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Acting Principal's Report

Dear Families,

We have come to the end of another busy term. We have squeezed in a camp, a concert, Alice Can Dance and Alice BEAT rehearsals, as well as a few excursions and a lot of learning! No wonder the children (and the staff) are a little tired and ready for a holiday!

NAPLAN

The NAPLAN reports for our Year 3 and Year 5 students have arrived at school and will be sent home with children later this week. There is an information sheet to explain what the results mean but please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have questions.

Alice Can Dance

This year's performances will be held at the Araluen Theatre on Friday 28th September. There will be two sessions – one at 5pm and the second one at 7pm. Tickets are on sale now so get in quickly so you don't miss out!

Concert

What a fabulous evening of singing and dancing last Thursday! There was a lovely, relaxed feel to the night and the smiles on the faces of the children told me they were having a great time. There are so many people to thank:

- The families for taking time out of their busy lives to attend and support the children
- The kids for their energy and enthusiasm for performing (and the staff for theirs!)
- Jodie Foley for all the behind-the-scenes work she did to organise the stage and cake etc. etc. etc.
- Daniel Sawyer for being our sound and lighting guy (and Josie for finding him!)

- Hannah Madin for writing the script and working with our student hosts
- Our amazing staff for pulling it all together in a few short weeks!

I know I left feeling very happy

SCHOOL CONCERT



LPS in 2019

If you know your child will **not** be attending our school next year, please let us know as planning for classes is well underway.

We have had one Transition Parent Information session and school tour and we have planned several more sessions for early next term, as well as a BBQ to welcome our youngest students and their families to our school.

On a Final Note

I just wanted to say thank you to the whole school community. It isn't easy stepping into someone else's shoes and Jacqui and I have been overwhelmed with your kindness and support as we navigated the challenges of running the school for a term.

We are very lucky to have such a dedicated and professional team of teachers and support staff working with our kids. They really do have the children's best interests at heart and work tirelessly to help them every day.

Enjoy the next two weeks of holidays – do plenty of relaxing (in whatever form it takes for you) with your children and we will see you (and Ms Jolley) back on Monday 15th October.

Kind regards,

Jackie Mullins

Preschool News

There was a lot of excitement as we discovered the new equipment (a marble run and horizontal rock wall) that had been installed at preschool over the weekend. A lot of problem solving, sharing, turn taking and experimenting resulted. We did discover a problem – a lot of the balls went under the fence.



Children’s Learning Reflections : “Mrs Ashenden this game is like Donkey Kong” (MAI); “I want one ball.” (MAN); “In coming.” (IE said as the ball dropped into the bucket); “Sometimes the ball gets stuck in the gap and sometimes it doesn’t. I think the gap is too small.” (PGI); “Oh push them.” (EO); “Mine was the quicker short cut” (HD); “We can wait until we all go and get it” (CR).

Children’s Problem Solving ideas: “Kick them back.” (MAI); “Put something under the fence (a brick) and take them off.” (IE); “Put a wood.” (KC); “Make a road thing to stop it going under the fence.” (MAN was referring to Mobilo); “Take it off.” (DD was talking about the fence); “Put buckets down to catch the balls.” (MAI); “We need a big bucket.” (MS); “We could try putting something for making.” (NA)

Educators Learning Reflection: A lot of STEM practices were visible simultaneously while children were using the STEM Habits of the Mind:

Ideas	Methods	Values
Observing	Experimenting	Respect
Communicating	Problem Solving	Empathy
Collaborating	Building and Testing	Resilience
Imagining	Using Tools	Teamwork
Planning	Using Materials	Perseverance
Using Materials	Using Tools	Perseverance



Problem Solving occurred when children were not only trying to think of ways to prevent the ball from going through the fence but also retrieving them when they went through. A target game then evolved and children experimented with a range of techniques moving a ball to hit another target. When IE started flicking the golf ball SK tried too (helping develop finger dexterity and hand eye coordination).



These STEM values and ‘Habits of the Mind’ also extended to using the rock wall which was a particular favourite for a majority of the children. When surveyed it was interesting that for this group of preschoolers the marble run was generally the younger children’s favourite while older children tended to choose the rock wall as their favourite. Could this be because they found it more challenging to get to the end and avoid being eaten by the snakes and crocodiles?

Outcomes achieved through these learning experiences include:

- Outcome 1 Children have a strong sense of identity.**
- Outcome 2 Children are connected with and contribute to their world.**
- Outcome 3 Children have a strong sense of wellbeing.**
- Outcome 4 Children are confident and involved learners.**
- Outcome 5 Children are effective communicators.**

School Concert

It was wonderful to see so many preschoolers and their families participate in the Larapinta Primary School concert event. The students sang fabulously and enjoyed themselves as we sang our two songs “Mr Clickety Cane” and “Here we are at Larapinta”.



Upcoming Events:

Tea Towel Fundraising Orders

Tea Towel orders and payment are due back by Thursday 27th September. Please see the samples in the classroom or talk to staff if you would like more information.

Twilight Get-Together

Please come and join us in celebrating the end of term 3 at a family get-together evening on **Thursday 27th September** from **5 to 6.30pm**.

Preschool will provide chicken and bread rolls and families are welcome to bring nibbles and salads for their own family members.

The evening is an opportunity for families to:

- come together,
- play on the equipment,
- share some thoughts and design ideas for our water play area and

- enjoy the balmy evening by singing some songs with us.

School Holiday Dates

Thursday 27th September is the last day of Term 3. Preschool starts again on Monday 15th of October for the Monday/Tuesday students. If your child is in the Wednesday/Thursday group we look forward to seeing them back on Wednesday 17th October. We hope you have a safe break.

Preschool Photos

Krystal from Monkey Moo Photography will be taking our preschool photos on Tuesday 30th October at 12.30pm for the Mon/Tues classes and at 9.30am on Thursday 1st November for the Wed/Thurs classes. Photo packs are available for \$30 - \$35. Individual class and portrait photos are available for \$20. Information and order forms to follow.



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- what is important in your community for children and families

Families as First Teachers (FaFT) Fun!

Check out some great FaFT fun with families this week!



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:

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Thank you

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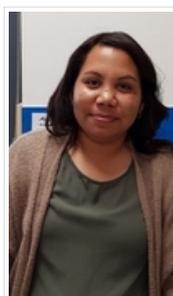
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Young Mothers Coordinator



Emma Stubbs has joined our wonderful team at Larapinta CFC, as Young Mothers Coordinator. She has an extensive background in working with and supporting families in Central Australia and will be a huge asset to our team. Welcome aboard

Emma!

School Holidays

Our Child & Family Centre remains open during the school holidays (Mon – Fri 8-4pm) for families with young children (0-5). Unfortunately we can't cater for school age children – sorry.

Community News

Exciting opportunity for singers aged 17 and under!!

Sing Up! open mic and Sing Up! soiree are an exciting opportunity for young people aged 3-17 to showcase their vocal talents!

Held as part of the diverse and popular Alice Desert Fest 2018 these events will give young people a chance to perform to an audience as part of the official program.

The open mic on the 6th Oct from 2pm to 4pm at Monte's lounge will be a low key, casual environment to test out skills and is suitable for anyone from first timers to professionals.

To participate you can register your interest by sending an email to kateInd@gmail.com or you can just turn up on the day. Performances can be solo, duets or larger groups but the focus must be on vocals.

A guitar and keyboard will be provided or you may bring your own instrument and you are encouraged to bring one accompanist if you wish. We won't have the capacity to accommodate bands but acoustic groups will be considered. Originals or covers, up to you!

From those who participate in the open mic, a group of up to 20 performers can express interest to participate in the Sing Up! soiree.

This event will be held on Oct 7th from 4pm to 6pm at Monte's lounge back room. This will be a more formal ticketed event and we expect to have a huge turnout to support our young performers.

There will be two sessions of 45mins each with younger performers before the interval and older performers after the interval.

We will be contacting local professional musicians and there may be the opportunity to be paired up with one of them for your performance if you so choose. Otherwise you may sing solo or provide your own accompanist. Accompanists can be any age so long as the vocalist is aged 17 or under.

For more information don't hesitate to send an email to kateInd@gmail.com or phone 0417836531

More info on the website :

<https://redhotarts.com.au/event/sing-up-open-mic/>

<https://redhotarts.com.au/event/sing-up-soiree/>

Wild Time 2018

Have a *Wild Time* with Parks, Wildlife and Heritage these school holidays!



<p>Nature Detective Monday 1 October 10.00 - 11.30 am Use your 'nature finder' to look for wildlife clues while we take a hike up to Trig Hill! Where: Alice Springs Telegraph Station</p>	<p>Birds and Beaks Monday 8 October 10.00 - 11.30 am Shapes, sizes, colours, beaks! Let's discover how birds are all so different! Where: Alice Springs Telegraph Station</p>	<p>Who's at Wild Time? Children between two and eight years of age and their families. Children who want to learn more about their world. Remember to bring... </p>
<p>Prehistoric Meal Wednesday 3 October 10.00 - 11.30 am Have you heard of a giant bird? What were these prehistoric animals and how did they survive? Where: Megafuna Central, Todd Mall</p>	<p>Build a Bird Hide! Friday 12 October 10.00 - 11.30 am Let's learn about local birds and build a bird hide that could be used to watch those feathered friends. Where: Megafuna Central, Todd Mall</p>	<p>Parent Supervision Essential For more information please contact Jennifer on 8951 8247</p>

[ParksandWildlifeNT](#) www.nt.gov.au/parks



Gap Youth & Community Centre OSHC Program

October Vacation Care

To all parents/carers,

The October holidays are almost here! Have you prepared? If not that's what we are here for! There is still room in our program for your children; 5 to 12 year olds attending primary school. Our vacation care program will run weekdays from October 1st to October 12th, 8:30am- 5pm. The program will include a variety of arts and crafts, sporting activities, educational development, and excursions, both on and off site. We also offer an additional transport services home if required. If you are interested please contact us on 08 89523927, email us at info@gapvc.com.au or pop in and see our friendly staff at 91-93 Gap Rd.

Do you have old furniture or toys you don't need anymore? Donations to GYC are always appreciated!



THE BODY ACHIEVES WHAT THE MIND BELIEVES
Together we will make a difference. HERE AT GAP WE Are Proud of Our OSHC Children.

Term 3 School Holiday Program

Who: boys and girls aged 8 to 11
When: 1st and 2nd of October
Time: 9am to 3:00pm
Where: Traeger Park
Cost: \$30 a day or \$50 for both days
What to bring:
Morning tea: a packed lunch, water bottle, hat and sun protection.



Please reserve your spot by email to Mark Gepp
Westiesdiv2@gmail.com
ph. 0409 263 988



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Opening Night –
Friday 14 September
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2A/70 Todd Street
(entry from Gregory Terrace)

Gallery opening hours –
weekdays 10am-3pm,
and weekends 10am-2pm,
until Sunday, 18 November

Majority of artworks acquired by the Central Australian Art Society and Alice Springs Art Foundation, and donated to the Town Council for the people of Alice Springs. Artworks form part of the Araluen Art Collection.

For further details, contact the Community Development Officer on **8950 0547** or email to jshpherd@astc.nt.gov.au

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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	Term 4
23rd July - 29th September	15th Oct - 15th December
\$180 (1 lesson/week for 10 weeks)	\$162 (1 lesson/week for 9 weeks)
Enrolments open 2nd July, 2018	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	

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 STEP UP TO THE MIC AND SHOW ALICE WHAT YOU'VE GOT AT THE YOUTH ARTS AND MUSIC FESTIVAL - SOLO ARTISTS AND GROUPS WELCOME
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 JWEILEY@ASTC.NT.GOV.AU
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FRIDAY 12 OCTOBER
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 HELD AT MEETING PLACE DURING YAM FEST
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 jweiley@astc.nt.gov.au
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 YOUTH ARTS MUSIC
5pm 'til 9pm
Friday 12 October
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