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11 March 2022

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Dear Families,

AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Larapinta School Council will be held next **Monday 14th March at 5pm in our school hall** with appropriate social distancing. All parents and carers are invited to attend. At the meeting I will give a report regarding the 2021 school year and we will elect new Council members to vacant positions. Please consider nominating for a position. Council members attend a meeting on the third Monday of each month at 5.15pm. Being a parent/carer on school Council is a great way to actively contribute to the school and make a difference.

STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DAY – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

Each year our school can apply to hold two professional learning days for staff. The first of these for 2022 is planned to take place on **Tuesday 19th April** after the Easter long weekend. On this day staff will undertake MAPA training delivered by the Inclusive Practices Team. MAPA has a focus on prevention and teaches management and intervention techniques to help staff cope with behaviours in a professional and safe manner. Please note the date on your calendars as there will be **no school for students on this day**.

CHIEF MINISTER'S READING CHALLENGE

Larapinta has signed up for the inaugural Chief Minister's Reading Challenge. Thanks to Mrs McGifford who is coordinating this across the school. Students will keep a log of their reading during as they complete the challenge.

BACK TO SCHOOL VOUCHER

Have you used all of your Back-to School Voucher for 2022? These are only available for Term 1 in the primary school and

in preschool in the term of enrolment. The \$150 provided by the government can help with uniforms, swimming, camps, excursion and performances depending on year level. Please come and see the front office staff if you haven't used yours yet.

COVID

Over the past week we have had 13 positive COVID notifications across our school; 11 in the primary school and two at preschool. In line with Territory presentations the number of cases are decreasing which is great to see.

Remember that students should not come to school if they are unwell or showing any symptoms of Covid 19. We will send home any children who become unwell through the school day. Families are asked to come arrive quickly to collect them and have them tested. If your child tests positive please notify the school promptly.

We continue to practice preventative measures to keep our learning environments as safe as possible for students, families and our staff.

Checking in and signing out

We welcome parents to return to school grounds and classrooms from next weekend but do ask that you continue to be mindful regarding checking in at the front office so we know you are on grounds. When collecting children for appointments parents will continue to sign them out at front office and take a card to the classroom to collect their child rather than them being called over the PA system (in order to avoid disruption to classes).

Attendance

Whilst sick children need to stay home, those who are well should be at school every day! Thank you for your support in ensuring early bedtimes, hearty breakfasts, plenty of food for both breaks and getting children to school on time.

Helmets

A reminder that all children riding bikes or scooters to school need to have a helmet. If children ride to school without helmets

parents will be called to come to collect the bike or scooter as children may not ride home without it.

Toys and Personal items

A reminder that children should not bring toys or personal items from home to school. There is potential that these items get lost, broken or otherwise go missing. They also often cause arguments between children. We are unable to follow up missing items so please leave them at home.

**Regards,
Brenda**

SCHOOL SNAPSHOT

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. The newsletter can be read in a range of languages; just select at the top of the page. For instructions on how to install the APP, click on the link below:

Vaccinations

The Department of Education and Department of Health are offering vaccinations in schools for students 9-11years old. If families of 5-8 year-olds cannot get to a vaccination clinic and are happy to have their child vaccinated without their presence these children can also be vaccinated at school. Signed consent forms are required for all vaccinations. These are available at the front office. Please return them if you consent for your child to be vaccinated at school. Please see attached information regarding vaccination and what to expect after vaccination.

PROTECT YOURSELF, YOUR FAMILY AND COMMUNITY FROM COVID SICKNESS

After your COVID-19 vaccine you may get some side effects. This is normal, it means the vaccine is working.

Sore arm Headache Feeling tired Fever

These symptoms usually get better in 1 – 2 days.

What to do if you have any side effects

Reduce pain and discomfort

- Put wet cloth on your arm.
- Move your arm gently.

Reduce discomfort from fever

- Drink water.
- Take Paracetamol if needed.

See your GP if your side effects don't go away.

coronavirus.nt.gov.au NTGovHealth nt_health NORTHERN TERRITORY

OSHC

The YMCA is running an Out of School Hours Care program at Araluen Christian School and are collecting students from Larapinta to attend the program after school. Please contact the YMCA if you would like to enrol your child in the program.

For any parents requesting Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) Services, please click on the link below for the OSHC website:

<http://www.oshc.nt.ymca.org.au/>

Medications at School

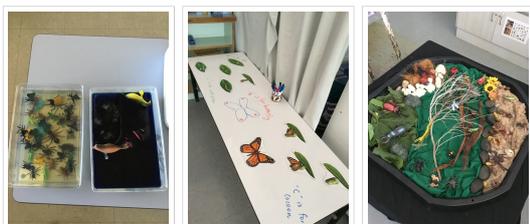
If your child is required to be given medication at school (ie antibiotics, Panadol, cough syrup), please ensure that you visit the front office and complete the required paperwork. First Aid staff cannot administer any medication without required consents. All medications are to be kept in the First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

PRESCHOOL NEWS

Werte from Preschool

The children have been engaged in some wonderful learning down at preschool based around their current interest in insects – having a yard full of caterpillars that they have discovered has prompted this learning project and we have been exploring different insects, their body parts, lifecycles and created some fun, sensory activities – such as rescue the bugs from the gelatin and gloop!! We have also been engaging in discussions about ways we can look after all of the creatures in our yard – observing them, making special homes for them and learning about ways that we can all live and play in our space together. The children have had some great self-led learning based on

this – making their own cocoons and caterpillars with the craft materials and playdough.



We have also been exploring all things colour – identifying the names of colours, our favourite colours, exploring colour mixing using a variety of different mediums such as cellophane, coloured paddles/objects on the light box, playdough, water colours and paint. The children have loved making/painting/ sculpting colourful rainbows which have decorated our classroom! There are also some beautiful Rainbow fish hanging in the room – this craft experience linked to our colour interest as well as being a great opportunity to talk to the children about their emerging friendships and how we can be kind to others – reading the Rainbow Fish to reiterate these ideas.



Friendly Reminders:

- Please remember to send along a named drink bottle for your child.
- We also ask for at least one set of spare clothes please – also to be labelled.
- No nut products – (including Nutella) are to be sent in the children’s lunchboxes please as we have children with allergies.

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.
We live and work on Arrernte Country.*

Werte!

CFC Update

Welcome to our two new Hearing Workers Khiani Payne and Jennifer Stuart.



Hearing Awareness Week

Last week was Hearing Awareness week. Our new Hearing Workers ran multiple activities at the Larapinta CFC. Kids and

families had fun learning through play about healthy practices and how we can look after our ears.



Four key ways to keep our ears clean are:

- Blowing your nose
- Keep hands and face clean
- Eating fruit and vegetables everyday
- Keep kids away from cigarette smoke.



The importance of washing hands

We did multiple activities focusing on germs and why it is important to wash our hands frequently throughout the day. Kids and families had a lot of fun engaging in the UV light activity. Kids got to put a special lotion on their hands to represent the germs and see it under the light. Kids would then go wash their hands and see the ‘germs’ disappear.



We also had the audiologists visit the CFC and do some hearing tests!



If any families want to get their children’s ears checked please get in contact with Khiani and Jennifer at the CFC.

Waterplay

Children have been engaging in water play over the past weeks. Water play develops motor skills and sensory exploration. Children enhance their gross motor skills and coordination through lifting, pouring and splashing. Kids and families enjoyed experimenting with different cups, tubes and sponges.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Come and try Athletics

\$5 to try or free to members

Want to get fit, healthy, and gain new skills?

All active families welcome to our Come and try Athletics week

Come to Head St. oval
Sign in at 3pm
Start 3:15 until 4:30pm on
Sunday March 13th 2022

jump, throw, run, have fun

FREE Family Fun celebrating International Women's Day & Women's Cricket!

Come along, try out, or sign up!!

PLUS... unveiling of a new women in sport mural, Girl Guides BBQ, Food vendors, kids games and more!!

5.30pm to 8pm Friday 18 March
@ Flynn Drive Oval Gillen

8950 0500
AliceSpringsTC
alicesprings.nt.gov.au

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY MARCH 8

NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT

Neon Netfit

Thanks to Federal Netball Club, Alice Springs Netball Association is bringing a team of elite netballers from NETFIT Netball to Alice Springs to launch our 2022 Season with a jam-packed four-day Festival of Netball.

Details can be found and tickets booked below.

<https://netfitnetball.com/alice-springs/>

All sessions are free and all are welcome (no netball experience necessary).

Multilingual STORY TIME

LOS TRES CERDITOS

El Flautista de Hamelin
The Pied Piper

IN SPANISH!
@ YOUR LIBRARY
FRIDAY 18 MARCH
3.15PM - FREE!

La princesa Buenpastel y el horrible Grunch

A partir de ese día, cada vez que se acordaba de Boris, el perro de la infancia, Daniél miraba con admiración a los perros que veía por la calle.

DATE	SESSION	WHEN	WHO	WHERE	COST
16/3/22	NT PATHWAY / T10 ATHLETES SESSION	6:00-8:00PM	SELECTED ATHLETES	PAT GALLAGHER NETBALL COURTS	CLOSED SESSION
17/3/22	NEON NETFIT	7:00 - 8:00PM	ALL AGES WELCOME	PAT GALLAGHER NETBALL COURTS	FREE BOOKING ESSENTIAL
18/3/22	SCHOOL VISIT YIPIRINYA SCHOOL	10:00 - 2:00PM	SCHOOL STUDENTS	PAT GALLAGHER NETBALL COURTS	CLOSED SESSION
18/3/22	ONE-ON-ONE SENIOR COACH MENTORING	6:00 - 10:30PM	SELECTED ASNA COACHES	PAT GALLAGHER NETBALL COURTS	CLOSED SESSION
18/3/22	NET SET GO - JUNIOR SKILL DEVELOPMENT	9:00-10:00AM	CHILDREN BETWEEN AGES 5 - 10	PAT GALLAGHER NETBALL COURTS	FREE BOOKING ESSENTIAL
18/3/22	ONE-ON-ONE JUNIOR COACH MENTORING	10:00 - 2:30PM	SELECTED ASNA COACHES	PAT GALLAGHER NETBALL COURTS	CLOSED SESSION
18/3/22	ALL-ABILITIES DEVELOPMENT CLINIC	12:00 - 1:00PM	ALL AGES WELCOME	PAT GALLAGHER NETBALL COURTS	CLOSED SESSION
18/3/22	EXHIBITION MATCH	3:00 - 4:30PM	ALL AGES WELCOME	PAT GALLAGHER NETBALL COURTS	FREE NO BOOKING NEEDED
18/3/22	MEET THE STARS, UNDER THE STARS FUNCTION!	5:30 - 8:00PM	ALL AGES WELCOME	CLUB EASTSIDE	FREE BOOKING ESSENTIAL
20/3/22	NETFIT CLINIC JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT	12:00 - 1:00PM	UNDER 11, UNDER 15/17 OPENS	PAT GALLAGHER NETBALL COURTS	FREE BOOKING ESSENTIAL

REGISTER TODAY VIA [NETFITNETBALL.COM/ALICE-SPRINGS](https://netfitnetball.com/alice-springs)

FREE
Glow in the dark wrist band
1-months full NETFIT App access

TIME
7:30pm- Body paint & Braid bar
8:00pm-9:00pm - Neon Workout

ALL AGES WELCOME
INVITE YOUR TEAM

BOOK NOW
netfitnetball.com/alice-springs

Pat Gallagher Netball Courts



MEET THE STARS, UNDER THE STARS

Saturday 19th March. 5:30pm - 8:00pm
CLUB EASTSIDE

The exclusive meet and greet function with Sharni, Sarah & Taylah will take you deep into all things women in sport, sharing the challenges and success stories from grassroots netball to the elite level. There will be something for players, coaches and administrators. No question is off limits.

TICKETS FREE
200 TICKETS ONLY



REGISTER TODAY VIA [NETFITNETBALL.COM/ALICE-SPRINGS](https://netfitnetball.com/alice-springs)

Play Football in 2022

Miniros Kick Off Program for Boys and girls

A fun, introductory program taught in a supportive environment for boys and girls aged between 4 and 11 years old;

Weekly sessions that build skills through progressive drills and games, and focus on fundamental movement skills;

Program delivery in an engaging and inclusive environment;

Starts 02 March, Ross Park Oval, Alice Springs

4.30pm to 5.30pm

\$125 for 8 sessions - Sports vouchers are accepted

Every Wednesday and Friday for the month of March

Registration is compulsory - please contact paula.dacosta@footballnt.com.au



Futsal

Football in Central Australia is running an indoor soccer program on Saturday mornings from the 26th February.

Expressions of Interest are being gathered for teams, but if children would like to play and do not have a team, please contact southernzone@footballnt.com.au.

DIVERSITY IS OUR GAME

INTERESTED IN PLAYING FUTSAL (INDOOR SOCCER)?

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

FUTSAL

26TH FEB - 2ND APRIL
 COST- \$50 FOR 6 WEEKS
 AGE GROUPS - U6 | U9 | U11 | U13

OLSH MARIAN CENTRE
 TEAM NOMINATIONS CLOSE SUNDAY 13TH FEBRUARY

Scan QR code to register

For more information email: southernzone@footballnt.com.au

CENTRAL REGION
SPORT EDUCATION

NETBALL TRIALS

12 Years and under
Boys & Girls

Students must be born no later than 2012 no earlier than 2010.
 Student must attend at least 1 out of the 2 trials days.

Day	Date	Time	Venue
Friday	11 March 2022	3:30-4:30pm	Pot Collogher Netball centre, outdoor courts
Friday	18 March 2022	3:30-4:30pm	Pot Collogher Netball centre, outdoor courts

Contact the Central Region Sport Education officer or your school to receive a trial permission form.

Central Region Sport Education Pathways Coordinator: Juliette (08) 8951 1696
central.doe@education.nt.gov.au
 Central Region Regional Physical Literacy and Sport Education coordinator: Fiona (08) 8951 1586
fiona.brown1@education.nt.gov.au

ALICE SPRINGS NETBALL

NET SET GO

SIX WEEK INTRODUCTION TO NETBALL
 CHILDREN AGED 5-10 YEARS
 SATURDAY MORNINGS
 FEBRUARY 26 - APRIL 2 2022

EMAIL NETBALL@ALICESPRINGSNETBALL.COM.AU TO REGISTER