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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Dear Families,

Welcome back to our final term for 2018! I hope everyone had an enjoyable break. Mine was an extended one but already after one week it feels like I was never away! I'd like to offer a huge thank you to our fabulous team who kept things running smoothly in my absence. First of all to Mrs

Mullins, for stepping into the principal role and to Mrs Bramley for stepping up to the Assistant Principal position. Thanks to Jodie Foley our Administration Manager who has completed numerous projects while I was away including overseeing the installation of a new transportable building, new shade at the Early Learning Centre and rockwalls at both the school and preschool. Thanks to Mrs Raybould who has been leading exciting work with teachers in the Early Years. Thank you to Mrs Simpson who has supported work with technology at the school. Thanks to Jenny Ashenden, Teacher in Charge at the Preschool for keeping everything ticking along ever so well in that space and to Marisa Kelly at the Family Centre for continuing to lead the work of the CFC. We have an amazing team of people who go above and beyond to ensure the best for our students. Thank you to all of our teachers and to our support staff – I know Term 3 was a big one! Welcome back to Mrs Steed and Mrs Young who have also both enjoyed a period of leave.

I'd like to extend a message of congratulations to Sharna Ryan and her team at the Early Learning Centre on behalf of the school and Council for receiving 'Exceeding' in their assessment and rating process. This is a fantastic result for a new service and testament to their hard work and professionalism.

This Friday is World Teachers' Day. Teachers from our school who were nominated in the World Teachers' Day Awards this year are Jackie Mullins (leadership category), Jacqui Bramley

(Special Education Teacher category), and in the teacher category; Jacki Raybould Hannah Madin, Jenny Hurn, Mikaela Revell and Amy Malberg. Jenny and Mikaela have both moved on since then and Amy is on leave expecting her baby any time now. Award winners will be announced at a special function for staff across the region this Friday afternoon. Best wishes to all our nominees and especially to Mrs Mullins who has been shortlisted in the school leaders' award.

Some reminders for this term:

- **Hats are required everyday** so please make sure your child has one. We request they be left at school so that children always have it on hand. Due to sun safety children are not able to play outdoors without a hat and the school does not provide spare hats.
- All children need a water bottle to access in the classroom in order to stay well hydrated and avoid missing learning time through going out for drinks.
- Please ensure children have a healthy breakfast before coming to school so they are ready for learning.
- We encourage students to bring fruit, vegetables and other healthy foods for recess and lunch. Lollies, soft drink, cordial, and fast foods like McDonalds should not be consumed at school. Sugar consumption leads to blood sugar highs and lows and resultant mood and behaviour swings and loss of energy for learning.

There are only 8 weeks of school left this year. We finish the year on Thursday 13th December. The Year 6 graduation will be held on Tuesday 11th Dec. If your child will not be attending Larapinta next year please let us know so that we have accurate numbers for planning our classes for 2019.

Kind regards,

Brenda

SCHOOL SNAPSHOT

Transition 2019 Orientation/ Information Sessions

Preschool students who will move up to Transition at Larapinta in 2019 are participating in a number of orientation visits over the next few weeks to familiarise with their classroom and the bigger school environment. Parents also have the opportunity to attend an information session to learn about the school and how to best support your child in the move from preschool to primary school. In addition a Welcome BBQ will be held for families of current Transition students and the Transition students of 2019. Please see all dates and details below.

LARAPINTA PRIMARY SCHOOL
every child a success...

Transition 2019 Orientation Visits and Family Information Sessions

All 2019 Transition students are invited to attend Larapinta Primary School's orientation visits scheduled for Term 4, 2018.
Students will have the opportunity to explore the classrooms and playground and join in activities with our specialist music and PE teachers.

Orientation visit times for children:
Tuesday 23rd October or Thursday 25th October: 9.30am – 10.30am.
Tuesday 6th November or Thursday 8th November: 9.30am – 11.00am (please bring a snack)
Monday 20th November or Thursday 23rd November: 9.30am – 10.30am (specialist programs)

Meet and Greet Barbeque for new and current Transition families:
Wednesday 6th December: 5.30pm – 6.30pm.

Family Information Sessions
Parents will have the opportunity to visit classrooms and gain information about how we implement the Transition curriculum at Larapinta during these times:
Wednesday 24th October: 5.30pm – 6.30pm
or
Wednesday 14th November: 3.30pm – 4.30pm

If you would like to attend any of the orientation or parent information sessions please contact the school on (08) 8958 5155

Day for Daniel

For a number of years Larapinta School has observed Day for Daniel; Australia's largest child safety awareness and education day. The goal of this day is to make Australia a safe place for all children. On this day we wear red and discuss personal safety strategies with students. Parents can use the day as a way to have a conversation about safety with your child. Ask your child what they learnt at school and let them know they can always talk to you if they ever feel unsafe. Don't forget to wear red and donate if you can. You can read more here on the Daniel Morcombe Foundation website:

<https://www.danielmorcombe.com.au/>

Music Count Us In

For the twelfth year in a row and since its inception, Larapinta will participate again in the national Music Count Us In (MCUI); one of Australia's largest school initiatives. MCUI plays a vital role in fostering music education in schools, with a presence in every state and territory in the country. It is internationally

recognised as the world's largest school music initiative. The program culminates in the National Celebration Day when more than half a million students sing the same song, on the same day, at the same time – the annual Program Song. It is a song written by students, for students. Our students will gather in the hall this year to sing together at 11am on Thursday November 1st; parents are most welcome to join us.

Year 5 Sleepover

Our Year 5 students have an exciting time coming up in Week 3 with a sleepover, bushwalk and tenpin bowling planned. The night and day will serve to build bonds amongst the group as they prepare to become our school seniors in 2019.

Book Club News

The last Book Club catalogue for 2018 is on its way home.

It would be great if you could take some time to look over the catalogue with your child. If you wish to order any books, I have attached an information letter to each catalogue explaining the process.

The due date for all orders is Wednesday, 31 October 2018.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to either come and see me in the library or contact me on 89585155.

Thank you

Carrie Hughes
Library

Staff Carpark

The carpark behind the Early Learning Centre is designated for **school staff only** with a small number of parks allocated to the Early Learning Centre right outside the preschool entry gates. For safety reasons students are not allowed to arrive or leave through this carpark and parents are also asked not to take children through this area.

In the afternoon school finishes at 2.50pm, however, the preschool operates until 3.30pm. As the Preschool and Early Learning Centre operate in a shared, *regulated* space it is not appropriate for primary school children to walk through to the preschool and play in the grounds after school or wait there for parents. Primary school children should instead be collected from the primary school – thank you for your cooperation to ensure everyone stays safe and we operate within requirements.

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 (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.

PRESCHOOL NEWS

Welcome back to Preschool for Term 4. It was wonderful to see the children so happy and excited to be returning to preschool after the school holidays.

Congratulations also go to Mrs Kennedy and Mrs Ashenden who won medals in events at the Masters Games.



Twilight Get-Together

Thank you to families who joined us at the end of last term at the Twilight Get-Together. It was fantastic to have your input and ideas for the water play area and to have extended conversations with families. Well done to the Preschoolers for their wonderful singing as they performed an impromptu concert on the night. This was an opportunity for families who couldn't attend the school concert the week before to still hear their child sing.



Upcoming Events:

**Preschool Photos

Krystal from Monkey Moo Photography will be taking our preschool photos on Tuesday 30th October at 12.30pm for the Mon/Tues and afternoon classes and at 9.30am on Thursday 1st November for the Wed/Thurs and morning classes. Photo packs are available for \$30 - \$35. Individual class and portrait photos are available for \$20. Information and order forms have now been handed out. Please speak to staff if you didn't receive one.



**ELSA Symposium

Mrs Ashenden is travelling to Canberra in Week 2 to present information about the



ELSA (Early Learning Stem Australia) work we have been doing at Preschool.

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 AS FIRST TEACHERS (FaFT)

Hello, my name is Julie-ann Bewg and I have worked in the Families as First Teachers program for the past 7 years. In this position I was fortunate to work with families in Finke, Areyonga, Titjikala, Ngukurr and now Larapinta. I have worked in Early Childhood for the past 28 years and I am extremely passionate about children receiving the best start in life.

The overall goal of the FaFT program is to improve the lifelong education, health and wellbeing outcomes for young children and their families (0-4 yrs)

The FaFT program uses the Abecedarian Approach Australia (3a) and provides quality early childhood programs.



YOUNG MOTHERS PROGRAM



Hi my name is Emma Stubbs and I am the Young Mothers Program Coordinator which is based in the Larapinta CFC.

I myself was a young mum when I first became a parent and understand the importance of having good role models and mentors and so, I look forward to supporting and working with young mums

by using an integrated services approach to develop a safe, supportive and culturally inclusive environment that works to engage young mothers in health, education, welfare and parenting pathways.

FaFT



Community News

NRL JUNIOR PROGRAM

The NRL after-school Junior Program provides children with an opportunity to experience Rugby League in a fun, friendly and safe environment. This Non-Tackling program caters for children of all ability levels with a focus on developing the fundamental skills of the sport.

Each session will provide a balance of structured skill development activities and small sided games designed to develop RL specific skills (i.e. pass, catch, kick, etc.) and fundamental movement skills (i.e. agility, balance, and coordination).

Each child will receive a positive and rewarding sporting experience that will aid their physical, cognitive and social development and help foster a positive association with sport and physical activity.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

- Game play concepts and rules
- Fundamental RL skills (catch, pass, kick)
- Fundamental Movement skills (agility, balance, coordination)
- Teamwork and cooperation
- Confidence and self-esteem
- Positive association with sport / physical activity

Each participant will receive:

- Backpack
- Football
- Water Bottle
- Pencil Case
- Cap

Both programs run from 3:30 to 4:30pm at Anzac Oval

Cost = \$60

Transition to Year 2 starts Tuesday the 6th Nov running for 6 weeks

<https://membership.sportstg.com/regofrm.cgi?formID=79765&programID=43637&fbclid=IwAR0mujgscIjKlyoOPOAyN05HpGZRkTmnJQ8M8KrfMZ-ItiATLqezksd0eCY>

Year 3 to 6 starts Wednesday the 7th Nov running for 6 weeks

https://membership.sportstg.com/regofrm.cgi?formID=79765&programID=43638&fbclid=IwAR1S_D2N6rMpy5QF0TcAV68ntYXjVZ4Q1wGlpVqjWQzcVY3YifD938i6ld8

Alternatively both programs can be accessed at the link below and enter 0870 in the postcode search.

<http://www.playnrl.com/programs>



NRL

Non-contact After School Skills Program

Register and receive your NRL pack
PLAYNRL.COM/JUNIORPROGRAM



Bringing Up Great Kids

Would you like to.....

- Have a really great relationship with your kids?
- Understand why we do what we do as parents
- Understand why your kids are behaving that way

5 Week Course – every Tuesday
Starting on Tuesday 30th October, 2018 and finishing on Tuesday 27th November, 2018

WHERE: Larapinta Child & Family centre, 22 Albrecht Drive, Larapinta (please park in the public carpark on the cnr of Larapinta & Albrecht)

WHEN: Tuesdays:

- Tuesday 30th October
- Tuesday 6th November
- Tuesday 13th November
- Tuesday 20th November
- Tuesday 27th November

TIME: 10am till 12noon – morning tea provided

PHONE: 8958 5185



FREE WORKSHOPS

DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE AUTISM?

My Child and Autism

A workshop for parents

Saturday 22nd November
9:00am - 2:30pm
Mercurie Alice Springs Resort
34 Stott Terrace
Alice Springs 0870

REGISTER TODAY!
ebennett@autismsa.org.au
or call 08 8462 0658

How Early Days can help:
Early Days provides workshops for parents and other family members of children 0-6 who have an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) diagnosis or are going through the assessment and diagnosis process.

What this workshop offers:

- Learn about ASD and what it means for your child and your family
- Learn practical strategies that can make a difference to your child's development
- Learn how to navigate and fund early intervention

More about Early Days workshops

- Free to attend
- Held in small groups of 4-15 and gives you an opportunity to meet other parents
- Lunch & light refreshments provided
- Childcare is NOT provided

earlydays
www.earlydays.com.au
promoting development of young children on the autism spectrum

It is highly recommended you attend this workshop prior to attending any other Early Days workshops



positive partnerships

Working together to support school-aged students on the autism spectrum

Text2dads

Are you a Dad with a child on the autism spectrum? Would you like to learn more about autism and ways to encourage and support your child?

THE UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE AUSTRALIA

Positive Partnerships is working with The Family Action Centre (University of Newcastle) in piloting a text message campaign (Text2dads) for fathers of children on the autism spectrum. This is a unique opportunity to receive text messages delivered directly to your mobile phone (2-4 per week, up to 16 weeks), with the option to opt out at any time.

Text2dads will be conducted as an ethics approved research project.

Aspect ethics approval number: 1825A
University of Newcastle approval number: H-2018-0286

To be involved, send a message saying "Text2dads" to **0466 858 334**
by 10th December 2018

Or call the number provided for more information.
www.text2dads.com.au

The Positive Partnerships initiative is funded by the Australian Government Department of Education and Training through the Helping Children with Autism package and is delivered by Autism Spectrum Australia. The views expressed in this publication do not necessarily represent the views of the Australian Government or the Department of Education and Training.



Family FREE! Fun Day

CHILDREN'S WEEK Sunday October 28th

9am - 1pm

Alice Springs Town Council Lawns

Theme: "The right to be heard"

Lots of free fun activities for the whole family, including:

- Bubble Machine and Bubbles
- Karaoke
- Water Activity
- Painting
- Open Mic and Entertainment
- Art and Craft
- Word Tree—hearing children's voice

Free Barbecue and Fruit



Article 12 is an important part of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Children have the right to speak

Every child has the right to be listened to and to have their opinions taken seriously when decisions are being made about their lives. It's important that adults take the time to listen to children's views, and work with children to find the best way to solve problems they may face in their lives. There are lots of ways that you can help support the rights of children to speak up and have their say.



Children's views should be respected and taken into account, but remember just because children get a say, doesn't mean they always get their way. Adults still have a responsibility to keep children safe and help them thrive.



Ask children in your care about their opinions on things such as what they like and don't like, what they think is important (e.g. with activities, environments, routines, staff who work with them) etc.



Stop and listen to children when they are talking to you.



Believe children when they tell you something important.



Show them that you have heard what they have said and tell them how you will act on it.



Be an advocate for children if necessary or help them to share their views.



Have meetings that include children and young people (this can be done at family level, or as part of a social group, child care centre, school, club or organisation).



Stand up for children if you see that they are not being heard.

Do activities with children where they have the opportunity to share their ideas in ways that are fun and age appropriate. For example, NAPCAN's Children's Voices Activity www.napcan.org.au/childrensweek



Learn more about the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and talk to children about their rights. A fun activity is to show children the child-friendly version of the rights and talk to them about which ones they think are more important and why. www.napcan.org.au/childrensweek



United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child

Children have the right to speak

Article 12: You have the right to speak and for others to listen and value your ideas and opinions. For children this means:

I have the right to speak and be heard.

I have the right to have a say when adults are making decisions that affect me.

Adults should believe me when I tell them something important about my safety.

Children are important and childhood is a precious time of life. That's why the United Nations has developed a set of 54 Articles that outline the rights that apply to every child in the world to live a safe and happy life. See www.unicef.org/krcc/

Adults, for ideas about how you can help to support the rights of children to have their say, see the other side of this poster or visit www.napcan.org.au



Celebrate

Grandparents' Day

Join us on
Sunday 28th October 2018
10 - 11.30am
Town Council Andy McNeill Room
Morning tea, sharing stories, creative activities



Communicate and Connect

A one night (3 hour) seminar for adults wanting to learn extra skills for clear communication. Learn key communication techniques, common pitfalls to avoid, build your confidence and enjoy healthier, more respectful friendships & relationships.

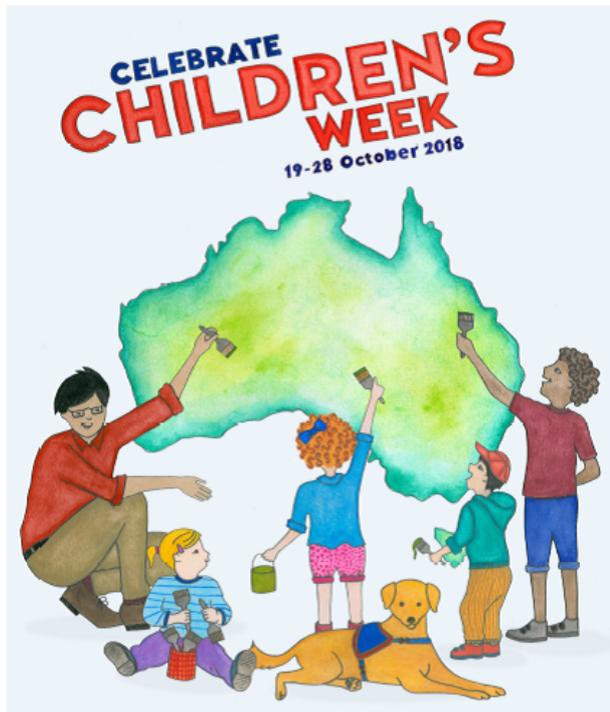
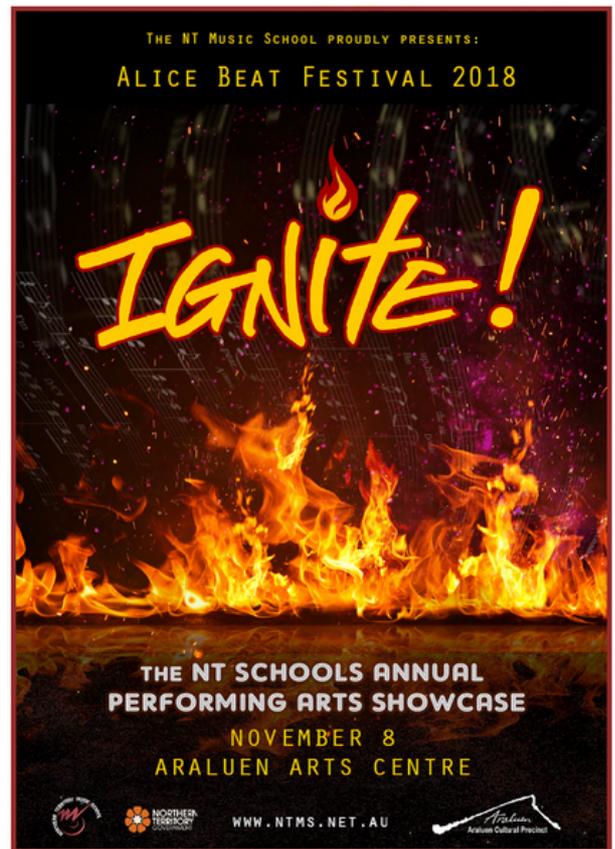
Date: Wednesday, 24 October 2018- one night
Time: 6:00pm - 9:00pm
Cost: \$35 Individual / \$50 Couple
Venue: 5/11 Railway Terrace Alice Springs

Date: Wednesday, 7 November 2018- one night
Time: 6:00pm - 9:00pm
Cost: \$35 Individual / \$50 Couple
Venue: 5/11 Railway Terrace Alice Springs

Bookings are essential

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2018 Theme: Children's Views and Opinions are Respected: Article 12 UNCRC



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**Gap Youth & Community Centre
OSHC Program**

Term 4 & Christmas
Vacation Care

To all parents/carers,

We are now into Term 4 and the year is almost over. Have you planned ahead for the Christmas holidays?

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 OSHC program is designed to make life easier for you. We do pick up's direct from school. We fill the afternoon with great activities and meals, before dropping your children straight to your front door.

Also our Christmas Vacation Care program is filling up fast. Vacation care for Term 4 will commence on December 14th-21st and then January 7th-25th, 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@gapcc.org.au or pop in and see our friendly staff at 91-93 Gap Rd.



THE BODY ACHIEVES WHAT THE MIND BELIEVES

Together we will make a difference. **HERE AT GAP WE Are Proud of Our OSHC Children.**

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



IS YOUR CHILD INTERESTED IN LEARNING A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT?

Enrolment applications are now open for all students interested in the NT Music School's Instrumental Program for 2019.

Instrumental tuition may be offered to students from Year 4 upwards on flute, clarinet, saxophone, guitar, trombone and percussion.

The program is designed to develop playing and listening skills with our teachers coming to your child's school during school time.

If your child is a continuing student they will need to be re-enrolled for 2019.

Enrol online at www.ntms.net.au

Should you require further assistance phone NT Music School **8963 5550**.



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

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