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Principal's Report



Dear Parents/Carers and Families,

Reporting to Parents

Student Led Conferences (Years 3-6) and Three Way Conferences (Transition to Year 2) will be held in Week 9. Please be sure to send back the slip indicating your preferred day/times.

This year, our Year 3-6 students will be participating in student-led conferences in place of the more traditional parent-teacher interviews or three way conferences. This change comes about based on research that shows when children self-report they experience greater success in learning. So, while the teacher will be in the room to clarify questions and spend time with each family, the student will lead the process of reporting their learning to their families. This, accompanied by a detailed end of semester report, will help you understand how your child is going at school.

Interschool Athletics Carnival

The Interschool Athletics carnival is on Friday Week 9. Parents are welcome to attend and support for part or the whole day at the Head Street Oval if your child is participating in the carnival.

Larapinta Sports Day

The Larapinta School Sports Day is scheduled for the last day of this term, Friday 23rd June. Our Sports Day is held on Albrecht Oval. A reminder that all students return to school for recess and lunch and families are invited to come and share lunch with their children at the school. Transition to Year 2 students participate until lunchtime and spend the afternoon at school.

If you can help to take down the team tents (shelters) at the end of the day please call and let Josie at the office know; we really need some assistance with this.

Jump Rope for Heart

Please return sponsorship notes and money for Jump Rope for Heart (thank you if you have done so already). We are collecting funds to send to the heart foundation. Students have had a fantastic time learning and improving skipping skills with Mrs. Mullins at lunchtimes. If we raise \$1000 the teachers will perform a skipping routine at assembly – we're half way there! There will be a big skip off at Sports Day to show off newly learned skills.

Questacon

Year 6 students participated in an afternoon with Questacon this week building complex machines to complete a simple task such as to ring a bell. They constructed a chain reaction machine named after American engineer and cartoonist, Rube Goldberg. A group of students from Year 3-6 have been working with Mrs. Mullins each week this term using the same focus.

Junior Robo Cup

Ms Madin was accompanied by two students, Jamieka and Shaelah to a RoboCup workshop a couple of weeks ago. Ms Madin and her whole class will attend a RoboCup Challenge in Week 10. Junior RoboCup Australia is a project-orientated educational initiative that supports local, regional and international robotic events for young students. The RoboCup Junior Educational Competition encompasses not only engineering and IT skills, but extends right across a school curriculum. It also addresses social development by encouraging sportsmanship, sharing, teamwork, understanding of differences between individuals and nations, cooperation and organisational skills. If you are interested you can subscribe to the Robocup Alice Springs eNewsletter and mailing list to keep up with all the latest news:

<http://eepurl.com/cJnqEL>

You can also like the Robocup Junior Northern Territory Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/robocupjuniorNT/>

Check out the official website for more information about RoboCup Australia:

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

Professional Learning Day – NO STUDENTS Friday 4th August

Schools are allowed two whole school professional development days each year. Our school council has approved the second of these for Larapinta School to take place on Friday 4th August. The professional development for staff will focus on STEAM which incorporates Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths. There will be no school for students on this day.

Camp Australia, Out of School Hours Care providers will run a full day service from our school hall if 18 children or more are enrolled there for the day. If you would like your child to attend please contact Camp Australia to register them on 1300 105 343 or email or pop in and see the Camp Australia staff in the hall after school to discuss.

<http://campaustralia.com.au>

Uniform Committee

Lastly, our Uniform Committee has been looking at possibilities regarding updating our school uniform. If you would like to be part of the next meeting please let Josie know at the front office and she will make sure you receive details of a time and venue.

Please take the time to complete this short uniform survey by clicking on the link below if you haven't done so already. We really appreciate your feedback.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LH9HPLY>

School Lost Property

Could families please ensure that all jumpers and jackets are named, and that they belong to your child(ren). We have had some instances where students are wearing clothing belonging to another student by mistake. When lost property is brought into the office, it makes it much easier to return, when it is named. Thank you for your assistance with this.

Kind regards,

Brenda

School Snapshot

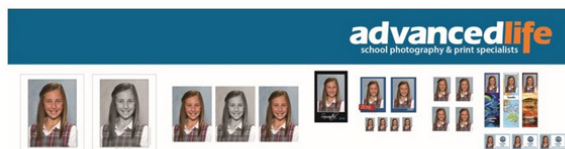
Teaching in the Territory Excellence Awards

Nominations are open for the annual Teaching in the Territory Excellence awards. The awards recognise the outstanding achievements of principals, teachers, and support staff in Northern Territory Government schools. Please see the poster and nomination information provided below.

Nominations close at 4pm, 21 June 2017. Awards will be presented at World Teachers' Day events on Friday 27 October 2017. Enquiries should be directed to TeacherAwards@nt.gov.au

School Photos

School photos will be held on Monday 31st July. Ordering envelopes will be sent home shortly and need to be returned prior to the day. Correct money is required, as the office is not able to provide change. Online ordering options are also available.



Our school photos will be taken on the Monday 31st August 2017

For the convenience of our school community, school photos can be ordered and paid for online using a secure online platform. Orders placed online DO NOT require an envelope, cash/cheques or paperwork returned to school.

Envelope Orders: photos can also be purchased in the traditional manner using an envelope, with cash/cheque enclosed.

The preference of our school is that orders and payments be made online, as this reduces the administration and associated security issues related to the return of cash & envelopes on photo day.

To place your order visit www.advancedlife.com.au and enter the code **854 6EL AMK**. This code can also be found printed on your envelope. Please be aware that:

Sibling/Family Photos can be ordered online or via envelope. To ensure a smoothly run photo day, online orders for Sibling/

Family Photos will be cut off at 12.00 a.m. the night before our photo day to allow a list of students that require Sibling/

Family Photographs taken to be compiled. Sibling photos can still be ordered after the online cut off date by collecting an envelope from the office and returning the envelope on photo day with your payment enclosed.

All online orders should be placed on or before our day of photography.

The online code above may also be used to order sports and other group photos.

All orders placed online will be delivered to the school for collection

Bookfair

A reminder that 'bookfair' is happening **this week** and will be held in the library. Families can visit and purchase before and after school.

Reconciliation Week Performance – 2 Steed

On Monday 29th May some aboriginal performers came to Larapinta Primary School. The performers were from Queensland and had lived on Thursday Island. So they showed us their culture by doing dances, singing and showing us traditional clothes. They showed us the actions for "Taba Naba" and some other songs. Our class liked it when Ryka played the didgeridoo but our favourite part was when the teachers got on stage and pretended to be kangaroos. It was lots of fun and we learned a lot about Aboriginal culture.

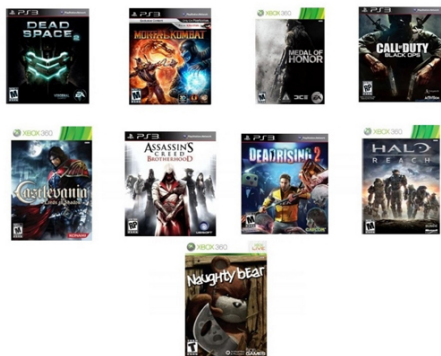
Playstation/Xbox Games

Do you know what your kids are playing?

Kids often tell their teachers about some of the games that they playing on the Playstation/Xbox at home or at a friend's house. This has raised some concerns for teachers as most of the bad effects of video games are blamed on the violence they contain. Children who play more violent video games are more likely to have increased aggressive thoughts, feelings and behaviors. Popular MA rated games usually have the negative impacts such as:

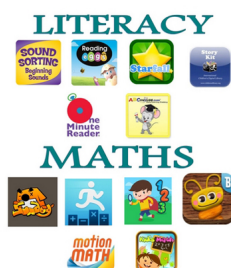
- the first-hand role in killing process
- measuring success through killing
- disrespecting women
- inappropriate sexual content
- resolving conflicts through violence and
- using explicit language.

Below are some games young students should avoid playing:



Recommended Apps for Primary School Students

Below are some apps that are really useful in helping to improve literacy and numeracy.



School Sport NT

Selection Trials for Championships and Development Camps times and places:

- 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

Bus Lost Property

The bus company has reported that a large amount of lost property has been left on the buses recently. Could families please contact the bus company if your child leaves something on the bus to make arrangements for collection. The bus company will return items to schools if they have school logos on them, otherwise they will be unable to return them, which will lead to their disposal or put in a donation bin. They also have a collection of expensive items such as phones and tablets from this year and last year which have remained unclaimed. Please contact ATG Downunder on 8952 5688 regarding lost property.

Preschool News

What's been happening at Preschool?

Bikes and scooters have been very much enjoyed by children this term as the weather gets cooler. We have a number of children who are bringing their own two wheeler bikes from home which adds to the fun. The children have a one way rule on the bridge which keeps them safe and of course are reminded to watch out for pedestrians. There is lots of fun with the shared bikes also and lots of great cooperation seen by the children in this play.



Outcome 3.2.a&b. Wellbeing: Children take increasing responsibility for their own health and physical wellbeing building knowledge, skills and positive attitudes to physical movement and exploring ways to promote their own and others' health and safety.



Parent/Teacher Interviews

The parent/teacher interviews are being completed now, with many of them done last term and the remainder this term. They are an important part of fostering great connections between school and home as we work together to assist each child to be school ready through a wonderful preschool experience.

Spotlight on Quality Session

This Thursday afternoon, Jenny Ashenden and Denise Williams-Kennedy will be running this session which is a cooperative venture with QECNT (Quality Education and Care Northern Territory). They will showcase the great work that goes on at Larapinta Preschool and people from other early childhood settings can come and learn from them.

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.

Reconciliation Week

The theme for Reconciliation Week was 'Let's take the next steps.' We had many great discussions with families and lots of fun activities and events throughout the week. Sarah Carmody and Ruth Campbell shared some of their dot painting skills with families and Ruth also helped us learn 'Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes in Arrernte!

Akaperte, Artepe, Ampere, Ingke
 Ampere, Ingke
 Ampere, Ingke
 Akaperte, Artepe, Ampere, Ingke
 Let's all clap hands together!



Congress Preschool Readiness Program (PRP) and Larapinta CFC Young Mums also had a joint Children's Day and Reconciliation Picnic. This is Bianka and Emily (from Congress PRP) with Sarah Carmody. Our Centre has great partnerships with Congress to support families and children!



Thanks also to the Institute for Aboriginal Development (IAD) Aboriginal Corporation store, who assisted us with starting our own collection of many great Aboriginal Central Australian resources.

<https://iad.edu.au/>



Ministers Visit

The NT & SA governments are working together on child & family policy and the NT government hosted a visit from some key SA Ministers and education people. They visited us here at Larapinta Child & Family Centre and were very interested in and impressed by how we all work together for families and children.



Wednesday Playgroup

Every Wednesday at 12:30 – 2pm we have a playgroup for families with children from 0-5. Everyone is welcome. On Wednesday 14 June, we will have Speech Pathologists visiting to answer any questions you may have about your children's speech development. We also have a regular visit from our dietician, Anthea Brand. Playgroup is great for little kids, but is also a great opportunity for parents to get some support too! See you soon!

Community News

NDIS Information Sessions

What is the NDIS and Participant Pathway? This session is suitable to providers, families and participants to understand the Scheme, the steps involved in becoming a participant, the planning process and what this means for you. RSVP: Register your interest for a specific session via the sticky tickets link.

22 June	8.30-10am	Coolibah Room Chifley Alice Resort 34 Stott Tce	purchase tickets
6 July	8.30-10am	Aranda Room Alice in the Territory 46 Stephens Rd	purchase tickets
27 July	8.30-10am	Coolibah Room Chifley Alice Resort 34 Stott Tce	purchase tickets

The Alice Springs Show

Date: July 7th and 8th

Show books are available at the Town Council and various other places around the town. There are many sections for children to enter e.g. Agriculture, Art, Cattle, Cooking, Craft, Dogs, Hobbies, Horticulture, Pets and Animals, Photography and Poultry. Enter and enjoy yourself at the show.



**AFTER SCHOOL
SQUASH
COME ON DOWN**

**13 GAP RD
3.30 to 4.30pm
Mon to Fri
ONLY
\$5 per person**




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	Central Australia Athletics Championships
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

DANCE | TUMBLE | CHEER

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