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Principal's Report



Dear Parents/Carers and Families,

Minister visits

Larapinta School hosted a visit from the Education Minister, Eva Lawler on Wednesday. Minister Dale Wakefield, MLA, Member for Brainting accompanied Minister Lawler and both enjoyed a tour of classrooms and the Family Centre and met with staff at lunchtime. Students, Amarlie Briscoe and Conner Boshier met and welcomed the ministers to our school. It is always a joy to show visitors around our school to see the wonderful work that is happening.

A night through time

What a wonderful evening we had last Thursday for our school concert, A night through time! A big congratulations to our storytellers, Ariki Roberston and Cody Henwood, to all our performers and to the staff who prepared the students and supported on the evening. It truly takes a lot to pull such a great performance together. Big thanks to Mrs Belinda Young, Mrs Wendy Kleeman, to Mikaela Revell and her artistic set designers and to Mrs Mullins for behind the scenes coordinating. Thanks to jiving teacher, Mrs Raybould for her excellent dance instruction to the staff! It really was a lot of fun and showcased the tremendous talent in our school.



Students moving to Transition at Larapinta Primary School in 2018

Parents of children commencing in Transition at Larapinta next year are invited to an information session. These will be held on Thursday 12th October and Wednesday 25th October from 5-6pm in the school library. These will be repeat sessions so try to get along to one of them!

Alice Can Dance

The Alice Can Dance performances are on tonight at Araluen at 5pm (finishing at 6.15) and at 7.30pm (finishing at 8.45pm). Our kids are great and we are looking forward to seeing them perform.

Term 4

We have a one week break next week and school resumes for Term 4 on Monday 9th October. I hope that by then all the sickness is behind us and that attendance improves; we've certainly been hard hit this term! Wishing you all a happy break.

Kind regards,
Brenda

School Snapshot

Solar

On Tuesday, several of our year 5/6 students travelled to the Desert Knowledge Precinct to participate in a workshop as part of the Solar Car Challenge. This excursion was linked to their current class work and projects based on investigating sources of renewable energy.



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

Sports Day

Children were very excited to participate in our Preschool Mini Sports Day. Families were invited to come along, and some even joined in during our tabloid events. Our running races were held at the Primary School, and Mr K's class at the time came out to investigate the fun and watched some of our races.



Outcome 3 – Wellbeing

3.1a build knowledge, skills and positive attitudes to physical movement

A couple of weeks ago, Spike the bearded dragon came for a visit. His owner Jodie talked about caring for him and we were able to have a pat. Some of the group said he felt prickly! Thanks Jodie and Spike for visiting and helping us learn about animals in our environment.



Preschool Holidays

This week is the last week of Term 3. Preschool starts again on Monday the 9th of October. If your child is in the Wednesday/Thursday group we look forward to seeing them back on Wednesday 11th October. We hope you have a safe break.

Water Play Days

As the weather is warming up and children want to play and explore water, we will start our water play days. Children will need to bring bathers, hat that can get wet, a towel and some dry clothes to change into. We will let you know when this will start after the holidays, but wanted to give you some warning. Again it is an option and if you would prefer your child explore other activities that is alright.

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 know longer need we would really appreciate any donations. Thank you.

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.

CFC Closed in break

Our centre will be closed from Monday 2 October to Friday 6 October. We will be back and looking forward to seeing you on Monday 9 October.

School Holiday ideas

Are you looking for some easy, fun, low cost activities for little people? Try these:

- Freeze things (like mini dinosaurs) inside ice cube tray, or larger toys inside larger containers, then put them outside on the verandah for little kids to play with!
- Paint brushes and rollers and shallow trays with water – paint the verandah or the outside walls with water! Add some detergent for bubble fun!
- Chalk on pavement (it washes off easily)
- Save all sorts of cardboard boxes, cartons, rolls etc – put them outside with some masking tape and a glue stick to see what they can build!

- Golf tees and a small mallet – bang the golf tees into styrofoam or cardboard boxes or a watermelon!
- Collection of large cardboard boxes outside – build them up and knock them down (over and over again!)

Activities to spend some focussed time with your little kids:

- Create a water play station (outside) – one large plastic tub, with lots of different sized and shaped containers for kids to pour and play. Add a bit of detergent, some food colouring or frozen things (see above) for extra fun. You will need to supervise them of course!
- Use old toothbrushes and put toys into a tub to 'wash', or wash and hang out dolls cloths
- Buy some seeds or potted colour and plant them – don't forget to get some little watering cans!
- Bake muffins or little cakes or biscuits (there's easy packet ones at the supermarket!)
- Have your very own story and song time every day! Make up stories, sing silly songs – Read, talk, sing & play – 15 minutes every day! (Proven to support brain development)

Take care and have a lovely break with your families!


Marisa, Rachel and Shana.

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 below.

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




Come and join the
Wallabies Basketball Club



Sign On Day
Tues 26th October 5.30-7pm
Alice Springs Basketball Stadium, Traeger Ave
All ages and grades welcome
If fees are paid in full on the night, you will receive a new Wallabies Club shirt
NT Sports vouchers accepted
We are also looking for Coaches, Team Managers and committee members
If you are interested please let us know
Like us on Facebook

Fee breakdown
Juniors U8-U18 \$200
Seniors 18 yrs+ \$250
Includes weekly team sheet fee
Uniforms \$80
New players require the uniform
Club shirt \$20
Payment plans welcome





NT CRICKET OCTOBER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

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- 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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BASEBALL





Sign On
Yeperny 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
Lyl Kempster Park

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





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