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## Principal's Report



Dear Families,

### ENROLMENT MANAGEMENT

Enrolments at Larapinta Primary School have reached the point where it has become necessary to implement an **Enrolment Management Plan** restricting enrolment only to students living in the Larapinta School priority areas. The plan has been endorsed by the Department of Education and means that there is **now a requirement that adequate proof of residence is provided with an application for enrolment.** In order to reserve places for students within the priority enrolment areas all applications from students residing outside the priority areas will be declined. This does not include preschool, however, acceptance of a student into preschool from outside the priority enrolment areas does not guarantee acceptance of that student into the school for Transition and beyond.

### TRANSITION READING INFORMATION SESSIONS

Many parents of Transition students attended the Reading Information sessions on Thursday 8th March from 9-10am and from 5-6pm in the school library. Thanks to Jackie Mullins and Jacki Raybould for preparing and presenting these sessions – we hope the information is useful for you to help your children with their reading at home and understanding what we do at school and why!

### SCHOOL COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Larapinta School Council AGM will be held next **Wednesday 14th March at 5.30pm in Music Room.** There are three parent positions to be filled this year. Please call the school or let us know at the office if you would like to nominate yourself or another parent to be on Council. The

commitment involves one meeting per month on a Monday evening at 5.15pm. School Councils work in partnership with the principal to provide good governance and facilitate communication with school communities.

### NAPLAN

Right around Australia students in Year 3 and Year 5 will sit the National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests from Tuesday 15 May until Thursday 17 May. The tests provide parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. NAPLAN tests are just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process; they do not replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance.

It is important that families let us know as soon as possible if their child/ren will be absent for one or more of the tests. Further information has been sent home to families with children in these year levels; please contact the school if you have not received this.

### QUEEN'S BATON RELAY

Our school was lucky to be chosen as a school stop for the Queen's Baton Relay last week. Liz Martin was the baton bearer at Larapinta and she showed the baton to all students. In classrooms students learnt about the significance of the baton relay and about the Commonwealth Games.



## STUDENT LEADERSHIP PRESENTATION

Our student leaders will receive their badges and certificates at assembly on Wednesday 14th March. Please join us for the presentation if you are able.

## CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

We love to celebrate birthdays at Larapinta and always acknowledge students' special day with a birthday song. Due to the number of students who have allergies and in the interest of equity **we request that parents do not bring cakes, icy poles or other food to share with the class.** We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

## CASUAL DRIVER REQUIRED

Larapinta still requires the services of a casual bus driver from the 3rd – 13th April during the swimming program. If you have an ochre card, an LR licence and these days free please give us a call.

Kind regards,

**Brenda**

## School Snapshot

### 5/6 HOWARD

In 5/6 Howard we have been focusing on reading and writing stories. As part of this we have been listening to a podcast called, 'The Unexplainable Disappearance of Mars Patel'. It is a story about a group of students who are investigating funny things happening in their town. It is a great story and we are really enjoying it. It has helped us with our listening skills, reading skills and on how to write a narrative story.

#### **Lily and Keera (5/6 Howard)**



## FREE NEWSLETTER APP

Families can download the free Schoolzine Newsletter App (SZapp) onto their devices as a great way to keep up to date with important information about upcoming events and exciting things that have been happening at school. It also enables you to view previous newsletters. For instructions on how to install the APP, click on the link below:

<http://www.schoolzineplus.com.au/installing-szapp>

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## PARENT/CARER CONTACT DETAILS

It is vitally important that we have the most up to date contact details for parents/carers and secondary emergency contacts. If you have changed your address/phone numbers in the last six months, please contact the office on 8958 5155 to ensure we have the correct details. We understand that family situations may also change, and would ask that that information is also passed along with updated details. Thank you for your assistance with this.

## MEDICATIONS AT SCHOOL

If your child is required to be given medication at school (ie antibiotics, Panadol, cough syrup), please ensure that you visit the front office and complete the required paperwork. First Aid staff cannot administer any medication without required consents. All medications are to be kept in the First Aid room. Children should not have asthma puffers etc in their school bags.

## MOBILE PHONES

Students who bring mobile phones to school are required to drop them into the front office at the beginning of the day where they will be stored away, and then made available for collection at home time. This will ensure that they are not a distraction during the day, in addition to keeping them safe. We ask that you please discuss this with your children as a matter of importance and thank those families who have already done so.

## ATTENDANCE

If your child is going to be away from school it is important to let us know. You can do this by phoning the front office on 89585155, sending a note or replying to a text message (FREE). The attendance and truancy team work with Larapinta to ensure that every child comes to school every day. If your child has five or more unexplained absences, the truancy team will contact you.



## An eSAFE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Mastering the skills of learning, communicating and socialising through the online world is integral to the lives of our students. It is important that students use the internet safely and positively with the knowledge that behaviour online matters as much as it does offline. To help your child at home parents can:

- Have ongoing conversations with your children about their online activities
- Charge devices overnight in the living room rather than a bedroom
- If a situation escalates, stop, switch off and seek support
- Watch for changes in your child's school and social life, technology use and emotions and behaviour.

## BOOKCLUB

The first Bookclub catalogue will be sent home this week. This is a great way to purchase books/resources for your family whilst helping the school purchase educational resources at the

same time. Orders for this catalogue need to be finalised by Friday 16th March. This can be done by either returning the order form with money to the school, or by ordering online. Information regarding online ordering will be sent home with the catalogue.

## SPORT VOUCHERS

The sports voucher distribution to urban schools for Semester 1 2018 is now complete. Parents/carers of children who are new to the Territory, commencing school or starting at a new campus in 2018 (e.g. preschool, Transition, Year 7 and Year 10) can apply for a sport voucher online at the following address:



[https://grantstracker.nt.gov.au/GT8/Portal/anon.aspx?fw\\_menu=request&kickoff6\\_new=Y&kickoff\\_source\\_uro\\_id=885022](https://grantstracker.nt.gov.au/GT8/Portal/anon.aspx?fw_menu=request&kickoff6_new=Y&kickoff_source_uro_id=885022)

## SCHOOL HOURS

Although teachers are officially on duty 15mins before the bell and 15mins after, at Larapinta we have a teacher on duty at 8:10am and teachers supervising the kiss 'n' go area until 3:10pm each day. Camp Australia (private provider) offers before and after school care at school and Little Antz (private provider) offers after school care off campus if you require supervision of your children outside these times.

## CRUNCH AND SIP

This year we continue with CRUNCH AND SIP time. For many children the 10.30 recess break is a long time since breakfast so each day at 9 am after morning fitness children can have a small fruit or vegetable snack that they can eat in their classroom during learning time. The snack should be peeled if necessary and cut, ready to eat. Carrot, celery and apple cut into smaller pieces are ideal. The snack needs to be classroom friendly; a whole orange will create a mess in the classroom but is a great choice for recess or lunch. The snack time is designed to boost and sustain concentration in class. Every child also needs a water bottle that can be used in the classroom throughout the day.

## HATS

Our school has a 'no hat, no play' policy. **We request all children have a hat that they keep at school** so that they do not have to miss out on being in the playground with their friends during fitness, recess and lunch play times. If they need to take their hats home, please remind them that we do not keep 'spare' hats for days when they forget to bring them to school.

**Our school is moving to sun safe bucket hats by the start of next term and they will become a compulsory part of our school uniform.** If you already own a bucket hat, please wear it. If not, we have reversible Larapinta hats (in team colours) available for \$10 at the front office.



## AFTERNOON PICK UP

A reminder that parents should **NOT** get out of the car in the drop off and pick up area – please keep the traffic moving in this space. If you need to get out of your car for any reason please find a carpark rather than use the 'kiss and go' as it is disruptive to the flow of the traffic. Please use the internal crossing to walk your child across the road. This is a minor inconvenience if you are not parked directly near the crossing. It does, however, model good road sense to your child and decrease the possibility of any accidents. Under no circumstances are children to get into a car in the middle of the carpark before it has pulled into the 'kiss and go' area. The safety of every child is paramount to us and we appreciate your assistance in this endeavour.

## BACK TO SCHOOL PAYMENT

If you haven't used your back to school payment yet please come and do so. These run out at the end of the term and can't be utilised after that. You can use the \$150 to pay for the swimming program (for students up to Year 2), for performances, excursions and to purchase uniforms (including reversible bucket hats in team colours for \$10).

## Preschool News

We would like to say thank you to all our families for coming to the parent meetings last week. It is great to have so many families wanting to work in partnership with us to provide the best possible program for the children here at Larapinta Preschool.



A big thank you to Bec Tilley for nominating to become our preschool representative for school council and to Micheil Paton for being a backup representative.

## What the children have been doing at preschool:

We have been very excited to have the guinea pigs “Scruffy” and “Peanut” return to Preschool to join “Squirtle” the Turtle and the fish tank. We discussed the importance of looking after our animals and helping them feel safe and happy. We talked about what they eat, looked at them through their enclosure, leaving them alone and being quiet so they are not frightened by the loud noise.

Outcome 2.4.b Become socially responsible and show respect for the environment: investigate the interactions between the environment and its people.



On Thursday 1st March the Queen’s Baton for the Commonwealth Games visited the Larapinta area. The students lined up at the preschool fence and enjoyed waving to the police and other drivers as they went past. There were also some Federal Police and their vehicles present which excited the children. The Queen’s Baton relay runner moved right in front of the children so it was possible to point out the baton and see its gold and white colour.



**Outcome 1** – Identity Feel safe, secure, accepted and supported 1.1.b: build a sense of belonging.

**Outcome 2** - Connectedness: 2.1.a develop a sense of belonging to groups and communities and an understanding of the reciprocal rights and responsibilities necessary for active community participation and develop skills for working with others.

## Child and Family Centre (CFC)

*Our vision is that every child has the best possible start to life. Children & families are at the centre of all we do. Families are their child’s first teachers and we support a strength based approach.*

### FaFT fun with shaving cream!

The Families as First Teachers program operates daily at our Child and Family Centre. We support families with young children to have the best possible start to their early years. Last week we had fun with shaving cream – a great sensory learning experience that brought out lots of new language and confidence!



### Healthy lunches on a budget

Our friend and dietician, Anthea Brand from Flynn Drive is visiting on Tuesday 13 March @ 9:30am if you want to come and learn a few cheap and healthy lunch ideas. Also, here are some more health lunch ideas that might inspire you!

### Wednesday playgroup is for everyone!

Every Wednesday at 12:30pm there is a playgroup at our Family Centre for EVERYONE with children from 0-5. Here are Georgia and George with their Dads!



Dads are very welcome (and nanas and granddads and aunts and uncles and...!)

Are you a new Dad? Try

<https://www.sms4dads.com/>

### Celebrating Diversity at Larapinta CFC

On Wednesday 21 March we are having a multi-cultural cook off to celebrate Harmony Day. If you have children 0-5, bring them and something delicious to share from your culture!



WANTING TO PLAY NETBALL?

**ROVERS NETBALL CLUB IS SEEKING JUNIOR PLAYERS FOR THE 2018 NETBALL SEASON.**

**8 & UNDERS THROUGH TO 15 & UNDERS**

**CONTACT ROVERS NETBALL CLUB FOR FURTHER INFORMATION –**

[netball@memoroversnetballclub.com.au](mailto:netball@memoroversnetballclub.com.au)



**2018 Netball Season commences on**

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March.**



Wests' Netball Club  
is looking for junior and senior players  
for the 2018 season.

We have spaces in the following age groups:

**8&Under Grade**

- boys and girls born 2010-2012

**10&Under Grade**

- boys and girls born 2008—2009

**11&Under Grade**

- boys and girls born 2007

**13&U Grade**

-boys born in 2006 and  
girls born between 2005 and 2006

We also have spaces in our  
C Grades,  
B Grades and A Grades for interested  
Adults wanting some fun and fitness  
with the friendliest club in town.  
Show your kids a great example for  
sport participation!

Sports vouchers accepted  
Fees include training once a week and  
games every Saturday

For further information please contact us  
on 0408 529 331 or email  
[WestsNetballClub@live.com.au](mailto:WestsNetballClub@live.com.au)

