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Principal's Report

Dear Parents/Carers and Families,

CFC Open Day

We hope to see many families join us this afternoon from 3-6pm for our Child and Family Centre Open Day. There will be guided tours of the Early Learning Centre, BBQ, face painting, balloons and more. Join us for the fun!

Young Achievers

Staff member, Luis Nankivell, received his award from the Chief Minister at the Northern Territory Young Achiever Awards on Saturday night. Luis was a semi-finalist in the Young Indigenous Educator category. The contributions being made by young people across the Territory is truly inspiring. Mark Munnich was named as the NT Young Achiever 2017.



Soccer Stars

Ariki Robertson and Gerald Daet King have been selected in the Under 12 Boys Soccer squad – congratulations to Ariki and Gerald.

Out and About

Our Transition classes enjoyed a theatre experience, 'Emily Loves to Bounce' at Araluen last week. 5/6 Madin and Kenna

attended a Health Expo at CMS last Friday. As always our students were great ambassadors for our school.



An Olympian in our midst

We were honoured last week to receive a visit from Olympian marathon runner Robert De Castella. Mr De Castella called in to visit fellow marathon runner Sarah Carmody. He spoke to students and encouraged them to set their mind on their goals and to never give up striving towards them.



Water Safety

Students in Transition to Year 3 have participated in swimming lessons over the past three weeks. Today the Royal Life Saving

Society of Australia presented a session to all students about how to stay safe around water whether at the pool or in natural waterways. It is important to remember that there are many drowning risks around the home as well; home pools and spas are obvious but buckets, bathtubs, eskies, fountains, fishponds, drains, inflatable pools and even pet bowls all pose a significant drowning risk especially to younger children. It is crucial that these are emptied, covered, put away and not left where they can fill up with water. Children need constant supervision when they are in, on or around water.

Holidays

Today is the last day of school for students for the term as staff have a professional learning day Tomorrow. School resumes again after Easter on Tuesday 18th April. Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday break and looking forward to all that Term 2 will bring.

We hope to see many families come along to our Child and Family Centre Open Day today from 3-6pm.

**Kind regards,
Brenda**

School Snapshot

CMS Transition

The 2017 Centralian Middle School Transition program has begun. The first visit involved ex-Larapinta students returning to their Year 6 classroom to participate in a Q and A forum about life at Centralian Middle School. Great questions were asked and the Year 7 students represented CMS with pride. There are a number of visits and experiences planned for the Year 6 students this year.

Kristi Beynon from Centralian Middle School is always available to answer any questions you may have. If you would like to chat further about enrolling your child at CMS, please contact Kristi on 8950 2500 or email at kristi.beynon@ntschoools.net.

School Sport NT

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

12 Years and Under **CRICKET** Wednesday April 26th
4.30-5.30pm Traegar Park

12 Years and Under **TENNIS** Friday April 28th 4.30-6pm
ASP Tennis Courts

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

Back to School Payment

The Back to School Payment is only available until this Friday so hurry in if you haven't used yours yet. Come and stock up on winter uniform now the weather is getting cooler. A reminder to all that school jumpers are part of our uniform; students cannot wear coloured jumpers. If students wear tights/leggings, these should be navy blue.

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.

Transition Raybould

We have had a lot of fun settling into life at school this term. Transition students have been very busy investigating how to make things out of recycled materials – learning what sticks best using tape, glue, ribbon and pipe cleaners! During our investigation time we have also been engaging in role play, building on our oral language skills and social relationships. Our craft area has been exploding with so many creative pieces of work, experimenting with colour, line, shape and providing another way for us to express our ideas.

We are loving school!



Preschool News

What the children are doing at preschool:

The children have been learning the preschool routines this term and are now doing all of these very well, moving from outside to inside, from playtime to group time and washing hands before food, knowing the bike rules and following these well.

Another important part of preschool is establishing the children's sense of belonging and learning to play well with others, which sets them up for lifelong friendships. We have been focusing on being good 'buddy bears' which means sharing, being a kind friend when someone is hurt and using our words with others.

Outcome 2.1 a) Connectedness: Children develop a sense of belonging to groups and communities and an understanding of the reciprocal rights and responsibilities necessary for active community participation developing skills for working with others



On the last day of term for each of the groups, the Easter Bilby came to visit bringing eggs for the children to put in their baskets which they made themselves. This was a highlight for the children after looking forward to Easter Bilby's visit all week!



Preschool Notices:

Happy Easter holidays to all our families and thank you for helping to make this term great:

Preschool will resume for the Monday Tuesday group after Easter Monday. So we will look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 18th April. The Wednesday Thursday group will be starting back on Wednesday the 19th April.

For those families around the Desert Park is having a free open day on Sunday 9th April, this weekend which is always a great family day.

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.

School Holidays

During the school holidays in April, Marisa & Sarah are travelling to Darwin to meet with other Child & Family Centre staff from all over the NT for sharing and learning and improving our work. Our Centre will be closed from Tuesday 11 April and we will open again after Easter on Tuesday 18 April.

Community News

Alice Springs Telegraph Station Open Day

Alice Springs Telegraph Station Open Day and Markets on Sunday the 23rd of April 2017. This free community event starts at 9:30am and finishes at 1pm. Join the fun at this family friendly event and enjoy the fabulous variety of art and craft

stalls and food while the children play old fashioned games. Explore the historic Telegraph Station building usually closed and the craft demonstrations. Consider cycling to the Open Day and Market and meet Ranger Susie at the outside the Totem Theatre (river side of Anzac Oval carpark) at 9am for a guided ride along the Riverside Walk to the Telegraph Station. On behalf of the Telegraph Park Rangers we would also like to invite Larapinta school students and families to visit the Old Post Office and send a Telegram via Morse code. Volunteers from the Morsecodian will be here sending telegrams from the 14th to the 23rd of April. Please call 8952 1013 or email asts.openday2017@nt.gov.au if you would like further information.



FREE

Circus, Breakdancing and Graffiti workshops!

miTrack School Holiday Program

Thursday 13th April

10:30am-12:30pm

McEllister Community Park






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	Central Australia Athletics Championships
Sunday 20 Aug	WEEK 11	
Sunday 27 Aug	WEEK 12	
Sunday 3 Sept	WEEK 13	NT Championships
Sunday 10 Sept	WEEK 14	
Sunday 17 Sept		Club Presentation Day

Please note
TIME CHANGE
Sunday Afternoons
3:30pm—5:30pm

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