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Principal's Report



Dear Parents/Carers and Families,

Alice Can Dance

Our students involved in Alice Can Dance made a phenomenal effort on the performance day and night at the end of term. Their rehearsal commenced at lunchtime and they performed two shows (magnificently), finishing well into the evening. Our students, as always were polished in their performance, and demonstrated their joy up on the stage; well done to them all! Performances from all other schools were also fantastic. We look forward to another wonderful Alice Can Dance production next year.



Students moving to Transition at Larapinta Primary School in 2018

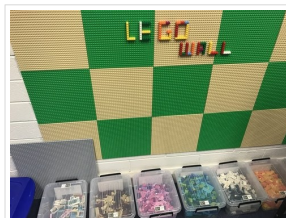
Parents of children commencing in Transition at Larapinta next year are invited to an information session. The final session will be held on Wednesday 25 October from 5-6pm in Room 1. It's a great chance to get some further information and look through the Transition classrooms.

Student not returning in 2018

If your child will not be returning to Larapinta in 2018 could you please complete and return the form that went home earlier this week so that we can accurately plan classes for next year.

What's New? MakerSpace!

A makerspace is the new educational buzzword but the idea has been around for a long time. It is simply a space set aside for students to gather to create, invent, tinker, explore and discover using a variety of tools and materials. Mrs. Mullins has created a dedicated MakerSpace in our school library. If you haven't been in to check it out please do; it's all very exciting. Many students are exploring during their lunch play break; researching, designing and creating. A big thanks to Mrs Mullins for all the time and energy she has dedicated to the MakerSpace.



What's coming up?

Day for Daniel

Next Friday 27 October our school will observe Day for Daniel as we have done for a number of years now in order to raise awareness about personal safety. Students, staff and parents are asked to wear red on this day as it has become the colour of child safety. In the lead up and on the day students will take part in lessons that will teach them to recognise, react and report.

The Daniel Morcombe Foundation Inc. is committed to Keeping Kids Safe. Established by parents Bruce and Denise Morcombe in 2005 after their son Daniel was abducted in December 2003 while waiting to catch a bus on the Sunshine Coast. The Foundation was established as a lasting legacy to Daniel and now has two main aims; to educate children on how to stay safe in a physical and online environment and to support young victims of crime. Donations to the Foundation can be made and more information is available at this website:

<http://www.danielmorcombe.com.au/about-the-foundation.html>

World Teachers Day Friday 27 October

Every day, our teachers are making a difference educating and inspiring young people. World Teachers' Day is an opportunity to acknowledge our teachers and say thanks for the significant contributions they make in our classrooms and communities. Celebrated in more than 100 countries world-wide, World Teachers' Day is held internationally on 5 October. In the Northern Territory the day is celebrated on the last Friday of October each year. I encourage parents to let your child's teacher know their work is appreciated.

Music Count Us In

On Thursday 2 November our whole school will participate in Music Count Us In, singing the same song at the same time as many thousands of school children around the country. Mrs Young has been preparing our students for this event. It is the eleventh year of Music Count Us In and the eleventh time Larapinta has taken part. Parents are welcome to join us in the Music Room; we will start at 11am precisely.

BEAT rehearsals

Students involved in the BEAT performance have a number of rehearsals coming up. Please make sure all consent forms have been returned so that students can attend.

Fun Day Fundraiser Obstacle-a-thon

The Obstacle-a-thon scheduled for Friday 3 November is our major school fundraiser for the year. It has been planned with lots of input from our student leaders and should prove to be a very fun event indeed! Who wouldn't love the chance to throw wet sponges at their teacher or principal? Please send in your fundraising efforts so that we can reach our target. Funds raised will be used to purchase new technology such as ipads and robots.

Term 4

**Kind regards,
Brenda**

School Snapshot

Back to School Payment Scheme

The Northern Territory Back to School Payment Scheme Policy has been updated to provide better clarity around the use of the scheme, including providing a choice of appropriate goods and services. To further assist in understanding the scheme, supporting Guidelines and Frequently Asked Questions are now also available on the department's website. The purpose of the Back to School Payment Scheme remains unchanged - to assist families with the costs of getting their children back to school at the beginning of the school year.

The scheme entitlement is to the value of \$150 of eligible goods and services per enrolled student and is redeemable from the school at which the student first attends. Goods and services must assist with educational outcomes.

It provides eligible students with an entitlement to receive educational items in each school year, with these items to be purchased only from the eligible student's school. The scheme

entitlement is not intended to support the provision of standard curriculum or to redeem parent voluntary contributions.

In Term 4, 2017, you will receive information on how you can redeem the Back to School Payment Scheme for 2018.

Changes to school term dates

Commencing in 2018, Northern Territory (NT) government schools will operate with new school term dates and holiday breaks. The new dates have been set well in advance in order to assist forward planning and national coordination. The new school term dates and holiday breaks have been approved for a five-year period, from 2018 to 2022.

2018 term dates

From 2018, term and semester breaks will be in a 1,3,2,6 weeks break model compared to the current 1,4,1,6 model. This means a three-week break in June and July and a longer two-week break before Term 4. The Christmas break is still six weeks. Term 1 will run for 11 weeks, Terms 2 and 3 for 10 weeks and Term 4 for nine weeks.

The new pattern reflects evidence-based research that identifies students' school attendance and participation in learning is generally at a highest point at the start of the school year.

The new pattern for term dates:

- provides no reduction in the teaching and learning time for students but rather better timing to maximise student participation and coordination
- reflects evidence-based research that identifies students' school attendance and participation in learning is generally at the highest point at the start of the school year
- provides greater teaching and learning time for Year 12 students by better aligning with NT Certificate of Education and Training timing - this will provide Year 12 students with the opportunity to achieve the best outcomes in their final assessments.

Spare School Uniforms

We are always in need of spare uniforms in the front office so if you have any in the cupboard that no longer fit your children, we would really appreciate them. Thank you for your assistance with this.

Preschool News

New Water Play Equipment

There were lots of excited children this week as they discovered a big new piece of waterplay equipment in the playground. Children quickly used their curiosity to investigate and explore the equipment. They worked together to share the equipment, waited for their turn and discussed their discoveries with friends. Discussions using language such as fast and slow, more and less, stop and go and "Can I have a turn?" soon followed.



Outcome 4 – Learning and Thinking: Develop a disposition for learning 4.1a develop curiosity, enthusiasm, resourcefulness and reflexivity

Outcome 5 – Communication: Interact verbally and non-verbally for a range of purposes 5.1e begin to use and extend language in a range of contexts

2017 Alice Springs Art Expo

An artwork created by our pre-schoolers will be on display at the Alice Springs Town Library for Children's Week from the 21st – 29th of October. The aim of the exposition is 'Show Casing the works of children and young people in making "Stronger Communities. Safer Children"'. Families and staff are invited to the opening.

When: **Monday 23rd October at 5pm**

Where: **Alice Springs Town Library**



Preschool Photos

Krystal from Monkey Moo Photography will be taking our preschool photos in 2 weeks. On Tuesday 31st October at 9.30 and Thursday 2nd November at 12.30. Information and order forms will be sent home this week.



Child and Family Centre (CFC)

Our vision is that every child has the best possible start to life.

Children & families are at the centre of all we do.

Families are their child's first teachers and we support a strength based approach.

FaFT Super Heroes!


Families as First Teachers (FaFT) is a fun and engaging early learning and family support program. FaFT aims to improve developmental outcomes for children from 0-4 to make sure they are strong and ready for school! The FaFT program is new at our CFC. Rachel and Shana are working with families and making a great start.

Here are two of our FaFT Super Heroes! Isiah and Caitlin have fun, learn a lot and are growing up strong!




Preschool Orientation

New families attending preschool in 2018 have been invited to attend a family orientation session. Families will be joining in our preschool program from 9 – 10.30am on Tuesday 24th of October and Thursday 26th of October. If you have any family or friends with preschool aged children able to start next year who might be thinking about Larapinta Preschool, please let them know about the orientation sessions. They are very welcome to attend.



Come and join the
Wallabies Basketball Club



Sign On Day
Tues 26th October 5.30-7pm
Alice Springs Basketball Stadium, Traeger Ave
All ages and grades welcome
If fees are paid in full on the night, you will receive a new Wallabies Club shirt
NT Sports vouchers accepted
We are also looking for Coaches, Team Managers and committee members
If you are interested please let us know
Like us on Facebook

Fee breakdown
Juniors U8-U18 \$200
Seniors 18 yrs+ \$250
Includes weekly team sheet fee
Uniforms \$80
New players require the uniform
Club shirt \$20
Payment plans welcome

