

# LARAPINTA SCHOOL NEWS

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*From Ms Jolley*

Dear Parents/Carers,

## WELCOME

We welcomed Zania Liddle to staff last week. Zania is teaching the Transition class while Julianne Wyatt is on leave.

## THE SCIENCE OF LEARNING

Last Friday after school teachers from across town attended a presentation by Professor John Hattie. John discussed his most recent work on the Science of Learning. Our school continues to implement strategies from Hattie's research regarding effective teaching and learning to ensure the best possible outcomes for all of our students.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

Many thanks to those who came along to our Annual General Meeting last week. Six new council members have come on board; Nicole Totani, Renee Kenny, Wakatiwai Parai, Nigel Wales, Birgit Kuntu and Jess Hacket. Our teacher members this year are Sue Thomson and Sarah

Crook. At the meeting we thanked outgoing council members; Julia Nowland, Helen Buckley, Ben Zeng, Michelle Pinto and Jenny Hurn. Special acknowledgement goes to Helen Buckley who has completed three terms (six years) on Council. We still have a one year preschool representative position yet to fill.

## IT PROJECT

Teachers Sarah Crook, Michelle Pinto, Jenny Hurn and Cindy Steed and their classes are undertaking an exciting IT project this term working with Josh Hughes, an IT consultant from Darwin. Each class is working on their own special project that will enhance the skills of all involved.

## EXTRA PROGRAMS

At Larapinta we offer a range of extra programs to support students. **Quicksmart** helps to improve automaticity of number fact recall as well as teaching other strategies to improve Maths skills. **Lexiles** is a reading program available to

students once they reach the top end of the levelled reading program and read with a high degree of comprehension. If your child is selected to take part in these or other programs you will be notified and provided with further information.

## LIFE EDUCATION

The Life Education Van is coming back to Alice Springs and the first stop is Larapinta School! Life Education empowers children to make safer and healthier choices. We will be hosting the van for the whole of Week 8. All classes will attend a lesson in the van and carry on their learning afterwards in class with teachers.

## FIRE SAFETY

Thanks to Mr Les Green and his colleagues from the Fire Station who brought the Fire trucks in this week and started to share important information about fire safety with our students.

Warm regards to all,

Brenda Jolley

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## Special Dates

Swimming Lessons  
Weeks 8 and 9  
17-28 March

Open Night  
Week 8  
Thursday 20th March  
Incorporating  
National Day of  
Action against  
Bullying and  
Harmony Day

Friday 4th April  
Professional  
Learning Day  
NO STUDENTS



## DESERT STORM CLUSTER SPORT BILLET ACCOMODATION REQUIRED

To Prospective Billeting Families,

SSNT (School Sport Northern Territory) is seeking the support of families in Alice Springs who would be able and generous enough to host students as family members during the SSNT 12 & Under Cricket Championships to be held **2<sup>nd</sup> to the 4<sup>th</sup> of April 2014**. Students travelling to Alice Springs from regional centres for this event will require accommodation for the duration of the event. The students (10-13 year olds) will arrive on Tuesday afternoon 1<sup>st</sup> April and depart Friday afternoon 4<sup>th</sup> April. Host families will be expected to provide suitable sleeping arrangements for a student athlete, a nutritious breakfast and an evening meal. Athletes are expected to provide their own lunches but you may assist with this if you wish. If your family has previously/currently had a student involved in this event, it is hoped that you will be able to assist with the provision of accommodation for these travelling students. This is generally a most rewarding experience and leads to lasting friendships. If you are able to assist please complete the information attached (provided for Year 5 and 6 students) and return the form ASAP (before 10<sup>th</sup> March).

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## Larapinta Meet the Teacher and Open Night



Our Meet the Teacher/Open Night on Thursday 20th March is a chance to come to meet your child's teacher and find out about their class program. On this evening we will also be celebrating 'Bullying No Way National Day of Action' and 'Harmony Day.' This promises to be a great evening so please come along to connect with the many great learning experiences that make up your child's education at Larapinta. Families will be able to visit our new Science Room, try out the ipads with Josh, meet Harold the Giraffe in the Life Ed van, join in a

Bluearth session and more. There will be food available on the evening. Please take time to fill out and send back the attached form so that we can prepare for catering for the evening. We are looking forward to seeing you all on the 20th.

*Meet the Teacher!*



Harmony Day 21 March is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world. By participating in Harmony Day activities, we can learn and understand how all Australians from diverse backgrounds equally belong to this nation and enrich it.

## Awards

Jamilee Ashenden for the most amazing listening skills I have ever seen!  
 Ian McCormack for his improved participation and effort in all areas of learning.  
 Brendon Inkamala for working independently on spelling activities.  
 Jonny Pearce for his conscientious effort on his comic strip.  
 Caitlin Palmer for a great effort in all learning areas.  
 Jack McGregor for being an enthusiastic team player.  
 Kasey Ashenden for using adjectives to make your narrative more interesting.  
 Bailey Harris for practising writing at home.  
 Kael Lawler for always keeping your buddy on track and working hard.  
 Thomas Stone for a huge improvement in your concentration during work time.  
 Leakota Gallagher for improved reading.  
 Isaac Dixon for working hard with the gingerbread man learning tasks.  
 Transition with Miss Liddle for doing our best with "BULLYING NO WAY".  
 Cheataya Martin for putting lots of effort into her work.  
 Keziah Annesley for her enthusiastic participation in public speaking.  
 Tiara Doolan for making huge improvements in remembering to use her manners.  
 Annie Li for working well to create an interesting narrative.



## Meet our new Student Representative Council



Back row: Danielle Lanzarin, Clancy Clark, Brooke Heremaia, Jaquin Abbott, Morgan Tupe, Jonny Pearce  
 Front row: Heath Renshaw, Taryn Clark, Trephina Campbell, Oscar McDougall

## Time is running out!

We are more than half way through the term. That means time is running out to access the \$150 Back to School payment for your child. You can use the entitlement 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*** so please come into the office soon to access yours.

## 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 just outside the canteen).

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

## SPORTS VOUCHERS

If your child has not received a voucher, parents are required to request a new voucher via [www.sportvoucher.nt.gov.au](http://www.sportvoucher.nt.gov.au) or contact [caroline.ashford@nt.gov.au](mailto:caroline.ashford@nt.gov.au) or phone Caroline on 89822308.

## HEADLICE

The Department of Health recommends that parents use occlusive products, like the Hedrin 15 range, containing dimeticone and nerolidol. This treatment works by smothering head lice. It does not have the negative side effects associated with insecticidal treatments. It also kills lice eggs.

Head lice are a persistent problem in Territory schools. Parents should check their child's hair regularly to determine if treatment is needed. Before children return to school, it is highly recommended that re-treatment is made after seven days, ensuring newly hatched eggs are destroyed.

For more information read the Centre of Disease Control [Head lice and nits fact-sheet](#) or telephone 8988 8044.

## SWIMMING PROGRAM



Students in Transition to Year 4 will participate in the swimming program in Weeks 8 and 9 this term. If you haven't returned the signed consent form and arranged payment please come into the office **as soon as possible** to do this. The cost of swimming is \$50 or \$45 where the parent contribution has been paid.

Please make sure that your child has a swimming costume and towel each day (the program runs for two weeks). The school does not supply goggles but parents may wish to send these along. Please label *everything* as items are easily mislaid during this time. Thankyou.

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