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Principal's Report



Dear Parents/Carers and Families,

Our STEAM Family Night was a great success with 50 families coming along on the evening to try out a host of activities. A big thanks to our teachers and staff who supported this event for our families.

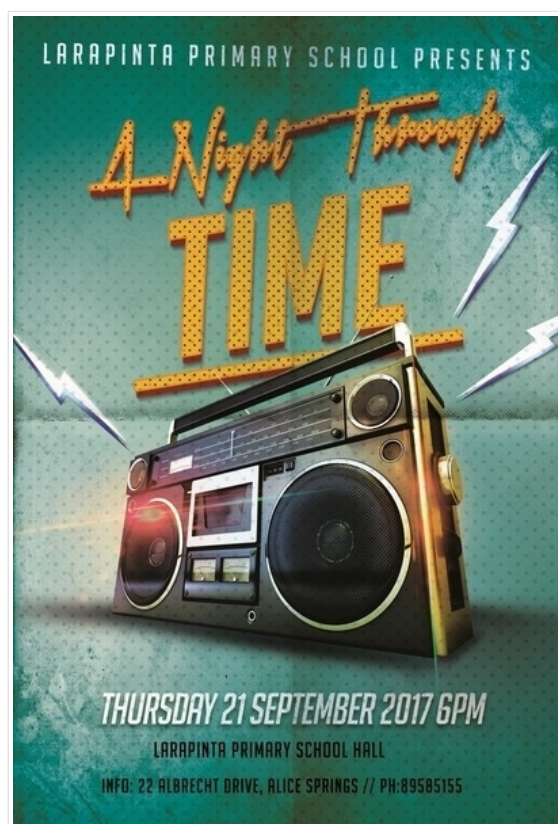


School Concert – A Night Through Time

Remember the School Concert is on next Thursday 21st September. Students are asked to arrive and go to their classrooms at 5.40pm and bring a snack to eat (please no soft drink or hot food). Students will return to their classrooms after their class performance and be back on stage for the finale at the end of the evening.

We request that children not be on play equipment or using the basketball courts on the evening as this distracts from the performance and is a safety and supervision issue.

Notes have been sent home regarding specific clothing for students to wear on the night, but if you are unsure, please contact the office on 8958 5155. We would also appreciate it if you could advise the office if your child will be unable to be part of the concert, as this will assist us in our planning.



Students moving to Transition at Larapinta Primary School in 2018

I am currently contacting parents to make interview times for families whose children will move from preschool to Transition next year. There will be a number of visits for the children to the school next term in order to continue to familiarise them with the class and playground environment. In preparation for the big move there will also be several (repeated) parent sessions available and we hope all parents will be able to attend one of these sessions. These will be held on Wednesday 27th September, Thursday 12th October and Wednesday 25th October from 5-6pm in the school library.

Student moving to Middle School in 2018

There will be a Parent Information Session on Wednesday 20th September at 5.30pm at Centralian Middle School (CMS). The

Principal will host a tour of the school on Thursday 21st September at 8.45am for interested parents. On Friday 24th November students will attend an Orientation Day at CMS. Parents are asked to return enrolment packs to our front office as soon as possible (CMS will collect them from here). As extra incentive there is a movie ticket to be provided for the first 50 enrolments returned.



Alice Can Dance

Tickets went on sale on Monday 11th September at Araluen Box Office for the Alice Can Dance performances which will be on Friday 29th September. Tickets cost \$10 per adult, \$5 per child and \$20 for a family of four. This year there will be two performances – one at 5pm (finishing at 6.15) and one at 7.30pm (finishing at 8.45pm). Get in quickly so you don't miss out!

Age Appropriate Pedagogies

Our Early Years teachers are involved in an exciting new piece of action learning. Larapinta is one of nine schools across the Territory trialling this work that has come out of Queensland. The work is based on extensive research from around the world. Ten large scale research studies reveal key messages about learning and teaching in the early years of school. The studies indicate that selecting and utilising a range of age-appropriate pedagogies is essential in order to ensure teaching is responsive to learners and attends to holistic and academic goals.

Transition class teachers, Amy Malberg and Jacki Raybould, along with Year 1 teachers, Grace Lawless and Kate Kerby are working with their students and other staff to incorporate the approaches and characteristics identified as best practice. Parents of Transition and Year One students have been asked for feedback on the learning environments and this feedback will support our work. We look forward to sharing more with you as the project progresses.

School Survey

Thanks to parents who took time to complete the school survey - there were 36 respondents this year. Whilst this is quite a small sample from our school, the feedback we have received will help us to continue to improve in our endeavours to provide the very best education we can for your child(ren). As it was an anonymous survey I cannot address concerns directly but do encourage parents to come and see me if they would like to follow up further.

Kind regards,

Brenda

School Snapshot

Outdoor Classroom Day

Classes from across the school took their learning outside on Outdoor Classroom Day last Thursday. Every day, according to the OMO Dirt is Good Survey an overwhelming number of Australian children (85%) spend less than two hours play outside – more than a third (36%) less than previous generations.

When asked what they value most about their play time, Aussie primary school kids ranked their iPad or games console (32%) as the things that they enjoy most about their day – more so than outdoor play with friends (25%).

Outdoor Classroom Day is a global movement that sees millions of educators celebrating the benefits of both outdoor play and learning. Across the world over 1.1 million children in 10,085 schools are involved and enjoying playing and learning outside the classroom.

Over 70,000 Aussie kids, in 985 schools, signed up for the day, which shows the scale, commitment and enthusiasm from Aussie parents, kids and teachers.

Real play helps kids build creativity, social resilience, fine and gross motor skills and perseverance – which are fundamental skills for flourishing in a fast-changing world.

Play helps cultivate the ability for children to confront, tackle and overcome difficult situations and adapt to challenges and, sometimes, failures. Through this, kids are able to develop self-confidence and become more sensitive to the needs of others.

The 'screen-time' generation are at risk of not developing the essential skills they need now and in the future if they are opting to play on their iPads rather than play outdoors with friends.

Uniforms

Could families please ensure that students come to school in their correct school uniform every day. Lately we have had many students wearing long sleeved tops under t-shirts, and shorts/pants/jumpers that are not school uniform.

Thongs and "roller shoes" (shoes with wheels on the bottom) are also inappropriate for school due to safety reasons, and families will be required to bring in alternate footwear.

We thank you for your assistance in this, and please feel free to contact the office with any uniform queries.

Woolworths Earn and Learn Program

The school is collecting stickers for the Woolworths Earn and Learn Program. Please send these in as our school will benefit with new resources for the children.

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

Fathers Day Celebration

Many families joined us at Preschool for our Fathers Day celebration on Wednesday evening. It was a great opportunity for families to chat to each other and join in preschool activities. A light snack was provided but we would like to extend a special thanks to Sacha Brown for providing some extra treats for this special occasion. They were very popular and disappeared very quickly.



Outcome 2 – Connectedness

2.2a explore diversity of culture, heritage, background and tradition

Telephone Talk

The children were very excited when they noticed the new end on the telephones outside. Since they have been installed even before the played ends were connected there has a lot of conversations about where to play and what friends are doing, role playing calling amergency services, talking to family and working in a shop. There was also experimentation with loud and soft sounds and hypothesising about how they work.



Outcome 5 - Communication

5.1a develop oral language and active listening

Pet Shop

Our grocery shop in Unit 2 will be transformed into a pet shop soon so if you have any pet related products such as empty pet food packets, grooming equipment and soft cuddly toys that you no longer need we would really appreciate any donations. Thank you.

Lost Property

We have a large collection of lost property at preschool. Please check if there are any of your child's belongings there as they will be taken away at the end of next week. Thank you.

Woolworths Earn and Learn Program

Thank you to all our families who have been collecting the Woolworths Earn and Learn Stickers for us so far. Please keep collecting



Picture Products Fundraiser



We appreciate all families support for this preschool fundraiser. All templates and payment are due back this week on Thursday 14th September. If you have any issues in relation to this please contact the preschool staff at preschool or on 89585145.

Products available include:

- Melamine Dinner Plate
- Melamine Picture Clock (Large)
- Glossy MDF Clock (Small)
- Aluminium Water Bottle (600 & 400ml)
- Mug (Melamine or Ceramic)
- 2018 Calendar

Parent Direct Toy Catalogue Fundraiser

Looking for educational toys for your children. Come and collect a Parent Direct Catalogue that is full of various educational toys. When you make a purchase our preschool gets a percentage that is used to purchase resources for your child to use. Catalogues are available in both classrooms.

2018 Preschool Enrolments

Places at Larapinta Preschool for next year are filling fast so if you have family or friends who would like to send their child here next year please ask them to contact Marisa at the Children and Family Centre on 89585 180 to secure a place.

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.*

Goodbye Sarah!

Last week we said a sad goodbye to the wonderful Sarah Carmody. Sarah has been our fabulous Aboriginal Coordinator at our Family Centre since before the building was even open. She has made a wonderful contribution to our Centre, to the Larapinta Early Learning community and to the lives of many families and children!

Sarah has shared her many talents in all areas of our Centre, including helping to choose all the furniture and kids' toys and games. Sarah was the playgroup queen and the kids really loved her stories and song times!



Sarah worked hard to connect with and provide support for many young mums and their children – making a safe and supportive space where families feel welcome.



Sarah connected our Centre with a lot of different services so we can work together better for children and families.

Sarah was always lots of fun!



Goodbye Sarah! Thank you! We miss you!



Community News

BRING HOME A BIG BROTHER OR SISTER AND BRING FRENCH, ITALIAN OR SPANISH CULTURE TO LIFE!

Why not volunteer to host an international student from France, Italy or Spain next year? We have a small group of delightful students coming to Australia for 11 weeks to immerse in local Australian culture, experience our High schools, sports, environment and lifestyle. All these international students are around 15 or 16 years old, speak excellent English, have their own spending money, cover all school expenses, and we arrange all aspects of their program. They are looking forward to joining an Australian family for a short term cultural immersion stay. It's fun and interesting to help these young people achieve their Australian dream. If you would like to know more, please email your interest to ICM oninfo@icm-education.com.au or call Georgie or Anja on 1800 500 501, or visit our website

<http://www.icm-education.com/>





NEW!
 Advanced program
 for Club and
 Representative
 players

ALICE SPRINGS

Train like a Wallaby with a Wallaby

- Wallabies participate in Q&A and autograph sessions
- 2 day camp filled with great rugby skills and drills
- For boys and girls aged 5-16 years old
- All coaches are ARU accredited

OUR NEW PROGRAM STREAMS

- **Beginner:** for all age groups aimed at developing fundamental rugby skills and a passion for the game.
- **Advanced:** tackling, clear-out and set piece strategies for Under 10s - Under 16s with rugby experience and representative aspirations.





Venue: Anzac Oval, 7 Wills Terrace
Alice Springs, NT 0870

Duration: 2-Days

Date: 5 - 6 October 2017

Time: 9:00am - 3:00pm

Ages: Boys & Girls aged 5 - 16 years

Early Bird: \$135 (ends 20 Aug)

Price: \$150

Register online: www.campwallaby.com.au/upcoming-camps

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ST PHILIP'S COLLEGE PROUDLY HOSTS

THE AUSTRALIAN BOYS CHOIR

A rare opportunity to see Australia's
"First and Finest" choir for boys



Wednesday 20 September - 7:00pm

FREE PUBLIC PERFORMANCE

The Minnamurra Hall - St Philip's College



BASEBALL




Sign On

Yeperenye Shopping Centre

Saturday 2nd September 2017
9:30am to 1:30pm

Saturday 9th September 2017
9:30 to 1:30pm

Aussie T-Ball - 4 to 6yrs
Rookie Ball - 7 to 9yrs
Little League Minor - 9 to 10 years
Little League Major - 10 to 13 years
Junior League - 13 to 17yrs

Come Try

Lyel Kempster Park

Saturday 23rd September 2017
10am to 12:30pm








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