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### FROM THE PRINCIPAL ...

This Friday is World Teachers Day. The day recognises the work of the many great teachers who influence the lives of so many children each and every day. Here at Stuart Park Primary School, we are doubly able to celebrate the work of our teaching profession.

### **Mrs Ros Coggan, our preschool teacher, has been awarded a National Excellence in Teaching Award (NEiTA).**

She is among three teachers in the Northern Territory and sixty teachers Australia wide who have been given such recognition. If your child has gone through our preschool then you will understand why she was chosen.

We will be presenting this award to 'Miss Ros' next Tuesday November 4 at 8:30am at the preschool. You are all invited to be there to recognise her as the very special person in your child's life. We are all so proud of her as a great example of the teaching profession and we congratulate her on a well deserved award.

### **SING? YES, WE DID!**

Last Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, at 10 am NT time more than 350,000 school students from over 1,600 schools around Australia, including all the students and staff at Stuart Park sang the same song at the same time to highlight the importance of music education in our schools. Thanks to everyone who played their part in Australia's biggest ever simultaneous school music performance – our choir 'The Overtones' and all students and staff.

Have a look at the Music Count Us In website for a short clip highlighting the activities in Canberra. <http://www.musiccountusin.org.au/content/view/41/6>

We hope to be part of this great event again next year!!

### **WHERE WILL YOU BE IN 2009 ?**

Again we thank the many families that have already replied regarding their intentions of next year.

We ask that **EVERY FAMILY notifies the school** if your child will or will not be attending Stuart Park Primary School next year.

Either fill in the attached form or just contact the school office by phone.

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## CALENDAR

Date	Day	Event
31 <sup>st</sup> October	Friday	World Teachers Day
1 <sup>st</sup> November	Saturday	Bledisloe Cup in Hong Kong
4 <sup>th</sup> November	Tuesday	NEiTA presentation to Mrs Ros Coggan Melbourne Cup Day
11 <sup>th</sup> November	Tuesday	Remembrance Day
10 <sup>th</sup> December	Wednesday	Presentation Assembly, Year 6 Graduation
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Friday	Last day of school year
<b>2009</b>		
28 <sup>th</sup> January,	Wednesday	First day for students 2009

School website: [www.schools.nt.edu.au/stuartpk/](http://www.schools.nt.edu.au/stuartpk/)

### **PRINCIPALS AWARDS**

Our congratulations to the following students who at this weeks Assembly received Principal's awards after earning 5 merit awards: Sarah Brown, Laura Vincent, Jordyn Galbraith, Ellen Manicaros, Kassandra Jackson.

### **DEFENCE NEWS**

A letter was sent home yesterday with attached flyers inviting all Defence families to attend one of a series of sessions titled "Facing The Challenges of Deployment or Separation". The first session at Driver PS was well received and the feedback was great. Please let me know if you didn't receive this letter as the meeting at Stuart Park PS will be held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November. Come along, we'll even look after the kids while you have a cuppa and a chat with DCO.

Phillipa Cosgrove DSTA

***The following advertisements are not necessarily endorsed by the school***

### **AUSTRALIAN SCOUTING – A Quick Quiz**

1. Do you enjoy **camping, canoeing, sailing, hiking** and having fun?
2. Would you like to help young people develop so that they take a constructive place in society as responsible citizens?
3. Would you like free training from a Registered Training Organisation with an opportunity to complete Certificate II and III in Leadership Support, Certificate III in Business (Frontline Management), Certificate IV in Leadership and Diploma of Leadership?
4. Would you like to be involved with a friendly, energetic and enthusiastic group of families?

If you answered yes to any of these questions you should consider becoming a Cub Scout Leader with the 1<sup>st</sup> Darwin Sea Scout Group based at Larrakeyah.

For obligation free information contact the Group Leader, Chris Kelly on 0411 015363 or 89454817

**KORMILDA COLLEGE YEAR 7 in 2009 ORIENTATION**

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2008 at 8:30am – 2:50pm

Contact their office on 89221694 if you have any enquiries.

**HELP ST VINNIES GIVE THIS CHRISTMAS**

Each year in Darwin and Palmerston, St Vinnies helps to brighten the lives of needy families by providing over 300 Christmas Hampers. 300 hampers are a lot and we would love your help to continue this important act of giving at Christmas.

We would welcome your assistance of

- Food items for hampers of: hams, plum puddings, Christmas cakes, shortbread, confectionary, soft drink, cordial or UHT juice, custard, chips, biscuits etc.
- Christmas items for hampers of bonbons or decorations.
- Movie tickets,
- Vouchers,
- Toys for children 9 years and under.

Cash donations are also always welcome.



These items will be collected from Stuart Park School on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December so hampers can be made up for Christmas.

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 Please complete and return to school as soon as possible.

**YEAR 2009 ATTENDANCE SLIP**

My child/ren WILL or WILL NOT (please circle one)  
be attending Stuart Park Primary School next year.

Student's name.....current class.....

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Parents signature.....Date .....

If your child will not be returning to us in 2009 what will they be doing? (This is optional)

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## ... Rubbish Tips ...

### ...Ideas and information for treading lightly on our planet...

Our Sustainability Survey that went home to families recently came back with a few requests for information on how to start a compost system. We are now composting our organic waste here at Stuart Park from the classrooms to the canteen. It's pretty easy and can be done almost any place where there is a small patch of earth. Here's how:

1. Choose a Site: Place your compost heap or bin in a well-drained area that has some shade. Too much sun will dry out your compost. If you live in a unit or have a small garden, a plastic compost bin from Bunnings will do the trick. If you have more space and don't need to be so tidy, a pile at the back of the yard contained by old fencing and shade cloth would also do very well.

2. Layering: To begin with, place a thick layer of coarse material, such as twigs or mulch at the bottom of your heap. Follow with a layer of garden clippings or leaf mulch, then start adding your daily food and vegetable scraps. From time to time add a handful of lime and add a layer of garden clippings, grass clippings or leaf mulch. Add water after each layer to keep the heap moist but not wet. If your heap starts to smell a bit from your kitchen scraps, throw in a handful of lime.

3. Maintaining Your Compost: Keep your compost well aerated to prevent foul odours or methane. An easy way is to stick a garden stake in and give it a poke and stir around every so often. If you are really keen you can jump in and give your whole pile a good turning over with a garden fork. Better still – living in Stuart Park – let the scrub fowl do it for you! Within about 6-8 weeks, the compost should have turned into rich soil.

#### What to add to a Compost Heap

- Vegetable and Food scraps.
- Fallen leaves (in layers)
- Tea leaves and tea bags
- Coffee grounds
- Vacuum cleaner dust
- Soft stems, dead flowers
- Used vegetable cooking oil
- Egg shells
- Old newspapers (wet)
- Grass cuttings in layers
- Sawdust (not from treated timber)
- Wood ash

#### What NOT to add to a Compost Heap

- Meat and dairy products
- Diseased plants
- Metals, plastic, glass
- Animal manures (especially the droppings of cats and dogs)
- Fat
- Magazines
- Large branches
- Weeds that have seeds or underground stems
- Bread or cake (may attract mice)
- Bones
- Sawdust from treated timber

Information taken from [www.cleanup.com.au/LivingGreener](http://www.cleanup.com.au/LivingGreener)

A great read is local girl Leonie Norrington's Tropical Food Gardens, a bible for all things gardening up here!! Also The ABC's Gardening Australia – Composting DVD, available at the Darwin Council Libraries or can be bought online. This is absolutely fantastic and gives lots of different approaches to composting

Next week: What to do with your compost once you've made it!