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Principal's Report



Dear Parents/Carers and Families,

Executive Director Visit

This week we hosted a visit from David Cummins, Executive Director Schools South. As we walked through the school the junior choir sang for him, the Transition teachers explained the benefits of the Age Appropriate Pedagogies approach being used, Year One Kerby demonstrated their

reading and writing skills and Kahlia's drumbeat group drummed out a beat or two. Mr Cummins also visited the new Child and Family Centre for the first time. It is always a pleasure to show visitors around our great school!

Roundup of Events

Music Count Us In

Our students came together to celebrate the eleventh year of Music Count Us In singing "Shine Together" in unison with about 650 000 students from schools around the country in a live countdown. Afterwards the choirs performed for everyone. Thanks to Mrs Young for teaching the song to all classes.

The Alice BEAT

This year's Alice Beat was a truly magical night with combined choirs and acts from government schools across the region. We were very proud of all our children as well as our two amazing hosts, Jamilee Ashenden and Ahnika Lennie, and star performers Dooriya Zeng, who played a duet on the flute and Nathaniel Presley who sang a solo! Kudos to Mrs Young for preparing everyone so well – they were outstanding!

Obstacle-a-thon

Balance beams, sprinklers, commando style slime crawl and a water slide all formed part of our obstacle course on Friday 3rd November. The Student Leaders who worked with Mrs Mullins

did an outstanding job and are to be congratulated for their great ideas, energy and enthusiasm in preparing and helping out on the day.

An enormous thank you to our whole school community for the fabulous effort in raising almost \$6000 for digital technology equipment such as Sphero SPRKs and a green screen for making movies! There were many incentives to encourage students to raise money with sponge throwing proving to be very popular with the students! Mrs Raybould, Miss Kerby, Big Jak and Mrs Mullins all took sponges for the team! We are hoping to have some more sponge throwing in Week 10 for those who missed out.

Our two top fundraisers were Dakota Chun-Linn (T-2) who raised \$444-55 and Tia Buckland (3-6) who raised \$200! Both these students will receive a small prize pack at our next whole school assembly. The top fundraising class was Transition Malberg with \$817-75 and they will be having an ice cream party very soon!

Congratulations to Darcy Bellis from 5/6M who will be Principal for a Day and Billie Augey, Dakota Chun-Linn and Brock Sandry who will have lunch with Ms Jolley.



2018

We will soon commence putting together classes for next year, so please let us know if your child(ren) will not be returning to Larapinta next year. As we do each year at this time, we invite parents to contact the principal (phone 89585155 or book an appointment through Josie at the front office) to discuss any concerns regarding placement of your child for the coming year. Staff put a great deal of thought and energy into making up the new class groups and aim for a balance of gender, year levels, abilities, behaviours, friendships and so on to ensure a positive mix of students for each class. Please be aware that students do not always end up in a class with their best friends. Different groupings allow students to meet others and expand their friendship groups. Sometimes good friends do not necessarily benefit one another when socialising gets in the way of their learning. Teachers are well aware of students who do not work well together and will split students where the mix is not beneficial.

Term 4

*Kind regards,
Brenda and Jackie*

School Snapshot

3/4 Hurn Report

In geography lessons, our class has been learning how to reduce, reuse and recycle, to try to help our environment.

Last Monday, 3/4 Hurn sorted out all of the recess rubbish from the whole school.

When the recess music was playing, Mrs. Mullins asked everyone to put their waste in a different bin, which we collected and took back to our classroom to sort.

Soon enough, it was time for geography. We were very excited.

The students put on gloves which felt very weird, then we started sorting the rubbish. We sorted it into piles of plastic, paper/cardboard and food. We were surprised at the amount of food that people wasted and we were amazed at the amount of plastic there was from just one recess. Our gloves were sticky because the juice that was left inside of the juice boxes, went through the gloves and onto our hands. YUCK!!!

After that we went inside and talked about some ways to reduce packaging in our lunchboxes. We visited some classrooms to show them pictures of how much rubbish there was, and to talk about having a 'Nude Food Day'. We asked the students to try to think of ways to reduce their waste.

We feel like we are supporting our school environment and hope that people listen to our message.

Written by Malinda McGifford and Grace Bohra



Back to School Payment Scheme

Larapinta Primary School will be open for uniform sales in the week prior to school commencing. We'll be setting up and selling from the Music Room (follow the signs for the Arts Centre).

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.

Preschool News

Healthy Food Poster

Snack time discussions have recently focused on cooking, healthy food and sometimes food. The children have been developing an awareness and understandings of how to classify or group different types of foods by the levels of salt and or sugar in food. They know that foods like fresh or frozen fruits and vegetables are healthy foods. Chocolates, cakes, soft drinks and chips have lots of sugar or salt and should only to be eaten sometimes.

Activities to promote this learning have included: Making a Healthy and Sometimes Food Poster by sorting and pasting pictures of these types of foods into these two groups.

Cooking savoury muffins and pizzas also promoting other skills such as measuring, pouring, sequencing, following procedures etc.



Outcome 3 - Wellbeing 3.2b Explore ways to promote their own and others health

Outcome 4 - Learning & Thinking 4.3b Reflect on thinking and learning and transfer and adapt what they have learnt.

Outcome 5 - Communication: Begin to understand how symbols and pattern systems work 5.4c develop measurement and geometry concepts

Outcome 5 - Communication: Interact verbally and non-verbally for a range of purposes 5.1e begin to use and extend language in a range of contexts

Larapinta Primary Transition Visits

On Tuesday 14th November and Thursday 16th November from 9.30 - 10.30 am, children going to Transition at Larapinta Primary School in 2018 will visit the Transition classes again. This provides an opportunity to explore the environment and learn more about what to expect next year. The final visit scheduled is on Tuesday 28th November and Thursday 30th November from 9.30 to 10.30. If your child attends in the afternoon you are welcome to bring them to these visits, however, you will have to stay with them.



Water Fun Days

Water play is a very popular preschool activity for many children. Larapinta Primary and Preschool follow a sun safe policy so for your child to participate it is essential for them to bring:

- T-shirt/Rashie that cover your child's shoulders
- Their own towel
- A change of clothes
- Swimming hat
- A bag for wet clothing

All items need to be clearly labelled so they can be easily returned to you and your child.

Community News

Meningococcal ACYW vaccine program to be expanded

Meningococcal disease is an uncommon but very serious disease. It is treatable with antibiotics but the infection can progress very quickly. It is important for people to be aware of the symptoms and to seek medical advice early for either themselves or children in their care if they have any concerns.

Symptoms may include fever, headache, neck stiffness, an aversion to bright lights, a rash and joint pain. Those affected may also have vomiting and diarrhoea, be difficult to wake up and babies may refuse food and drink and have a high pitched cry. People who have these symptoms should urgently seek medical advice.

The government has decided to roll out a free vaccination program for meningococcal to all young people in Central Australia aged 1 to 18. The vaccination will be the meningococcal quadrivalent (ACWY) vaccination.

School-based programs will commence mid-November for all students in Year 7 to Year 12.

Details regarding the meningococcal ACWY vaccine availability:

Alice Springs

Community Health, Centre at Flynn Drive.

Telephone: 8951 6521 (business hours Monday to Friday)

The vaccination clinic will be available by appointment only:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8am – 4pm

Tuesday and Thursday 8am - 8pm

Saturday 9 - 2pm

STEAM Hub

The Alice Springs Public Library is hosting another STEAM Hub evening and we'd love you to come along and invite other interested parties. Everyone is welcome.

When: Thursday 23 November, 6pm-7.30pm

Where: Alice Springs Public Library, Cnr Gregory & Leichhardt Terraces, Alice Springs NT

Who: Adults with a passion for tech education and the desire to see Alice Springs become a hub for coding, programming, robots, 3D printers or anything else tech-related!

What's on: Introduction to LEGO Mindstorms - learn how to build and code LEGO Mindstorms (used for RoboCup 2018) and RoboCup Junior 2018 information session

RSVP: Please register your interest in this FREE networking & learning opportunity via the link below:

<http://www.aspl.eventbrite.com.au/>