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30 August 2018

Acting Principal's Report

Dear Families,

It has been another busy couple of weeks at Larapinta. Our sincere apologies for the delay in getting the newsletter to you last week. We have had lots of illness in the office.

We have had Book Week last week and Literacy and Numeracy Week this week. Yesterday, families were invited to participate in maths lessons with a picture book stimulus; we had quite a few visitors which was lovely!

Concert

Our concert is planned for Thursday 20th September so mark this night on your calendars now! Keep your eyes open for a note that has gone home outlining how things will run on the night and letting families know costume requirements. It will be a great end of term celebration as well as a low-key acknowledgement of our school's 20th birthday!

Drop Offs and Pick Ups

Please be mindful of others when you are dropping off and/or picking up your children. Here are a few simple things that can make things easier for others:

- keep the line of cars moving by pulling forward as the car in front of you leaves
- park your car if you need to get out to help children in
- remind your child to move directly to the flags rather than dawdle or play on the equipment
- do not park in the 'kiss and go' area of the school or preschool
- please do not queue over street entrances or across driveways

Please do not use the STAFF ONLY car park near the Early Learning Centre. There are cars constantly coming and going and we want to keep our kids (and families) safe!

Things from Home

We actively discourage students from bringing special items from home to school. We cannot be responsible if things go missing and it is very time consuming for all to follow things up. Please keep all toys, electronic devices, sports equipment etc. at home to ensure things are kept safe.

If your child brings a phone to school, please make sure they take it to the office at the start of each day. Phones go into a locked drawer and can be collected on departure at the end of the day. If they are left in school bags, they can go missing and the temptation for some children to use them during the day is too great.

Update emergency contact details

It is absolutely critical that we are able to contact families in the event of an emergency. If you have changed your phone number since your child enrolled at Larapinta, or your emergency contact person has moved on/changed theirs, please give Josie a call on 8958 5155 so our records can be updated. It can be distressing for children to know families can't be contacted in the event of an emergency.

#CHOOSEKIND

We are having some issues with children not being very kind to each other at school (or on their way home). Sometimes, it might be a look or an unkind word but sometimes it is more. We do our best to teach children to work together and to be accepting of each other. When children or parents come to us about problems, we do our best to follow up and resolve the issue.

Often, when families contact us, the word 'bullying' is used to describe the behaviour they are talking about. Therefore, it is very important that we have a shared understanding of what the word bullying means. The national definition of bullying for Australian schools states that 'bullying is an ongoing misuse of power through verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that causes physical and/or psychological harm'. So, it is **not** a mutual argument or disagreement, it is **not** not liking someone or saying something mean. It is also **not** an isolated incident

of pushing or other physical contact. It involves the misuse of power in a relationship and it is ongoing and repeated.

We can change the world with one act of kindness at a time and our teachers are looking at ways to integrate this thinking into their daily programs. Here are some things you can talk with your children about trying:

- giving someone a compliment
- saying hello to someone new
- smiling at someone in the playground
- using please and thank you a lot
- doing something kind for someone
- holding the door open
- picking up rubbish on the street or in the playground
- donate something to charity
- letting someone go ahead of you in a line

Little things can make a big difference and when we choose kindness, it always makes us feel better!

**Kind regards,
Jackie Mullins**

School Snapshot

SCHOOL SURVEY REMINDER

Dear Families,

Thank you to those who have already taken the time to complete the NT School Survey for 2018.

Your participation in this survey provides us with direct feedback on areas where we are doing well and areas that can be improved and strengthened.

It is really important that you have the opportunity to have your say and we would like you to be actively involved.

The online survey is open until 4pm on 7th September 2018 and will take about 15 minutes to complete.

To complete the survey please click on the parent link:

<http://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/T2TEKaFR>

Hard copies are also available from the front office.

Thank you

Jacqui Bramley

TRANSITION VISIT

Transition 2019 Family Information session

Larapinta Primary School

Wednesday September 12th, 2018

5.30pm – Class and school tour

6.00pm – Information session.

Meet us in the library.

RSVP – 89585155 or email jacki.raybould@ntschoools.net

“FIND YOUR TREASURE” - BOOK WEEK CELEBRATIONS

We had a fabulous celebration of books last week. Children came dressed as a favourite character and paraded for the audience at assembly. We then had a variety of multi-age activities in classrooms between recess and lunch. Thanks to Mrs Raybould and the Student Leadership Team for their excellent coordination of this event, and to the teachers for getting into the spirit of books and dressing up, and planning lots of interactive activities!



“Find Your Treasure”

3/4 MOLONEY – JOURNAL WRITING

Recently, Miss Moloney brought a journal into class that she had written in Year 7. We enjoyed looking at the illustrations and reading about her life when she was thirteen. This inspired 3/4 Moloney to create our own special journals. We’ve been writing about our holidays, dreams we’ve had and activities we’ve been doing at school. Our journals are important to us because we will be able to look back at the amazing things we did when we were in Year 3/4.



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:

MEDICATIONS AT SCHOOL

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

Preschool News

What's been happening at preschool?

Our Pre-schoolers' have been busy working on invitations, a special gift and/or card for their Dads or other significant people in their lives. We look forward to welcoming you to our Father's Day Breakfast celebration on Wednesday morning (29 August).

Outcome 1: Identity - Feel safe, secure, accepted and supported **1.1b Build a sense of belonging.** **Outcome 2: Connectedness** **2.2a** Respond to diversity with respect and explore the diversity of culture, heritage, background and tradition.



Obstacle Course

A fun and challenging obstacle course was set up for the students to explore. They had to balance along the beam, climb the stairs over the bridge, crawl through the expandable tunnel, climb up the rock holds, manoeuvre over the climbing frame, and then slide down the slide.

The students waited patiently for their turn, encouraged and assisted each other to move through the obstacles and concentrated on the task when it was their go. The students demonstrated a positive attitude to physical movement and were ensuring their own and each other's safety.



Outcome 3: Wellbeing **3.2 a** Build knowledge, skills and positive attitudes to physical movement. **3.2b** Explore ways to promote their own and others health and safety.

How Tall am I?

Last week, some of the children asked if they could measure themselves because they wanted to know how tall they were in relation to their friends and classmates.

Before we measured each child with strips of card, we included some other maths concepts (which relate to data gathering and reading such as: sorting, matching, colour recognition, counting, adding, collating information, graphing and chance/probability) into this activity.

Throughout the day many of the children returned to their measurement strips to check their heights. Numerous comments, questions and discussions about their heights were overheard by educators as the children used measurement words (such as: taller, shorter, bigger, smaller, tall, short, little, I am as big as, I am as tall as, You are as big as, You are as small as..... Are you taller than me?, How many other people are the same height as me?) to compare, contrast and explore measurement concepts.



Outcome 5: Communication **5.1 a** Develop oral language and active listening. **5.1 d** Begin to extend numeracy vocabulary. **5.2a** Begin to comprehend and make meaning from texts. **5.4 a** Begin to understand symbols and patterns. **5.4b** Develop number and algebra concepts. **5.4c** Develop measurement concepts. **5.4d** Begin to understand statistics and probability

Father's Day Breakfast Celebration

When: Wednesday 29th August

Time: 7.30 – 8.30 am

Where: Larapinta Preschool

You are invited to join us for breakfast. If dads can't make it mums and family members or family friends are more than welcome to come along.



Hats and Drink Bottles

With the arrival of the warmer weather please ensure that your child brings along a sun smart hat and water bottle to preschool. We are running out of spare hats and children need to have them on to be able to play outside.



School Concert - Save the Date

The school concert which includes our Preschool children, will be held on the evening of Thursday 20th September.

More details to follow, but save this date in your calendar!!!

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.

A Child Friendly Alice

Larapinta Child and Family Centre belongs to a larger collective committed to enhancing the wellbeing of young children (0-5) in Alice Springs. We work with other services in an integrated way to improve the way we can support families. We are part of a local collaborative working to create a Child Friendly Alice!

Help us find out what a Child Friendly Alice looks like and what is important in your community for children and families. Please complete the short online survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZXP8FWJ>

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZNR6WJ3>

There is also a public meeting on Wednesday 13th September at the Andy McNeil room (Town Hall) from 5.00 – 6.30pm.

Thank you

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CHILD FRIENDLY ALICE

Help us find out:

- what a child friendly Alice looks like
- what is important in your community for children and families

Tell your stories and share your views at a

COMMUNITY FORUM

Wednesday 12 September 2018
5.00 - 6.30pm at the Andy McNeil Room
Alice Springs Town Council, 93 Todd Street

If you can't attend, please complete an online survey at:
[surveymonkey.com/r/ZXP8FWJ](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZXP8FWJ) - Adults or [surveymonkey.com/r/ZNR6WJ3](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZNR6WJ3) - Child/Youth

For more information please contact Sarah Brittle on 8924 3915 sarah.brittle@strongkidscentre.com or Jan Fleming 8951 8002 jfleming@anglicare-nt.org.au

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Special Needs Support

Our Family Centre is hosting a Special Needs Support Group for Adults every second Wednesday evening (5:30 – 7pm). This is an adult support group (children welcome) run by families for:

- parents and carers with children (of any age) with special needs
- adults and teens with special needs
- educators and specialists who work with children with special needs

Wed Aug 29th 5.30 - 7.00pm

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Wed Sep 26th 5.30 - 7.00pm



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♥ For Teens and Adults who have special needs.

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22 Albrecht Dr, Larapinta

Please bring a plate of food to share.

Connect with other Carers and Individuals on the Special Needs Journey
Feel Heard and Understood in a Welcoming, Safe, and Positive Environment
Increase the Positive Outcomes for your Child, Yourself and your Family

Also, every Monday morning @ 10:30 we host a Special Needs Playgroup for parents and carers with young children (0-5).



Playgroup for 0-5yr

♥ For Parents and Carers who have a child with developmental delay or special needs aged 0-5 years.

♥ Come and let your little ones play at the beautiful new family centre!

♥ Morning tea is provided.

Mondays

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12.30pm

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Bluearth

Katie from Bluearth visits us each Tuesday and our Early Learning Centre (child care) each Thursday. She works with the

children and the educators with ways to be active and create healthier lifestyles – it is great fun!

Schools, teachers and families play a big part assisting Bluearth to keep up the momentum 'moving lives' and getting kids active. This term they are inviting families to join them for Bluearth "Family Fun". A chance to experience Bluearth with your children and add tools to your parent toolbox. More details will be out soon but If you would like to receive the details personally, send an email to kbromley@bluearth.org or call/text 0410722523.

Bluearth challenge for the week: Explore skipping skills with your children for 5 minutes a day and challenge each other to learn a new style!



Community News



ALICE SPRINGS BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

Want to play a sport that is fun and interactive
 Want to play in a team and make new friends
 Want to play inside in the heat and cold

BASKETBALL IS THE SPORT FOR YOU

Our clubs are looking for players Male & Female, Junior's u10, u12, u14, u16, u19 and Seniors to join them for the new season which commenced Saturday 8th September.

Aussie Hoops is also available for 5 – 10 year olds.

If this interest you then call Deb Bray 89528356 or email asbasketball@bigpond.com.

Club contacts are also available on the Alice Springs Basketball Association Website.



Sports vouchers accepted

LEARN TO SWIM 2018

Classes available for all ages and abilities

Payment required up-front for bookings.

School Sports & other NT Govt Vouchers accepted



Term 3

23rd July - 29th September

\$180 (1 lesson/week for 10 weeks)

Enrolments open 2nd July, 2018

Term 4

15th Oct - 15th December

\$162 (1 lesson/week for 9 weeks)

Enrolments open 24th Sep, 2018

October School Holiday Swim Intensive

8th - 11th October \$72 (4x30min lessons/week)

October School Holiday Aquatics Fun Day

12th Oct, 8am-5pm \$60 (free if child enrolled in Swim Intensive)

Enrolments open 17 September, 2018

Speed Street Alice Springs NT 0870

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Junior Come & Try Day

ALICE SPRINGS CRICKET

Fun Games & Activities

5:30pm - 6:30pm
Friday, 21st September
Traeger Park
Ages 5+, Primary & Secondary
Students Encouraged To Attend
Free BBQ & Drinks

Email: ntcricket@ntcricket.com.au



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Dipping Your Toes into Mindfulness

Find out about what everyone is talking about. Join us for an introductory evening into the science, the practise, and the benefits of mindfulness. Mindfulness helps us remove clutter in our minds, so that we can think more clearly about what we need to address in the present.

Date: Wednesday, 29 August 2018 - one night

Time: 6:00pm - 9:00pm

Cost: \$35 Individual / \$50 Couple

Venue: 5/11 Railway Terrace Alice Springs

Bookings are essential

How to contact us:

Alice Springs (free call)- 1800 634 405

Office: 8950 4100

Email: receptionas@ra-nt.org.au

Address: 5/11 Railway Terrace, Alice Springs

Website: www.nt.relationships.org.au



Professional: \$660
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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT 13 HOURS OF CONTACT TIME

The evidence-based Picture Exchange Communication System® (PECS) is used to rapidly teach communication skills to those with limited functional speech. The PECS® Protocol is successfully utilised in learning environments by hundreds of thousands of professionals worldwide.

PECS® Level 1 Training is engaging and interactive. It begins by teaching spontaneous request, teaches additional communicative functions such as responding to questions and commenting. Learn to implement the six phases of PECS® and attributes, utilizing the RAE Approved PECS® Protocol. Participants will leave the workshop with an understanding of how to implement the PECS® Protocol in classrooms with learners who have complex communication and behavioural needs such as autism, and related disabilities.

An added benefit for preschool children with autism and related disabilities is the high proportion who acquire independent speech. "When three students with autism, ages 5-9, were taught PECS® over a period of less than two months, their spoken language consisted of more words and they used more complex grammar in speech." Ganz and Simpson 2004.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- ▶ Help Meet ECH Requirements
- ▶ Learn classroom instruction strategies
- ▶ Identify key components to designing effective educational environments using The Pyramid Approach to Education
- ▶ Develop strategies to create an abundance of opportunities for communication
- ▶ Identify the relationship between PECS & traditional communication training approaches
- ▶ Implement all six phases of PECS using a behaviour analytic orientation
- ▶ Identify criteria for transitioning from PECS to other communication modalities

Tuition Includes - PECS®

Training Manual, a CD with data sheets, checklists, detailed handouts, CEU Credits and Certificate of Attendance.



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Do you know an excellent educator?

Nominations are now open for the 2018 National Excellence in Teaching Awards

For 24 years, the National Excellence in Teaching Awards have provided communities with the opportunity to formally recognise and thank outstanding teachers and leaders working within:

- Early Learning Centres;
- Primary Schools;
- Secondary Schools; and
- Special Schools.

The winners across each category will receive a \$5,000 grant and be flown in to Melbourne to attend a special awards ceremony



STEP 1: Parents, carers or members of the community can submit an online application by clicking the link below.



STEP 3: Principal endorses the nomination.



STEP 2: Once a nomination is received, ASG will send a link for the principal's endorsement.



STEP 4: ASG will announce if the excellent educator will proceed to Stage 1.

The NEITA awards recognises the importance of the profession, its professional standards and the critical role and impact teachers have on young people's lives.

NEITA is Australia and New Zealand's only community centred teaching awards program. Teacher nominations must meet eligibility guidelines and criteria, and are submitted by school parents, school councils, parent associations, committees of management, secondary student councils, and community organisations. They are then assessed by an expert panel of educationalists in a two staged process.

Click below to nominate and excellent educator in the ASG National Excellence in Teaching Awards
<https://www.asg.com.au/about-asg/neita>

Junior HOOPS

Shoot for new heights at your YMCA

Junior Hoops is a grassroots level Basketball program aimed at developing fundamental basketball skills whilst giving the participant an introduction to the game. Junior Hoops caters for all abilities and is aimed at increasing the health & well-being of all participants. All equipment provided.

Session Prices
 Casual Visit \$12
 10-Visit Pass \$100
 (\$100 Sport Voucher redeemable)

Session Times
 Mon 3.30-4.30pm
 12 years - adult
 Thu 3.30-4.30pm
 Under 18 years



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Session Times
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 8-12 years
 Fri 3.30-4.30pm
 13-16 years



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INDOOR ROCKWALL

Climb to new heights at your YMCA

YMCA Indoor Rockwall is a fun, social activity with climbs for all ages and abilities (5+ years). Rock climbing is an exciting and challenging sport to enjoy with friends and family. Build strength, fitness, endurance, balance, flexibility, and confidence whilst scaling one of our many fantastic climbs. All training and equipment provided.

Session Prices
 Casual Visit (Non-member) \$14
 Casual Visit (Member) \$9
 Concession/Student \$11
 10-Visit Pass \$120
 10-Visit Pass (Concession) \$90
 10-Visit Junior Pass \$100
 (Sports Voucher Redeemable)

Session Times
 Tues Open age: 6pm-8.45pm
 Wed Junior Session (5-13yrs): 3.30-6.30pm
 Thur Open age: 6pm-8.45pm
 Sun Open age: 1pm-4pm



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11-16 yr olds, Thursdays, 4:00-6:00pm

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