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Assistant Principal's Report

It's been a very busy second term at Larapinta! Our students have taken advantage of the many opportunities presented to them such as the Eisteddfod, the Alice Beat, Musica Viva and Questacon, as well as transition visits to CMS, sports clinics, Jump Rope for Heart and the inaugural RoboCup! Our dedicated teachers and support staff continue to work tirelessly to support the children and are really looking forward to a relaxing break.

Farewells

We farewell Dave, our maintenance officer, tomorrow and thank him for his work at Larapinta over the past couple of years. Dave is off to spend time fishing but says he will miss all the students here at Larapinta. We also say goodbye to Grace and Dan who have been working in classrooms and wish them all the best for their new adventures.

Student Conferences

Thank you to all our families for taking time out from your busy lives to come to school and connect with your child and their learning. It was great to see so many families at school and to spend time listening to children share stories of the things they had been learning about

Larapinta Sports Day

We are all looking forward to Sports Day the last day of this term, Friday 23rd June on Albrecht Oval. We will begin the day with novelty events for all students, followed by sprints and relays (time permitting) after recess. Our junior students will then return to their classrooms after lunch and our Year 3-6 students will participate in tabloid events (shot put, high jump, vortex throw and hurdles) for the rest of the afternoon.

A reminder that all students return to school for recess and lunch and families are invited to come and spend time with their children at the 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

This week is your last chance to 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 and have raised just over \$1000 already. This is a fantastic effort from our school community and I know the Heart Foundation will appreciate your generosity. Students will have an opportunity to showcase their skipping skills on Sports Day and the teachers will prepare something for our first assembly back next term!

Visit by Genazzano College Students

Year 9 students from Genazzano College in Victoria visited our school yesterday as part of a cultural immersion project and the Duke of Edinburgh Awards scheme. They were introduced to our school by Kahlia Preece and Sarah Carmody, who spent time talking about Aboriginal language and culture. The girls were really interested in the stories our two experts shared. They then spent time in classrooms and the playground, getting to know our kids and our school.

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.

Spotlight on Quality Project

Jenny Ashenden, Denise Kennedy and the preschool team showcased aspects of the preschool program to a range of educators from other Early Childhood settings in Central Australia, after receiving a request from Quality Education and Care NT to participate in the 'Spotlight on Quality' project. The session included a preschool visit showcasing the preschool's practice and a presentation to share effective strategies other

educators may like to adapt to help them provide quality programs for all children.



I hope you all enjoy a relaxing break. I plan to take advantage of our beautiful winter weather and spend some time with my family at home. If you are travelling during the holidays, please stay safe. We look forward to welcoming all our families back on **Tuesday 25th July**.

Kind regards,
Jackie

School Snapshot

NEWSFLASH – The Larry reward bowl is FULL!!

As a whole school reward, there will be a bouncy castle at school on **Tuesday 25th July**. We hope to see all of the students back on this first day after the holidays to join in the fun.

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

Woolworths Earn and Learn 2017

This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school/early learning centre – and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.



From Wednesday 26th July to Tuesday 19th September, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it's complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school or at your local Woolworths.

At the end of the promotion, we'll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library.

<http://www.woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn>

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 **Monday 31st July 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 **B54 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

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 the children have been doing at preschool: Science, Science and more Science!

We have been using a range of scientific skills such as observing, predicting and comparing while conducting more experiments using water and simple machines. Choosing different combinations of water, oil, food colouring and salt children mixed them to see what would happen. Even one of our Mum's had a turn. We also made signs to let people know

they were our experiments when we wanted to leave some in the sun.



We have been operating a conveyor belt, pulley and elevator and building with cogs. We have also been talking about where we see them in our community.



Outcome 4.2a Learning and Thinking: Develop problem solving, investigation and inquiry strategies.

Children have enjoyed reading the book Rosie's Walk and practising using prepositions such as under, over and around. Be sure to check out the Poultry and Art Pavilions at the Alice Show on the 7th and 8th of July for some of our children's decorated chickens and drawings.



Outcome 5.2a Communication: Begin to comprehend and make meaning from texts

School Holidays:

This week is the last week of preschool for this term. We have a 4 week break so preschool will resume on Tuesday the 25th of July after the Staff Development Day on Monday.

Please remember to check our preschool lost property and 'Take Home' boxes to collect any of your child's belongings and Art work.



We hope you all have an enjoyable break and safe travels if you are going away.

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).

Speech & Language

Nicole and Stephanie are our happy, visiting Speech Pathologists and they are visiting our Wednesday Playgroup regularly. They share strategies for families to help develop the best language skills with their children.

Do you want to know what to expect as your child's language develops? Do you want to know what you can do to support your child's speech development? Want to know 'red flags' – when to refer to a Speech Pathologist?

Come and see Marisa or Sarah or Shana at the Family Centre – we have some great information for you. Nicole and Stephanie will be starting a 10 week speech & language for parents on 28 June at our Wednesday playgroup – they will be at playgroup each week to share more and more about language development! See you there!



Speech Pathologist Stephanie talking with a family about how bilingualism is great for kids brain growth



Nicole introduces and extends language as the kids play

Iron Woman!

Sarah Carmody is a talented woman! She just returned from Cairns where she completed a half iron-man challenge – swim, cycle and run! We are very impressed and proud of our colleague who has many talents! Sarah shared her medals and stories with the playgroup kids!



Sarah celebrates her Iron Woman achievement with playgroup!

School Holidays

Larapinta Child & Family Centre is OPEN during the holidays for families with young children (0-5 years only). Come to Wednesday playgroup at 12:30pm or drop in for a cuppa!

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	https://www.stickytickets.com.au/52315
6 July	8.30-10am	Aranda Room Alice in the Territory 46 Stephens Rd	https://www.stickytickets.com.au/52354
27 July	8.30-10am	Coolibah Room Chifley Alice Resort 34 Stott Tce	https://www.stickytickets.com.au/52364

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.

ALBRECHT OVAL AUSKICK
START DATE - 4th AUGUST
FRIDAY'S AFTER SCHOOL
3:00PM - 4:00PM
REGISTER AT www.aflauskick.com.au
PREVIOUS AUSKICK PARTICIPANTS FROM 2017 COST \$50.00
NT GOV. SPORTS VOUCHERS ACCEPTED

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	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



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