



LARAPINTA SCHOOL NEWS

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From Ms Jolley

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the 2014 school year and a special welcome to all of our new students and families. I have a great feeling about the year ahead for us all here at Larapinta.

AGM

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Larapinta School Council will be held on Tuesday 25th February. From 5.30-6.30pm. Parents are encouraged to attend this meeting where you will hear about the school's achievements in 2013 and new council members will be elected. There are several places on council to be filled. If you are interested in nominating or would like to nominate a parent please complete the form and place it in the box on the counter at the front office. Being a council member requires your attendance at a monthly meeting held on Mondays at 5.45pm. It is a great way to find out more detail about what is happening in the school and to have input into decisions made.

ASSEMBLY CHANGES

This year we will hold our Assembly each fortnight in odd weeks, that is Weeks 1,3,5,7 and 9 of each term. The shift to a fortnightly assembly will allow more teaching and learning time for classes. Two students from each class will receive an award at each assembly. Teachers will advise you when your child is receiving an award so that you can come along to celebrate with them. We encourage parents to attend all assemblies as a way of staying in touch with what is happening in the school. Later this term a newly elected Student Representative Council (SRC) and Sports Leaders will be presented with their badges. Our choirs are regular performers at assemblies too.

SWIMMING

The annual two week swimming program is scheduled for Week 8 and 9 of this term. All students in Transition to Year 4 will participate in this program that teaches students basic water safety and swim-

ming skills up to Level 4. This is an important part of the Physical Education program and an excellent opportunity to improve students' confidence in the water. The cost of the program is \$50.00 for two weeks or \$45 if the Parent Contribution has been paid. More information will be provided soon.

MEET THE TEACHER

Whilst I hope you have all managed to come and introduce yourself to your child's teacher for this year, parents will have an opportunity to formally meet teachers and attend a special Open Night event at the school in Week 8. We will provide more detail in coming weeks but for now please note the date Thursday 20th March on your calendars.

I look forward to working in partnership with you all throughout the year.

Kind regards,
Brenda Jolley

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Special Dates

School Council AGM
Tuesday 25th Feb
5.30-6.30pm

Swimming Lessons
Weeks 8 and 9
17-28 March

Open Night
Week 8
Thursday 20th March

National Day of
Action against
Bullying and
Harmony Day
Fri 21 March

PARENT CONTRIBUTION 2014

The Larapinta Parent Contribution has been set by School Council at \$100 per child for the year. This works out to only \$2.50 per week for your child's education. The contribution greatly assists the school to provide a range of resources for your child throughout the year. We supply all books, pencils and learning equipment. Early payment of the contribution is most appreciated. Payment of the contribution in full provides you with a discount for swimming and means that you will not have to worry about the \$5.00 bus travel cost for any excursions for the year.



2014 National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence



Our school is taking a stand against bullying and violence.

Our school has registered to be part of the 2014 National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence, being held nationwide on Friday 21 March. The National Day of Action is Australia's key anti-bullying event for schools. It's a day where school communities across Australia 'take a stand together' against bullying and violence.

Larapinta School is dedicated to creating a supportive school environment, free from bullying, harassment and violence. By working together we are sending a clear message to young people that bullying and violence, in or outside of school, are not okay at any time.

The National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence is an initiative of all Australian education ministers and is coordinated by the Safe and Supportive School Communities (SSSC) Working Group, with representatives from all Australian educational authorities. The SSSC is also responsible for the [Bullying. No Way!](http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au) website which offers practical resources and information to help schools, parents and students counter bullying, harassment and violence. Also available on the site is the [Take a Stand](#) iPhone app, for tips and advice on dealing with bullying, as well as [The Allen Adventure](#) iPad app, designed to teach social skills to children under 8 years. Download these free apps now at www.bullyingnoway.gov.au. We will keep you informed about our plans and activities for the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence.



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Awards

Hunter Levot for his keen interest in learning about virtues.

Morgan Tupe for her focused participation in class discussion.

Nikita Badenoch for her perseverance and hard work in spelling.

Ezekiel Foreman for a great participation in singing.

Isabel Short for being a super helper in our class!

Hunter Levot for his keen interest in learning about virtues.

Morgan Tupe for her focused participation in class discussion.

Nikita Badenoch for her perseverance and hard work in spelling.

Jaquin Abbott for using awesome questions to clarify meaning.

Heath Renshaw for being friendly and welcoming to our new class members.

Samekah Osborne for working so hard in all her tests.

Joshua Samuels for great listening skills & amazing number knowledge.

Ayesha Walker for great enthusiasm & quality work when learning about vowels.

Finn Harris for a fantastic start to the year.

TIPS FOR BACK TO SCHOOL

Start your routines again as soon as you can. Getting back to school-day bedtimes is a good place to start. Decide on a school-day routine and stick to it.

Try to prepare in advance. Pack school bags the night before, have uniforms ready for the morning. Make sure library bags and hats are packed and notes signed for returning.

Be prepared for back-to-school blues. Changing from the relaxed and lazy days of summer is hard on all the family but if your child seems too worried or stressed, find out what is wrong and see what you and the school can do to help.

Talk about change. Whether it is a new school, or a change in your family's circumstances, make time to talk about any fears or worries. Accompany your child so they can get used to the new journey.

Your child may be worried about losing friends who are going to a different school or about making new friends. Talk about ways children can gradually make new friends.

Tell your child you are excited for them and the year ahead. If your child has started an important transition year such as the first year at primary or secondary school, they may need extra reassurance.

Address any problems left over from last term. If your child has experienced bullying or has had problems at school, discuss what they want to happen this year and how they can achieve their goals.

Be prepared to give them a bit of leeway. School can be a long day for children and when they are out of practice it can be exhausting. Early bedtimes and a regular routine are helpful.



Back to School Payment

The Government provides a back to school payment of \$150 for each child to assist parents with the costs of sending children to school. At Larapinta the entitlement can be used to purchase uniforms, to pay for swimming lessons (Transition to Year 4) or for school camps /sleepovers (Years 3-6). The Back to School payment is available for use in Term One *only* in the primary school, so please come into the office soon to access your Back to School Payment and purchase uniforms for your child/children.

School Assembly

Assemblies this term will be held on Friday mornings in Week 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9.

Assembly commences at 8.40am.

Parents are invited to attend assembly each fortnight and also to stay afterwards and enjoy a cuppa at our new Parent Café. (The café will open every Friday).

This is a great chance to chat to other parents and school staff to share and find out information about the school.



SAFETY AND COMMUNICATION

All students who ride bikes/scooters to school are required to wear a helmet. Parents of students who come without helmets will be contacted to collect students and their bike/scooter after school. This is a safety issue and we request parent support in this matter.

Students who do not usually catch the bus will not be allowed to do so unless parents send a note or phone the school to provide this information to staff.

If your child is unable to participate in a fitness or sport session due to illness or injury please provide a note to explain this to their teacher.

Students are required to wear appropriate footwear to school. Thongs are not considered to be appropriate. If for any reason your child does not have correct footwear please provide a note to the teacher.

Please use the internal school pedestrian crossing as a matter of safety and good role modeling to students.

**CENTRAL AUSTRALIAN RUGBY LEAGUE
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