26 September 2018

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 as 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:

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
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.

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:
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZXP8FWJ
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZNR6WJ3

Thank you

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

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 kateinl@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 katelnnd@gmail.com or phone 0417836531

More info on the website:
Wild Time
Have a Wild Time with Parks, Wildlife and Heritage these school holidays!

- Nature Detective
  Wednesday 3 October
  9:30 - 12:30 pm
  Where: Alice Springs Desert Park

- Wildlife Walks and Snacks
  Monday 8 October
  9:30 - 11:30 am
  Where: Alice Springs Desert Park

- Prehistoric Meal
  Wednesday 10 October
  9:30 - 12:30 pm
  Where: Alice Springs Desert Park

- Build a Bird Hotel
  Friday 12 October
  9:30 - 11:30 am
  Where: Alice Springs Desert Park

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:
- Parent Supervisor Essential
  For more information, please contact Jezzine on (08) 8953 1984

Term 3 School Holiday Program
What boys and girls aged 8 to 11
When: 1st and 2nd of October
Time: 9am to 2pm
Where: Traeger Park
Cost: $30 a day
or $60 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 Gasp
Westiesviar2@gmail.com
ph. 0409 263 888
Proudly brought to you by the West Cricket Club

Gap Youth & Community Centre
OSH program
October Vacations Care

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.

pop-up gallery
alicesprings.nt.gov.au

50 YEARS OF ART WORKS ON DISPLAY FROM THE
Caltex-NT Art Awards and the Alice Prize

Opening Night -
Friday 14 September
from 5pm – 6.30pm
2A/70 Todd Street
(entry from Gregory Terrace)

Gallery opening hours –
weekdays 12pm-2pm, and weekends 10am-2pm, until Sunday, 16 November

Mayor of the NT, Stuart Stonard, to launch the Gallery and unveiled the new Alice Springs Regional Gallery logo. The Gallery is open to the public, free of charge.

For further details, contact the Community Development Officer on 8953 1984 or email info@simplybeautiful.com.au

2018
LEARN TO SWIM 2018

Classes available for all ages and abilities
Payment required up-front for bookings.
School Sport & 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
$182 (1 lesson/week for 9 weeks)
Enrolments open 24th Sep, 2018

October School Holiday Swim Intensive
5th - 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
Tel 08 8950 4360
Email info@asalc.com.au
www.asalc.com.au

Alice Springs Youth Action Group proudly presents
YAMFEST 2018
Youth Arts Music

Friday 12 October
Held at Meeting Place during YAMFEST

Painting, photography, sculpture, multimedia, whatever - we want to see your work!
Judging and PRIZES on the night
If you’re interested, 25yrs and under, please contact Joe Weley
jweley@aslc.nt.gov.au
89500 505

For further information contact
Council’s Youth Services Officer
on 8950 0048, or email
youth@nt.gov.nt

Open Mic
Flynn Church lawns, Todd Mall
LIVE MUSIC

Friday 12 October
RIVER AND ISLES
(Formerly known as JUICE)

EASTERN ARRERNE Band
CEEDAH
STREART ART

DRUM ATWEME
DJ WORKSHOP
alice springs nt.gov.au

Be there or be square!