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LARAPINTA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Principal's Report



Dear Families,

It's hard to believe that we are almost at the end of the first term of school. The term has been full of new learning for students and adults alike at our school. A big thanks to our staff who always go above and beyond to support students in the many facets of their learning. It's not over yet though! We

have an eleven week term this term so **there's still one week to go!**

SWIMMING

Our swimming program for student from Transition to Year 2 has commenced. Families are reminded to check letters home for dates and pack bathers and a towel on each day they are required.

IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES

Priorities in our School Improvement Plan at Larapinta this year include a focus on:

- Improving student attendance
- Improving writing across the school
- Building up enrolment and participation in the Families as First Teachers (FaFT) program at our Child and Family Centre

TERM 2

Term 2 commences on Monday 23rd April. There will be musical, sporting and arts opportunities across the term including Eisteddfod, Musica Viva, Tennis Gala Day, Larapinta Sports Day and more.

**Kind regards,
Brenda**

School Snapshot

ENROLMENT MANAGEMENT

Enrolments at Larapinta Primary School have reached the point where it has become necessary to implement an **Enrolment Management Plan** restricting new 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.**

HATS

Our school is moving to sun safe bucket hats at 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.



BACK TO SCHOOL PAYMENT

A reminder that the \$150 Back to School payment expires at the end of this term for primary school students and for all pre-schoolers enrolled this term. The payment can be used to purchase school uniforms (including school jumpers, jackets and tracksuit pants) and towards performances and excursions. Make sure you don't miss out! Come in and see the office staff to finalise if you haven't done so already...only one week to go!

SCHOOL BUS LOST PROPERTY

The school bus company have collected a large amount of lost property this term. Please contact ATG Downunder on 8952 5688 if your child has lost something and can't find it at school. They have hats, jackets, bags and bottles and various other items.

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:

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 of 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.

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.

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.



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.

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.

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.

Preschool News

What the children are doing at preschool:

The children have been learning the preschool routines this term and are now doing these well, such as moving from outside to inside, from playtime to group time and washing hands before food and knowing the bike rules. Another important part of preschool is establishing the children's sense of belonging and learning to play well with others, which sets them up for lifelong friendships. We have been focusing on being good 'buddy bears' which means sharing, being a kind friend when someone is hurt and using our words with others.

Outcome 2.1 a) Connectedness: Children develop a sense of belonging to groups and communities and an understanding of the reciprocal rights and responsibilities necessary for active

community participation developing skills for working with others



For each of the groups, the Easter Bilby came to visit bringing eggs for the children to put in the Easter baskets they made themselves. The children had to listen to the letter that the Bilby left and follow the instructions given. They had to find a card outside and come back to the mat or help a friend find a card. They then swapped this card for their Easter basket and were able to eat one egg. This was a highlight for the children after looking forward to the Easter Bilby's visit all week!



Preschool Notices:

Easter Raffle

As a result of the fundraising ideas survey the Preschool is conducting an Easter Raffle. Tickets will cost \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Tickets can be purchased from the Preschool or Larapinta Primary School front office. The raffle will be drawn on Thursday April 12th.



Preschool will break up for the school holidays on Thursday 12 April.

Preschool will resume for the Monday/Tuesday group on Monday 23 April so we will look forward to seeing you then. The Wednesday/Thursday group will be starting back on Thursday the 26th April. Wednesday the 25th April is the Anzac Day Public Holiday.

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.

Families at FaFT

Our Families as First Teachers (FaFT) program is on every day at our Child & Family Centre and our FaFT family is growing! More than fifteen families attend regularly throughout the week.

The FaFT program is an early learning and family support program. Come and see us if you would like to learn more about how to support your young children to grow up strong!

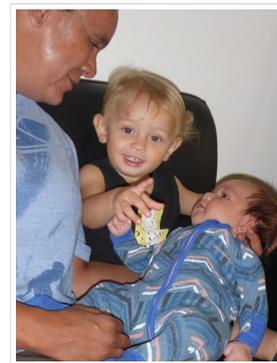
This is baby Jackeal who is just 6 weeks old!



Jackeal's big brother Tyrone has been attending our FaFT program since last year. He is one of our many 'little apprentices'!



Ruth and her son Peter also attend the FaFT program and welcome baby Jackeal with joy!



Books! Books Books!

We use 'conversational reading' every day at the Child & Family Centre - it's a part of the FaFT program (and it's fun!). It is like a conversation and anyone can do it! Mums, Dads, grandparents and big brothers and sisters can do conversational reading! You can do it anywhere and anytime!

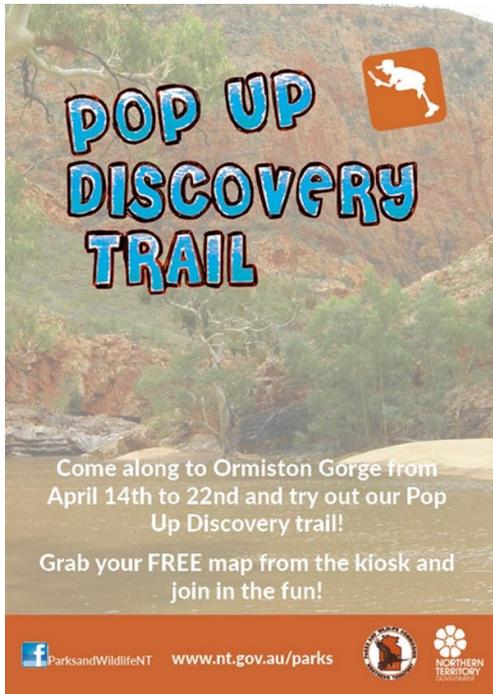
It goes back and forth between you and your child (they don't have to talk - they join in by looking and pointing!). You can do it with babies all the way up to school age children! You don't have to read all the words or even turn the pages in order -

follow your child and talk about what they look at and what they point at. You can point to things and name them.

Check out the 'conversational reading' information attached below – and enjoy books with your children every day!

<https://3a.education.unimelb.edu.au/assets/3a-public/downloads/3A-Conversational-Reading-Booklet.pdf>

Community News



**POP UP
DISCOVERY
TRAIL**

Come along to Ormiston Gorge from April 14th to 22nd and try out our Pop Up Discovery trail!

Grab your FREE map from the kiosk and join in the fun!

 ParksandWildlifeNT www.nt.gov.au/parks  

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for parents & carers of
school-aged students
on the autism spectrum

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