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## Principal's Report

Dear Parents/Carers and Families,



This is our second last newsletter for the year! It's hard to believe where the time has gone.

### Preschool Concert

Congratulations to our littlest Larapinta people who entertained their families last night at their concert with singing and dancing and even their own song composition. Well done to Preschool staff for preparing the students so beautifully. There hall was full of beaming, proud families and very excited children...a lovely finish to a big year!



### Assembly

Our assembly next Friday will include the presentation of Chief Minister Literacy Awards, Language School awards and class end of year awards for all classes. It will be our last whole school assembly for the year so please come along to this special event.

### Reports

Teachers have been busy writing end of year reports which will be sent home in Week 10. Students will have an opportunity to meet with their new class and familiarise themselves with their new classrooms before the end of the year.

**Kind regards,  
Brenda**

## School Snapshot

### Uniform Sales

Larapinta Primary School will be open for uniform sales in the week prior to school commencing, that is, from Monday 22nd Jan to Thurs 25th January. We'll be setting up and selling from the Music Room (follow the signs for the Arts Centre). Parents can use the Back to School Payment of \$150 to purchase uniforms, pay for the swimming program (Transition to Year 2), and pay for performances and camps etc.

### 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.

## 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.*

### Christmas Holidays are coming!

Our Family Centre will close on Friday 22 December and re-open in 2018 on Monday 8 January.

So, if you have little kids 0-5 years of age (Preschool and under only) please come and visit us anytime, or come to our Wednesday playgroup @ 12:30-2pm. Sorry, no school age children.

### Holiday Programs (for big and little kids!)

See the flyers below for holiday programs at the pool and the library!

## Preschool News

### Water Play

Water play activities encourage children to get wet while becoming familiar in water. They also encourage thinking and learning when children: develop observation skills; explore various bubble making methods; communicate and negotiate with friends, invent and join in games with friends such as chasey under the sprinkler. A range of water play will continue to promote familiarity with water, cooperation and managing personal routines such as changing into dry clothes.



**Outcome 2 – Connectedness:** 2.1a. Develop skills for working with others, 2.1b. Develop inquiry and communication skills.

### Preschool Plantings

Children have been planting a range of seedlings and seeds. Through their observations of the growth and decline of their broad bean plants children have learnt about the basic needs of plants which include soil, water, sunlight and air. After growing the beans in water the children wanted to see how plants grow in soil. They have continued to monitor the growth of their plants and to care for them by watering and feeding regularly.



**Outcome 2 – Connectedness:** 2.4 become socially responsible and show respect for the environment by learning about the factors that influence plant growth and, by respecting and caring for plants in their playground environment.

## Community News

### Bus Timetabling

As the 2018 year fast approaches we have Year 12 students leaving the school bus system and young students entering. Families have moved into and out of town and as such some bus stops are no longer required and some new ones may be required. If you have a suggestion where a new stop might be required for additional students to access the system (numbers if possible) please email [alicesprings@austransit.com.au](mailto:alicesprings@austransit.com.au).

