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Principal's Report



Dear Parents/Carers and Families,

Congratulations

In Week 2 we held a meeting with interested students in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 to talk about Student Leadership. Students then completed an application form to tell us why they thought they were suitable for a

leadership position in our school. Congratulations to the following students who make up the Larapinta Blueearth Student Leadership Group this year as members of the Student Representative Council (SRC) and as Sports Leaders.

SRC: Connor Boshier, Amarlie Briscoe, Stephanie Summerfield, Jilaysha Tilmouth, Alicia Davey, Emma Lawler, Samantha Iles, Kai Jarman, Declan Abbott, Rihanna Arbon, Teatuanui Taumalolo and Jackson Allen.



Sports Leaders: Ooraminna Captains are Lance White and Mischa Levot and Vice Captains are Taryn Clark and Vanessa Stanfield. Andado Captains are Ann Sijoy and Ariki Robertson and Vice Captains are Tracyn Forrester and Darcy Bellis. Erldunda Captains are Jamilee Ashenden and Robbie Evans and Vice Captains are Salesi Taumalolo and Keenan Polaski. Undoolya Captains are Ahnika Lennie and Benjamin Cortissos and Vice Captains are Dooriya Zeng and Isabella Allen.



Staff Development Day

Schools are allocated two whole school professional learning days each year. Our School Council has approved our first staff development day for Friday 7th April which is the last day of Term 2. Staff will undertake professional learning relating to Literacy. **There will be no school for students on this day.** Camp Australia will provide a service so if you would like your child to be in care with Camp Australia at the school please go to their website and register.

<https://www.campaustalia.com.au/>

Good routines

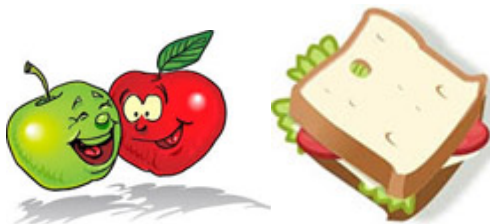
We have noticed some children who are very tired at school and some who even fall asleep during the day! It is very important that children have a good routine of going to bed early so that they are well rested and alert for learning throughout the school day. Tired children often also have difficulties with behaviours so please support your child and our teachers by ensuring regular early sleeping routines.



Healthy food

Larapinta School encourages healthy food choices. Please ensure your child has some breakfast before school every day as brains don't function well without good fuel. Recess and lunch food should also be as healthy as possible; sandwiches

and fruit are good starting points. Chips, cakes, biscuits and sugary sweets are not great choices to send to school as they lack real nutrition value and in many instances hype up children's behaviour. Our behaviour data shows spikes in negative behaviour after food breaks. We'd love to see this change!



Kind regards,

Brenda

School Snapshot

Change of Date for Transition Parent Reading Session

On Wednesday 8th March at 5pm there is a reading information session for parents of Transition students. There will be a repeat session the following morning, Thursday the 9th March at 9am. Please come along to learn about how to best support your child with their reading.



Meet the Teacher and AGM

Please mark the date of Tuesday 14 March for our Meet the Teacher evening (5-6pm) and School Council AGM (6.00pm). If you are interested in joining the Council this year there is a nomination slip and box at the front office. Council meetings are held on the third Monday of each month at 5.45pm.



School Hours

A reminder to all that our school finishing time is now 2.50pm. Thank you for your prompt pick up of children in the afternoon and for helping to keep the traffic flowing at the pick up area.

Uniforms/Swimming

Don't forget that you can use your Back to School Payment to pay for the swimming program, performances, excursions etc depending on which year level your child is in. If you haven't done so yet please come into the front office to complete the paperwork and pick up uniforms. The payment is only available until the end of this term.

Parent Contribution

Our school relies on the parent contribution of \$100 per child to ensure good quality resources for your child to use here at school. The contribution can be made at the front office. This can be paid in full or in instalments. We thank you for attending to this as soon as possible.

Medications at school

If your child is required to be given medication at school (ie antibiotics, Panadol, cough syrup), please ensure that you visit the front office and complete the required paperwork. First Aid staff cannot administer any medication without required consents.

All medications are to be kept in the First Aid room. Children should not have asthma puffers etc in their school bags.



Preschool News

Water Play

This week saw the children very excited and engaged with our new water play days. The boat made a great 'pool' for playing in - we're just thankful it didn't sink!



Outcome 1.4 Identity: Children interact with others with care, empathy and respect, participating positively as part of a group.

Reminders for Parents

Library days for children are Monday afternoons and Wednesday mornings which gives children access to the preschool's quality children's literature at home.

Water Days are on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Thank you to all the parents sending your children sun smart to preschool. A water hat as well as a water shirt over the top of bathers are needed so that your child can enjoy a super splashing day. If you can send labelled bathers, towel, shirt and hat in a water proof bag that helps a lot.

So the children are well prepared for whatever the day's adventures hold for them please include a spare change of clothes as well as an extra piece of fruit or a sandwich as some days, they get extra busy.

Family Sessions

We value having a working partnership with families and so we are holding meetings (one was on Wednesday this week) and there will be another meeting on Monday 27th February. Please come along so we can get to know you and explain how we do things at Larapinta Preschool and get your input too.

Feel free to drop in at any time during the day and engage with your child and their teachers: you are always very welcome!

Child and Family Centre (CFC)

Larapinta Child & Family Centre welcomes all families and their cultures.

Young Mums & their families

There is a special BBQ and family playgroup on TUESDAY 28 February for young mums (22 yo and younger), their children and their families (Dads, aunties, uncles, and grandparents). Please come and meet other young families and find out about our Baby FaST program. Tuesday 28 February 10:30-12noon.

Wednesday Playgroup

A big thank you to our fantastic families at our Wednesday playgroup for helping us and helping each other with setting up, packing up and cleaning up. This is a wonderful example of how families and communities work together! We appreciate your support.

Larapinta Early Learning Centre

Shana Ryan is the new Director of our Larapinta Early Learning Centre. Shana is in Perth working with Child Australia this week and will be joining us next week to get the Early Learning Centre all set up for children.

Families needing information about child care should email larapintaelc@childaustralia.org.au.

If you have young children (0-5 years old), please come and see Marisa and Sarah at our Child & Family Centre. You can have a cuppa and the kids can have a play.

Keep in touch with what's happening at the Child & Family Centre on Facebook.

<https://www.facebook.com/LarapintaCFC/>

Community News



A vibrant poster for FAD Alice Springs Recreational Classes. The background is a gradient of blue and purple with starburst effects. At the top, the words 'DANCE | TUMBLE | CHEER' are written in white. Below this, the FAD logo is prominently displayed, with 'Alice Springs' underneath it. The main title 'RECREATIONAL CLASSES' is in large, bold, pink letters. To the left, a woman in a green leotard is shown in a dynamic pose. To the right, two cheerleaders in blue and black uniforms are performing a stunt. Below the main title, three sections are listed: 'JAZZ' with a star icon and the text 'Do you want to dance like a pop star? Then join our Jazz classes'; 'CHEER & TUMBLE' with a star icon and the text 'Fully credentialed IASF Cheer Coaches'; and 'HIP HOP' with a star icon and the text 'Join the FAD hip hop crew to learn the freshest moves, freezes & tricks'. At the bottom, the phone number '0400 756 515' is displayed in large white digits, followed by the email 'ALICESPRINGS@FADCHEERANDDANCE.COM.AU', the website 'WWW.FADCHEERANDDANCE.COM.AU', and the Facebook link 'WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/FADCHEERANDDANCEALICESPRINGS'.

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