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Principal's Report

Dear Parents/Carers and Families,

Eisteddfod

Congratulations to all the students who have performed in the 2017 Eisteddfod so far in either dance, drama or choirs, and to the teachers who have worked with them to prepare. On Tuesday our Middle Choir was awarded first place for their performance of 'Possum' and 'Big Bad Banksia Man'. The judge made special note of the choir's orderly and disciplined walk in and the wonderful singing.

The Senior Choir also placed first and acknowledgements and congratulations flooded in on our Facebook page for our wonderful performers and for our choir teacher, Mrs Belinda Young...accolades well earned!



Our junior dancers performed last week and by all accounts were just fabulous! They were awarded a Highly Commended certificate.



Many students have entered solo performances. Jamilee Ashenden won the section for 12 years and under Vocal Solo, singing 'Talking to the Moon'. Here is a picture of Jamilee receiving her award; congratulations Jamilee!



Our Drama group performed yesterday and received a highly commended award for their play, 'Monster Mystery', written in consultation with their talented teacher, Miss Hannah Madin. Miss Madin is so proud of them all.



I often muse that Larapinta is a school of performing arts. Our students exude confidence when they are in the spotlight, whether presenting at assembly or performing for the local community or competing at Eisteddfod, their presentation skills are well honed and they always deliver! What wonderful skills they are developing to carry them forward into their futures.

Not only that, it is without fail that we receive positive feedback about our students' presentation in the community; their orderly and respectful manner and behaviour when representing their school. On her return from Eisteddfod yesterday Kahlia exclaimed, "It makes you so proud taking our kids out. It made my heart flutter." Full kudos to our students, their parents and their teachers!

Reporting to Parents

Student Led Conferences (Years 3-6) and Three Way Conferences (Transition to Year 2) will be held in Week 9.

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. We will send home more detailed information about the process next week. If families have specific concerns or questions, they can always make a time to come to school and talk with teachers.

Outdoor Learning Day

Our school participated in Outdoor Learning Day last week with some classes spending the entire day learning outside. The weather is perfect for it, our grounds couldn't be more conducive and the children loved it! Learning doesn't just occur at a desk within four walls!



National Simultaneous Storytime



Our Transition classes participated in National Simultaneous Storytime yesterday. And no you're not seeing things...that is Mrs Raybould dressed in a cowsuit! 'The Cow Tripped Over the Moon' was the book shared and enjoyed by the students. Thanks for organising this Mrs Raybould!

Speaking of Mrs. Raybould...

You may have seen the article about Mrs. Raybould in the Advocate this week sharing the great news of her being awarded two prestigious prizes. Jacki received the Open University of Australia award in Education for outstanding results and the Internship for Early Childhood Education award for the highest results. A very big congratulations to Jacki for her achievements. Jacki's work at the school teaching Transition this year is also outstanding; we are grateful to have her as part of our wonderful team.

Interschool Athletics Carnival

The Interschool Athletics carnival is on Friday Week 9. Over the next week students in Years 3-6 will be able to try out for various events.

Larapinta Sports Day

Sports Day will be held on the last day of term (Friday 23rd June). Our Sports Day is held on Albrecht Oval however we all return to school for recess and lunch. Students are not able to stay at the oval with families during these breaks but families are invited to come and share lunch with their children at the school. Preschool children are invited to come along with their families for the first part of the day. Transition to Year 2 students participate until lunchtime and spend the afternoon at school.

This year we need some help to take down the team tents (shelters) at the end of the day so we'd love to hear from any families who can assist with this. Give Josie a call at the office to let us know if you are able to lend a hand.

NAPLAN

The Minister for Education has confirmed that the Northern Territory's transition to NAPLAN Online will be postponed until 2019. This means that all schools in the NT will be fully implementing NAPLAN Online in May 2019 instead of May 2018. The decision to move the NAPLAN Online implementation to 2019, is a result of a number of considerations. The NT can benefit from the knowledge and experience of the states and territories testing in 2018 and will ensure the online testing platform has been thoroughly trialled. From now until implementation in 2019, the NT DoE will continue to engage with counterparts in other states and territories, as well as the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA), to support the work to progress the transition to NAPLAN Online.

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.

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

Kind regards,

Brenda

School Snapshot

News from 1 Kerby

Year 1 Kerby has been working very hard and trying their best. During Design and Technology lessons, students have been investigating flying machines through the unit on 'Flight'. Students have been learning how to write procedures to make their own flying machines. Last Wednesday students took part in Outdoor Classroom Day. They were able to use the school environment as a main focus for their learning. Students wrote sentences about what they could see around them and produced amazing artwork to match. They also went on a shape walk around the school to see the abundance of shapes that make up our wonderful school.



MAKUKUHAN Indonesian Gamelan

On Tuesday 6th June from 1.30-2.30 Musica Viva will be presenting MAKUKUHAN Indonesian Gamelan at Larapinta Primary School. Musica Viva has been bringing premium quality live music to Australian schools for over 35 years.

Makukuhan are a dynamic mini-Gamelan orchestra, whose performances are a riot of colour and rhythm, including pitch-bending drums, mesmerising masked dance and unbelievably rapid Javanese clapping. Gamelan features a series of bronze gongs and metallaphones that are integral to Indonesian culture. Students will be mesmerised by the pattern-based sequences that make the gamelan one of the world's most influential musical exports in the 20th century.



This performance is part of our school's learning program and builds on preparatory work done in the classroom utilising the **Makukuhan** resource kit. The kit's teaching resources are linked directly to the music curriculum as well as other curriculum areas especially literacy and numeracy. Parents are



invited to come to the performance. There is no charge for parents/guardians and community members to attend.

Bookfair

A reminder that 'bookfair' is coming up in Week 8 and will be held in the library. Families can visit and purchase before and after school.

School Sport NT

Selection Trials for Championships and Development Camps are scheduled for the following times and places:

12 Years and Under **BASKETBALL** Wednesday June 7th 4.30-6pm Venue: TBC

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

Reporting Student Absence

It is really important that parents notify the school if their child is away for any reason as all student absences are recorded. Our SMS system is *FREE* so even if you don't have credit on your phone you can still reply to the school's message to let us know why your child is away.

Parent Contribution

Our school relies on the parent contribution of \$100 per child to ensure good quality resources for your child to use here at school. The contribution can be made at the front office. This can be paid in full or in instalments. We thank you for attending to this as soon as possible.

Spare School Uniforms

We are always in need of spare uniforms in the front office so 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

We had a bit of a flood at the preschool on Monday so we made the most of it and the children took shoes off and enjoyed doing some earth moving. The children have also shown an interest in dinosaurs. In this picture they are being archaeologists and involved in an excavation dig.

Outcome 2.4.a Connectedness: Explore natural and constructed environments.



We have also been scientists experimenting with cause and effect exploring motion on the bikes and with trucks along the boardwalk. The learning has been extended with the

introduction of the waterpark equipment that has been used to make marble runs with various sized balls and marbles.

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



Sally the Dentist

Sally showed the children how to brush their teeth correctly and explained to them the importance of brushing twice a day and also drinking only water. She also showed us what to expect when we visit the dentist showing us what they wear and how they count our teeth with a little mirror.

Outcome 3.2.b Wellbeing: Children take increasing responsibility for their own health and physical wellbeing exploring ways to promote their own and other's health and safety.



Child and Family Centre (CFC)

Larapinta Child & Family Centre works in collaboration with families to strengthen the health and well-being of young children (0-5). We respect and embrace diversity. Our Centre is a place of belonging.

Food Fun Sessions

We have had two 'Food Fun' sessions with our visiting Dietician, Anthea Brand. Last week the focus was on healthy snacks for 1-5 year olds and we had 12 families and their children attend. It sure was fun! We have started a recipe collection and a nutrition information section in our family kitchen so pop in to pick up some ideas. Anthea also regularly visits our playgroup to offer advice to families.



Raising children

Want to find out about baby karaoke? Interested in joining a forum with other parents? Enjoy watching informative videos? Check out the link below for anything you want to know about your child's development. The 'Grow & Learn Together' video series is great!

<http://raisingchildren.net.au/>

Young Mums Playgroup

Are you a young mum (22 years or younger)? Do you know a young mum?

Young Mums Playgroup is for young mums and dads and their families to come along and relax, play, have a cuppa and a chat in our beautiful Family Centre. It's a safe place where you can have some time out from home and feel supported! Snacks provided. Every Tuesday 10:30am – 12. See you there!

Community News

Paul van Holsteyn, Principal of CMS, would like to invite parents of students in Years 4, 5 and 6 to a school tour next Thursday 1st June starting at 8:45am.

Come and see what we're up to!

Centralian Middle School

Principal's Tour

8.45am Thursday 1st June

You are invited to join the Principal, Paul van Holsteyn, for an overview and a tour of Centralian Middle School.

56 Milner Rd, Alice Springs www.cms.nt.edu.au 8950 2500

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.

31 May	8.30-10am	Coolibah Room Chifley Alice Resort 34 Stott Tce	https://www.tickytickets.com.au/52314
22 June	8.30-10am	Coolibah Room Chifley Alice Resort 34 Stott Tce	https://www.tickytickets.com.au/52315
6 July	8.30-10am	Aranda Room Alice in the Territory 46 Stephens Rd	https://www.tickytickets.com.au/52354
27 July	8.30-10am	Coolibah Room Chifley Alice Resort 34 Stott Tce	https://www.tickytickets.com.au/52364

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	Club Presentation Day
Sunday 17 Sept		

Please note
TIME CHANGE
Sunday Afternoons
3:30pm—5:30pm

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