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## Principal's Report

Dear Parents/Carers and Families,

### NAPLAN

We are in the throes of NAPLAN testing for students in Year 3 and 5 this week. NAPLAN is an annual national assessment for all students in Year 3, 5, 7 and 9. Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation), writing, reading and numeracy are all tested across a three day period. Results of the tests are returned to the school and parents later in the year.

NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, and is designed to illustrate the range of student performance across the country. Individual student performance is shown on a national achievement scale for each test. The performance of individual students can be compared to the average performance of all students in Australia.

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are already learning through the school curriculum. Teachers ensure that students are familiar with the test formats and provide appropriate support and guidance.

NAPLAN tests are constructed to give students an opportunity to demonstrate skills they have learned over time through the school curriculum.

A very big thank you goes to Mrs. Mullins for great preparation and support around NAPLAN and to all staff who have been involved from helping with breakfasts, to setting up classrooms and supervising tests. Once again a big group effort from our amazing staff team here at Larapinta!

### WORLD WAR 2 STUDY TOUR

Five Year 6 students from Larapinta are in Darwin this week with groups from other Alice Springs schools for a WW2 study tour. The excursion is part of the **NT Government Anzac Centenary Program**. This excursion will allow the students to visit places of interest including the Defence of Darwin Experience, East

Point to learn about Darwin's role in World War II. The students chosen to attend demonstrate excellence in all areas of their learning at Larapinta, have high level attendance and epitomise safe, respectful, learners at Larapinta. Congratulations to Jamilee Ashenden, Mischa Levot, Ahnika Lennie, Ann Sijoy and Ariki Robertson.



### What else is happening?

- **Eisteddfod** begins next week and we have many entries across the school this year. A junior dance group have been practising under Mrs Raybould's tutelage. Both of our choirs will perform and a senior drama group have also entered.
- **Bookfair** will be held in the library in Week 8.
- **Student Led Conferences (Years 3-6) and Three Way Conferences (Transition to Year 2)** will be held in Week 9.
- **Interschool Athletics Carnival** is on Friday Week 9
- **Larapinta Sports Day** will be held on the last day of term (Friday 23rd June).

These are some but not all of the exciting events that are on the calendar for the remainder of the term. We'll send out specific information as events draw closer.

## School Uniform

We have noticed a recent decline in adherence to school uniform policy. All students are required to wear **full school uniform every day**; that is, school shirt and school jumper (if a jumper is required) and navy blue shorts, skorts or tracksuit pants. **Skivvies under shirts are not part of the uniform and should not be worn.** This is in accordance with both Department of Education and School Uniform policies. Students must also wear a hat every day and have been requested to leave their hats at school so that they always have one in order to access the playground. Could parents **please ensure children are in uniform every day** and that they do have a hat at school. Uniform items are all available for sale at the front office.

## Carpark

I would like to ask all parents to assist us to ensure that the afternoon pick-up runs smoothly for everyone.

- Parents, please walk your child/ children across the internal crossing in our carpark rather than walking out in front of vehicles during the busy afternoon pick up. Thank you to those who already do this – it takes just a moment of inconvenience but ensures our children are safe and have been provided with good role modelling.
- Parents, please talk to your child about looking out for your car and moving quickly and safely to the vehicle.
- Please move your car as far to the front as possible, as other vehicles are usually waiting behind and sometimes out on the road waiting to enter the carpark.
- Please **DO NOT leave your car unattended** in this area as this is a **drop off and pick up area only**.
- Please park elsewhere in the carpark if you need to leave your vehicle to assist your child/children with bikes, bags etc.
- If your child has not made their way to the car please leave the kiss and go area, drive around and re-enter the carpark and find a park elsewhere so that you can come and find your child.

## Medications at school

If your child is required to be given medication at school, these need to be delivered to, and collected from the front office **by parents/carers**. For safety reasons children should not be carrying medications to and from school. Thank you for your assistance with this.

**Kind regards,  
Brenda**

## School Snapshot

### News from 1 Lawless

This term in Design and Technology Year 1 students are learning about 'flight'. Students have been discovering how

different machines and insects fly. We have looked at how planes, gliders, helicopters and parachutes are able to use the air in different ways to fly. Students have created their own versions of these machines and tested their flight ability in the classroom. Throughout the term students will continue to learn about 'flight' through making and creating different machines and insects, and keeping a journal of information to log their learning. Students have been enjoying the hands-on nature of learning this term, and are excited to share their new knowledge about 'flight' to their families, friends and peers.



## Larapinta Book Fair

May is 'Scholastic National Family Reading Month' and the focus for this month is **families reading aloud together** so take some extra time to snuggle up with a book with your children to enjoy a story together. Next month we will be holding a Book Fair from Monday, 5 June to Friday, 9 June inclusive in the library. If you have time, feel free to drop in and see what great books and posters we have for sale. For further information please contact Carrie Hughes in the library.

## School Sport NT

Selection Trials for Championships and Development Camps are scheduled for the following times and places:

12 Years and Under **BASKETBALL** Wednesday June 7th 4.30-6pm Venue: TBC

12 Years and Under **TOUCH FOOTBALL** Friday June 9th 4.30-6pm Flynn Drive

Alice Springs Region School Sport Coordinator: Tahlia Rutherford m: 0408 871 905  
e: tahlia.rutherford@nt.gov.au

Congratulations to those students who have been selected to represent Alice Springs in the following sports:

## 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.

## Spare School Uniforms

We are always in need of spare uniforms in the front office so 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

### What the children are doing at preschool:

#### Bangtail Muster

The parade for the Bangtail Muster with the preschool children and their families went off without a hitch and the children did really well both walking and riding bikes. It was a lovely event and so good for the families to be able to be involved in the march also. Thanks to all our families who participated in this wonderful community event.



#### Mothers' Day Morning Tea

The Monday/Tuesday and morning groups had their special morning tea with lots of yummy food mostly made by the children including pizzas, celery boats, fruit kebabs and biscuits with toppings. The children also sang a beautiful Mothers' Day song which is called 'I picked some flowers for you' and they sang out loud which was wonderful. Thank you to all the family members who were able to come.

The Wednesday/Thursday and afternoon groups will have their special afternoon tea on Thursday afternoon this week.



## Child and Family Centre (CFC)

*Larapinta Child & Family Centre works in collaboration with families to strengthen the health and well-being of young children (0-5).*

*We respect and embrace diversity. Our Centre is a place of belonging.*

#### Carparking

Families using our beautiful new centre are required to park in the **carpark at the front of the preschool**. The school carpark is only for use by school parents and staff. Parents are also requested not to park on the verge (grass area outside the front of the school.) We thank you for your assistance with this.

#### BabyFaST Graduation

On Tuesday 9 May we had our BAbyFaST Graduation! Congratulations to our 6 wonderful Mums and their beautiful children for completing the Baby FaST program. BabyFaST supports young mothers and their children to develop strong connections with each other, their families and support services in town.

One of the highlights of the Baby FaST program has been 'floor time' with the families, where we read and talk and play to help the children grow and learn. Our motto has been, 'Talk, Read, Sing & Play – 15 minutes every day!'



#### Young Mums Playgroup

A playgroup for Young Mums (and of course Dads and other family members too!) will resume on Tuesday 15 May at 10:30am. This is a supported playgroup with activities for the kids (0-5), support and advice for families (with a cup of tea), and a snack for the kids. Come along every Tuesday 10:30am – 12.

#### Speech and Language Development

Do you want to know more about language development for your young child or children? Nicole is a Speech Pathologist at Flynn Drive. She came to see us and gave us a copy of 'Language Developmental milestones' for children aged 0-5. Take a look.

If you have any concerns about your child's speech development, come and see us. You can get a referral to see a Speech Pathologist like Nicole. Stay tuned – Nicole will visit our Wednesday playgroup soon!

Larapinta Early Learning Centre (Child Care)



Are you thinking of returning to work or study? Come and see us – we would love to support you! Lolita started in the Early Learning Centre (child care) this week and Rikkisha has returned to work and is enrolling in study. Lolita and Rikkisha have been playgroup regulars at our Family Centre and Rikkisha’s older children go to Larapinta Primary School. Rikkisha is on our Family & Community Advisory Committee and Lolita will be attending Larapinta Preschool next year. This is how our community works together at Larapinta Child & Family Centre.

Community News

Children’s Book Council

Come along to the CBC JUDGE’S Talk for 2017 at the Public Library on Saturday 13 May. Di Elson will from Darwin will be presenting. If you want to know the books on the shortlist check out the CBC website and... a date for your diary – we will be holding our annual Shortlist Afternoon Tea on Saturday 12 August. More info closer to the date.

<http://www.cbca.org.au/>



Alice Springs Athletics Club  
3:30pm to 5:30pm  
Rhonda Diano Oval (Head Street)  
\*\*NT Government Sport Vouchers Accepted\*\*

2017 Calendar

‘Come and Try’ - \$5pp  
Wednesday 29 March - 4.30 - 5.30pm  
Sunday 2 April - 3pm - 4pm

Sunday 23 April	WEEK 1	
Monday 1 May		May Day Long Weekend (NO Athletics)
Sunday 7 May	WEEK 2	
Sunday 14 May	WEEK 3	
Sunday 21 May	WEEK 4	
Sunday 28 May	WEEK 5	
Sunday 4 June	WEEK 6	
Monday 12 June		Queen’s Birthday/Finke Long Weekend (NO Athletics)
Sunday 18 June	WEEK 7	
Sunday 25 June	WEEK 8	
Monday 26 June - Friday 21 July		Winter School Holidays (Athletics on first Sunday only)
Sunday 30 July	WEEK 9	
Monday 7 Aug		Picnic Day Long Weekend (NO Athletics)
Sunday 13 Aug	WEEK 10	
Sunday 20 Aug	WEEK 11	
Sunday 27 Aug	WEEK 12	
Sunday 3 Sept	WEEK 13	
Sunday 10 Sept	WEEK 14	
Sunday 17 Sept		Club Presentation Day



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