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## Principal's Report

Dear Parents/Carers and Families,



### Welcome

Welcome back to Semester Two and a special welcome to new families and staff. Michelle Francis has commenced in the preschool and is working on Mondays and Tuesdays. Michelle has taken over from Robyn Ezard who moved to a position in the Education office during the break. Keren

Shlezinger has taken on a newly established Year 3/4 class. New support staff include Kim Bellis, Eremaya Albrecht, Simon Harris and Lolita Larkin. Ashley Holt is working in the Maintenance Officer position this term.

### Professional Learning Day – NO STUDENTS Friday 4th August

A reminder that there is a whole school professional development day this Friday 4th August. **There will be no school for students on Friday.**

Camp Australia, Out of School Hours Care providers will run a full day service from our school hall. If you would like your child to attend please contact Camp Australia to register them on 1300 105 343 or email: [campaustalia.com.au](http://campaustalia.com.au) or pop in and see the Camp Australia staff in the hall after school to discuss.

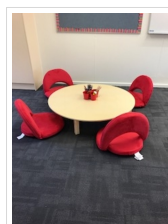
### Larry Reward

Our term kicked off with a Larry Reward on the first day back. Classes spent time jumping for joy throughout the day on a jumping castle on the oval...it was a lovely way to welcome in the second half of our school year. Now we start fresh collecting larries and raffle tickets for our next whole school reward...I wonder what that will be? Larries are tokens that are given to students who demonstrate our school code of being Safe, Respectful Learners here at Larapinta. Last week, Miss

Kerby's Year 1 were our Larry Legends earning the most Larries for the week; well done 1 Kerby.

### Good as new

Five classrooms had a makeover in the break with new flooring in all the demountable spaces and new furniture across these rooms. The furniture has been selected to provide comfortable workspaces for students; standing desks, floor desks, round group tables, modular couches and floor cushion seating. The range of work spaces accommodate various student needs. It's a big change from uniform rows of desks and seems to be a hit with students and staff alike. Many thanks go to Jodie Foley our Admin Manager for coordinating the work to make this a reality. Thanks to parents Kim Bellis, Louise Clark, Emma Chalmers, Amius Lennie, Jackie Mabasa, and to students and staff who assisted with moving and assembly of furniture ready for the new school term.



### Coming up

There's a full calendar of events this term with the Year 5/6 camp to Ross River on August 16-18, Digital Technologies Family Night on 29 August, School Concert on Thursday 21st September, Alice Can Dance on the last day of term, AFL and Cricket clinics, NT Music School Playday. Please look out for permission notes and flyers so you don't miss out on anything.

### Missing books

Mrs Mullins spent time in the break preparing resources in our library and discovered that a large number of our guided reading books are missing. As these are required for our reading programs we ask that families look around and send back to school any books that students have taken home and not returned. It is a big expense for the school to replace these

books so we hope to recover as many as we can. We thank you in anticipation of their return.

## Toys from home

We request that students **do not** bring toys, electronics or other valuables from home as they regularly cause issues for students when they are shared, lost, swapped or broken. We cannot guarantee the safety of these items so please remind children to keep these at home for home use. We have lots of equipment that children can use at school.

## School Bus Travel

If your child travels by bus to school please take time to view the Code of Conduct for school bus travel. See also the Travel Planner that assists parents regardless of how your child travels to school.

## Holiday Work

If students are away from school travelling with family during term time they are encouraged to keep up daily reading and keep a journal of their travels. **Teachers do not supply work for students to take away on holiday.** Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

## Fabulous Writing

Our focus at Larapinta this year has been on writing. Here is an awesome description (written by Alarah in 3/4Morton) of Miss Trunchbull, from Roald Dahl's novel "Matilda".

The Trunchbull looks like a grumpy old man. Her large masculine body marches around the school like she is in the military. She walks as if she owns the whole world! Miss Trunchbull is an aggressively ugly human, both inside and out, and makes the kids feel terrified.

**Kind regards,  
Brenda**

## School Snapshot

### 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

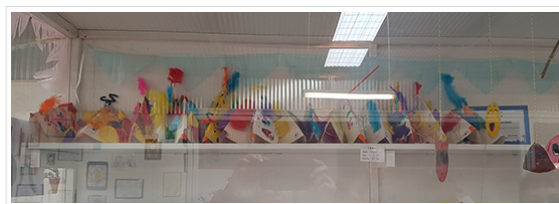
The school are collecting stickers for the Woolworths Earn and Learn Program. Please send these in as our school will benefit with new resources for the children.

## Preschool News

We would like to welcome back our families after the break and hope you had an enjoyable time and safe travels if you went away. We would also like to extend a big welcome to all our new children and families who have started with this term.

We would like to wish Ms Robyn Ezard all the very best in her new position in the Department of Education and welcome Mrs Michelle Francis who will be working at preschool on Monday, Tuesdays and part time on Friday. Michelle is an experienced teacher with a young family who brings a wealth of skills, knowledge and fresh ideas to our team.

## Exciting Alice Springs Show News



This year we created some paper plate chooks for the Alice Springs Show which received 1st place for 6 Years and Under Class Group Organised Entry. Some of our children's chalk drawings were also entered and Zane received a 2nd Certificate for Drawing 7 Years and Under.



## Woolworths Earn and Learn Program

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

## Hats, Snacks & Clothes

### Just some friendly reminders:

- All children and staff need to wear a hat when outside so we would appreciate it if all our children can bring a hat to wear at preschool.
- We have also had some hungry children at preschool so if your child attends for a full day they will need to bring a morning and afternoon snack and lunch. It is also a good idea to include some extra snacks for your child in case they are extra hungry.
- As the weather is warming up children are playing more with water and getting wet so if you could pack a labelled set of spare clothes in your child's bag so they can change if necessary that would be appreciated.

## 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.*

### Speech & Language at Wednesday playgroup

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 at playgroup each week to share more and more about language development! See you there!

### Food Fun Session – lunchbox ideas for little kids!

On Thursday 10 August at 12:45-2:45pm, Anthea Brand (dietitian from Flynn Drive) will be hosting a Food Fun session @ our Centre! Get some ideas about healthy eating and make up some lunchbox examples for childcare, preschool and school (for little people!). Bring your little ones and have some lunchbox fun!

### Our First Birthday

Last year, on the 4 August 2016, Larapinta Child & Family Centre was officially opened by the Chief Minister. Little baby Peter Campbell was only a few weeks old and he was the first baby to visit our Centre!



On Wednesday 2 August 2017, we celebrated our first birthday. Little Peter is now 1 year old as well! We had cake and balloons and sang happy birthday. Thanks to all the children and families and services that make our Centre a great place!



We also celebrated Aboriginal and Torres Strait Children's Day. We have been learning Heads, Shoulders, Knees & Toes in Arrernte and we wrote an Arrernte story!