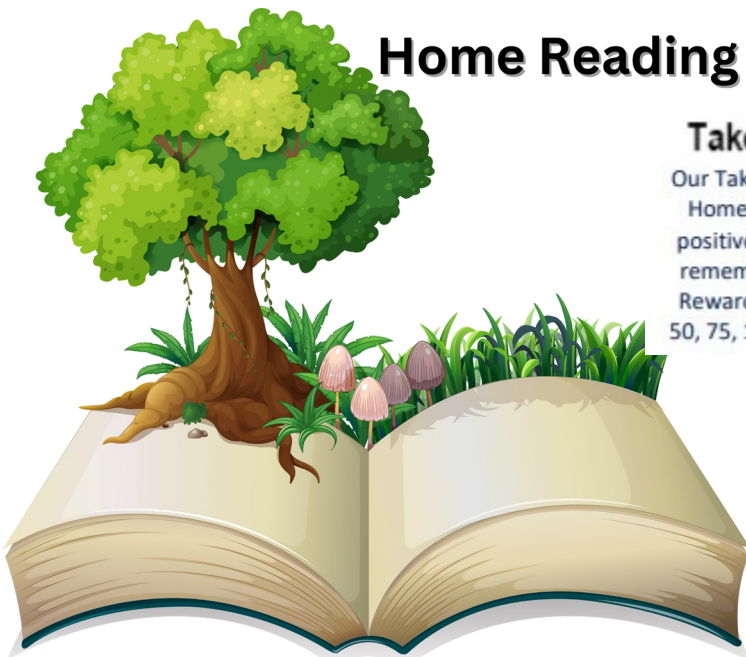


Award Winners

Mia
Ebony
Xavier



Home Reading Award



Take Home Reading Reward System

Our Take Home Reading Reward Scheme has commenced. Home reading is a great way to encourage and develop positive attitudes towards reading. Please help your child remember to read every night and sign their reading log. Rewards are given out at assembly for milestones eg: 25, 50, 75, 100 nights. Home readers should be returned daily.

Win-Bin Winners



Sienna
Khan
Addison

5/6

Year 5/6 have been super busy to begin the year, where they are taking a deep dive into the novel “Just Tricking”, written by Andy Griffiths. Students have enjoyed studying this book in detail and investigating all the practical jokes that the main character ‘Andy’ devises. Students are learning to write engaging, detailed and descriptive characters and settings and are currently working on completing their own narrative.



English Term 1



Language Nest

Giinagay Ngujawiny

(Hello). (All of you)

ngaya yaam Barran Deb

I am Aunty Deb

I love teaching your children Gumbaynggirr lessons on a weekly basis. This term in Gumbaynggirr the gamambi (children) are learning greetings, including hello, goodbye and how respond to their names.

Today in Gumbaynggirr lessons we learnt the Waarru Ngiinda song. Waarru Ngiinda means who you there.

We learn some new ways to say hello and see you later in Gumbaynggirr

Giinagay = hello

Yaarri Yarrang = see you later

Ngarraanga = hear it

Nyaaga = see it

Junaa = say it

Buraal = be quiet

Gii barr = boy

Gaamung = girl

Ngaya yaam = I am / here

jaganyji = stand

Ngayinggi = sit

Please let them teach some other words they have been learning. They are really Darruy (good) at taking to learning Gumbaynggirr.

Darrundang (Thank you)

Yaari Yarraang

Debbie Ballangarry

Gumbaynggirr Language & Culture Educator

NSW Education Standards Authority



NAPLAN 2025 parent and carer information

Suggested school newsletter or email content

Each year the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is sat by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Students will participate in tests for writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

NAPLAN 2025 will take place from **Wednesday 12 March to Monday 24 March**.

NAPLAN is just one part of our school's learning assessment program. The tests assess literacy and numeracy skills your child is already learning at school, so the best preparation is their everyday classroom learning. Our school will also undertake activities to help students become familiar with the types of questions and tools available in the online tests.

The public demonstration site (<https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>) is available for you to see the format of the online tests.

Further information about NAPLAN is available on the NESA website (<https://www.nsw.gov.au/education-and-training/nesa/naplan>) and the NAP website (<https://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/for-parents-carers>).

If you have any questions about NAPLAN, please contact your child's teacher.

P&C NEWSLETTER WEEK 6 TERM 1

We welcome everyone back for a fresh exciting year ahead we hope everyone had a great holiday. It has been wonderful seeing all students wearing the new uniform!

AGM & General Meeting

Our AGM is coming up in Week 8 on Monday at 3:15, this will see all positions become vacant, more now than ever the P&C needs volunteers. P&C is what helps subsidise excursions, fundraising by having Mothers & Fathers Day stalls, we make donations to the school to purchase equipment or have classroom make overs. If this is something you would like to help with then jump on board.

Uniforms

Again, we are loving seeing all students in a fresh modern uniform I would like to thank the efforts of the P&C for ensuring this happened. We would also like to let families know that we are in the process of organizing a brand-new track jacket and track-pants. P&C and School will be donating a jacket and trackpants to every student.

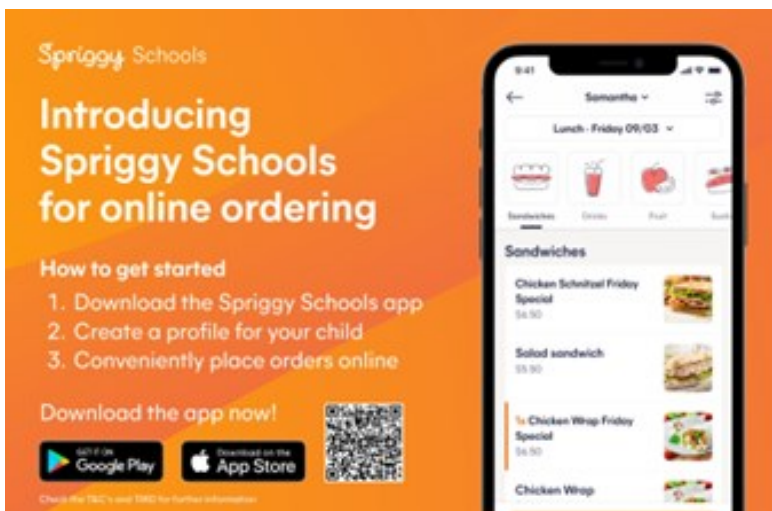
Sports shirts should be here in the next couple of days to be given out to each student. We thank you for your patience on these.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be the AGM which is Week 8 Monday 17th March at 3:15pm

Mika Jeffery

Secretary



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Check the T&C's and TM&C for further information.

The image shows a smartphone displaying the Spriggy Schools app interface. The screen shows a user profile for 'Samantha', the date 'Lunch - Friday 09/03', and a menu of food items under the heading 'Sandwiches'. The menu items include 'Chicken Schnitzel Friday Special' for \$4.50, 'Solid sandwich' for \$3.50, 'Chicken Wrap Friday Special' for \$4.50, and 'Chicken Wrap'.

Parent Information

Stuarts Point Public School



Positive Behaviour Flow Chart

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Students Taking Action and Responsibility STARS



Appropriate behaviour for a further 2 weeks (total 32 weeks)
No record of name (circled) on class record/board.
Name listed 32x on STARS chart for behaviour and responsibility
Reward (Term 4) End of Year - Waterslide Excursion

STARS
Students Taking
Action And
Responsibility

Responsible Student Level - Platinum Status

Appropriate behaviour for a further 10 weeks (total 30 weeks)
No record of name (circled) on class record/board.
Name listed 30x on STARS chart for behaviour and responsibility



Responsible Student Level - Gold Status

Appropriate behaviour for a further 10 weeks (total 20 weeks)
No record of name (circled) on class record/board.
Name listed 20x on STARS chart for behaviour and responsibility
Reward 'Gold Card' - BBQ lunch / Special games afternoon



Responsible Student Level - Silver Status

Appropriate Behaviour for 10 weeks
No record of name (circled) on class record/board
Name listed 10x on STARS chart for behaviour and responsibility
Reward 'Silver Certificate' - Free ice cream / Special games afternoon



BRONZE

Responsible Student Level - Bronze Status

All students start on this level - Students at Stuarts Point Public School will have the opportunity to progress along the positive referral levels.

Bronze
All students
start here

Students will receive their 'award' at an assembly after completing 10, 20, 30, 32 weeks of STARS (Students Taking Action and Responsibility) behaviour.
Reward days will be held as a 'Pop-up Reward' at a later date.

School Community Charter

 **Collaborative. Respectful. Communication.**



We work in partnership to promote student learning.



We treat each other with respect and fairness.



We communicate in a positive and constructive manner.



We all play a part

Respectful communication is a right

In all workplaces people have the right to feel safe and respected. Unacceptable and offensive behaviour has no place in our school communities.

Unacceptable behaviour:

- Aggressive or intimidating actions, such as violence, threatening gestures or physical proximity.
- Aggressive or intimidating language, including the use of obscenities, making sexist, racist or derogatory comments or using a rude tone.
- Treating members of the school community differently due to aspects such as their religion or disability.
- Inappropriate and time wasting communication.