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Principal's Report



Dear Parents/Carers and Families,

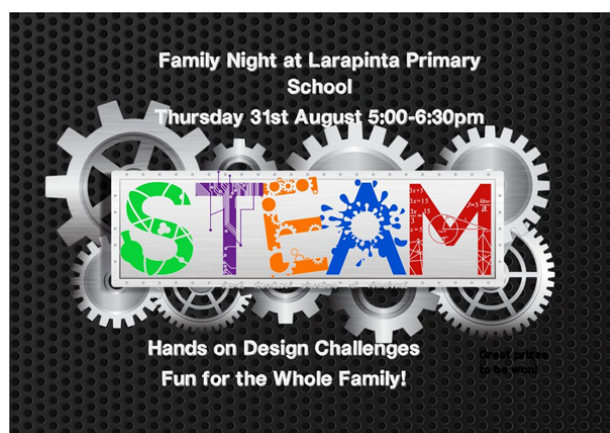
The first four weeks of term have been action packed and the rest of the term is equally as full of exciting events and activities.

Year 6 Camp

Our Year 5 and 6 students are out on camp for the next three days. School camps are a great opportunity for students to build connections and strengthen relationships, develop new skills and to shine in a space away from the four classroom walls. The students will return and can be collected by families at lunchtime on Friday.

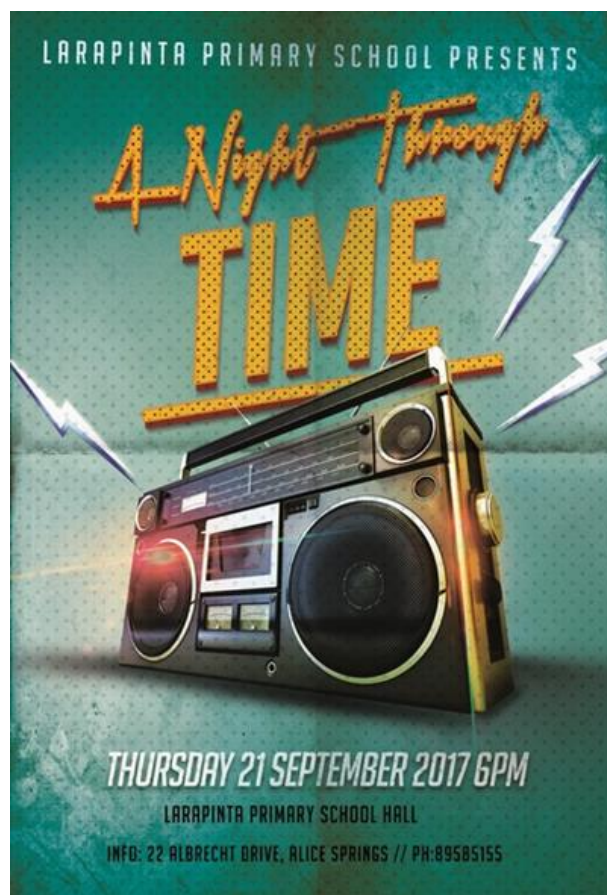
STEAM Family Night 31st August

Join us for a fun learning event at school on Thursday 31st August from 5.00-6.30pm. Please note this was originally advertised for Tuesday 29th but has been rescheduled. Our teachers have been planning engaging activities to help families develop understandings of these areas. As always there are prizes to be won including the chance for a family to win four tickets to the Midnight Oil concert in October!



School Concert on Thursday 21st September

Our annual school concert is scheduled for Thursday 21st September. Please mark this date on your calendar. Classes are working hard on their items in music lessons with Mrs Young. Information regarding costumes for the concert will be sent home soon.



School Survey

The annual school survey is open until the end of Week 6 to allow parents, staff and students to provide feedback about our school. Parents can use the link below to complete the survey online. We also have devices available at the front office so you can come in and complete here at school if need be. Last year we had a great response and we're always looking at ways to improve our school - we really value your feedback! Click on the link below to complete the survey. The survey is for parents with children in preschool and primary school.

<https://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/larapintaprimarieschoolparentsurvey>

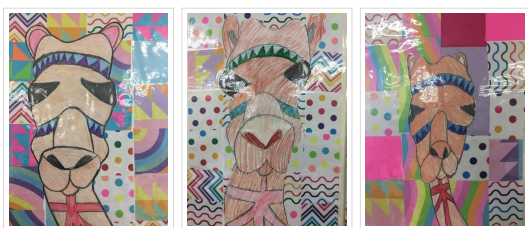
Kind regards,

Brenda

School Snapshot

Artwork by 3/4 Morton

Students in 3/4 Morton have been learning about Australia's Muslim Cameleers and their contribution to the development of Central Australia. Here are some examples of their artwork.



NT Music School Play Day

The NT Music School would like to thank our schools & instrumental students for a fantastic Play Day last week. There were 68 students from six schools who joined us for a day of making music at the NT Music School. Student behaviour was outstanding and great music was made by all. Thank you to the schools for your support of our programs.



Just a reminder that we are accepting new enrolments for 2018. Early enrolment is encouraged to avoid disappointment. Visit our website for more information and to fill in the required documents.

The NT Music School appreciates the support of our families and schools with assisting us in making our instrumental program a success in a busy school timetable. The NT Music

School's vision is, "Everyone Can Play". Contact us at via the link below. Ph: 8952 7936

<http://www.ntms.net.au/>

Hats

Every student is required to bring their hat to school and we ask these stay at school in order to ensure they have their hat to wear outside to play every day. The office does not have hats to lend and children must sit out of the sun if they do not have their hat. Please check that your child does have a hat at school each day.

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

National Aboriginal Children's Day

To celebrate National Aboriginal Children's Day the children engaged in a variety of activities and learning experiences focusing on Aboriginal culture including listening to traditional stories, learning about symbols and signs used in paintings, making dot paintings, singing simple songs with local Arrernte language words and learning about the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags. The children learnt what each of the colours on the flags meant and we were fortunate to have Kahlia (*the school Aboriginal & Islander Education Worker*) and some Year 5/6 students visit from the Primary school. These visitors introduced themselves and told us that their families were Aboriginal people who have lived in and around Alice Springs for a very long time. They taught us the local Arrernte word to say hello which is 'werte' and they helped to make a werte poster with our hand prints. We also saw the flags being used at the front of the primary school during one of our regular visits.



Outcome 2.2 Connectedness - respond to diversity with respect by exploring diversity of culture, heritage, background and tradition.

St John's Ambulance Visit

We listened to a presentation by Regina from St John's about emergencies and the St John's Ambulance service. The children were excited when Regina told us about the work of

the Ambulance service, showed us various equipment such as blood pressure cuff, oxygen mask and stethoscope and how each piece of equipment is used. We also met Able the Bear, read a book and discussed when to call an ambulance. The children were able to walk through the ambulance and see what was inside. They listened as Regina showed them the stretcher, gloves and oxygen tanks. We heard the loud siren and saw the flashing red, blue and white lights and noticed the emergency triple zero number on the side of the ambulance too. This visit provided the children with opportunities to meet community workers and to become familiar with their emergency procedures, vehicles and equipment.



Outcome 2.1a Connectedness Children develop a sense of belonging to groups and communities and develop skills for working with others.

Outcome 1.4.a: Identity: Children learn to interact with care, empathy and respect and participate positively as part of a group.

Buddy Bench

We would like to give Zara and Amelia from Miss Lawless' class a very big thank you for showing us a short impromptu role play about the Buddy Bench and how it works during a recent visit to the primary school. These walks are provided to help familiarise the children with the school environment.

Mrs Kennedy

We hope Mrs. Kennedy has a nice relaxing time while she is on Long Service Leave for the next 3 weeks. Miss Mignon Williams will be working with us at preschool during this time.

Woolworths Earn and Learn Program

The preschool will be collecting stickers for the Woolworths Earn and Learn Program so any contributions from our families would be really appreciated. Thank you.



Child and Family Centre (CFC)

The Larapinta Child & Family Centre works in collaboration with families to strengthen the health and well-being of young children (0-5). We recognise and value the local Aboriginal people of Central Australia and acknowledge the significance of the land on which our Centre stands.

Lunchbox ideas for little kids!

Are you and your kids getting bored with school lunches? Check out the fun ideas below! Last week, Anthea Brand (Dietitian from Flynn Drive) held a Food Fun session @ our centre! We learnt about healthier snack options and 'pick & mix' from the main food groups. We made up some lunch box samples that families took home for their kids to try out! Here's some examples of our healthy lunchboxes!



We are having another **'LUNCHBOX IDEAS – Food Fun' session on Thursday 31 August @ 12:45**. Bring your little ones and have some lunchbox fun. For more information, check out these 'Pick & Mix' posters!

A Happy Playgroup Family

We had some wonderful feedback from one of our playgroup families:

"I want say thank you to the team at play group. You do such a wonderful job. My daughter just started preschool and her teacher was saying how well her first week went. She said usually kids struggle with the routine of packing up and sitting on the mat for story time at first but because she already learnt this at play group, it made doing it at preschool easy. Thank you!"

Do you have young children from 0-5? Come to one of our playgroups! It's a great opportunity for you and your children!

Autism Family Support Playgroup – Mondays 10:30-12

A supportive group of families with children with special needs – a chance to meet others, relax and have a play. Morning snack and tea & coffee provided. No charge.

Young Mums Playgroup – Tuesdays 10:30-12

A supportive playgroup for young families with young children. The kids can play, have story time and songs and a snack. Find out about other services who can offer support. Tea & coffee provided. No charge.

Wednesday Playgroup – Wednesday 12:30pm – 2pm



A supportive playgroup for everyone with young children! Plenty of fun indoor and outdoor activities for all 0-5 year olds. Access Speech Pathologists and Dietician expert advice and meet other families too! Afternoon snack for the kids and tea and coffee provided. No charge.



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★ Kids Art Desert Festival Hub Special
★ Performance art making
★ Dance, Music, Puppets, Sculptures
★ Using recycled materials

★ Children's multi-disciplinary creative workshop and performance ★

**Desert
FESTIVAL**

Sunday August 27th
Sunday September 3rd
12:55pm - 4pm
88 Todd st
Hub - Workshop Space
Ages 7-14yrs
Limited tickets
For Bookings and info visit desfest.com

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Community News



ALICE SPRINGS

Train like a Wallaby with a Wallaby

NEW!
Advanced program
for Club and
Representative
players

- 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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