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LARAPINTA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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25 March 2022

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Dear Families,

School Council

Thanks to staff and parents who attended the School Council AGM last week. New committee members were elected and the first meeting of the 2022 School Council was held on Monday. Parent council

members this year are Amanda Frankcombe, Ruth Tahere, Jemma Cann, Rachel Cann, Josef Schofield, Joseph Perez, Carl O'Sullivan, Jackie Mabasa, Sarah Crawford and Lisa Goldsworthy. Emma Chalmers and Louise Clark are invited members. Mitch Donaldson and Angela Gibbs are teacher-members this year.

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**.

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. There are only two weeks left so get in quick and don't miss out!

COVID

Over the past fortnight we have had 15 positive COVID notifications across our school. Whilst numbers are dwindling there are still cases so please remember to keep sick children at home and have children tested if they have symptoms. I appreciate this has been a difficult term for many of you, especially in families where multiple family members have contracted COVID. Let's hope the worst is behind us!

Checking in and signing out

Thanks to Miss Josie for setting up the new PASSTAB sign-in system. If you need a hand with this when you come into the office our friendly office staff will happily assist you.

**Regards,
Brenda**

SCHOOL SNAPSHOT

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

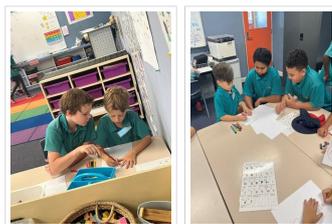
A reminder that all children riding bikes or scooters to school need to have a helmet. If children ride to school without helmets parents will be called to come to collect the bike or scooter as children may not ride home without it.

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.

BUDDY CLASSES & ANTI-BULLYING DAY ACTIVITIES

1/2 Barblett and 5/6 Donaldson



Today we started buddy class activities. We spoke about the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence, and the theme for 2022 "Kindness Culture: It Starts with You." Students created posters and books and explored what it means to be kind, both in our school and in our community. The 5/6 class tried to teach their buddies a new fitness game – hope we can play again soon! We had loads of fun and can't wait for more fun learning with our buddies!



T/1 Bellis and 3/4 Harley

T/1 Bellis and 3/4 Harley had a lovely morning. We drew, decorated and cut out hands to decorate an Anti-Bullying Pledge that we will make for both classrooms. Then we took the big kids outside for some investigations.



1/2 Dickinson and 5/6 Ah Wang

Buddies caught up and read a book about kindness. We then made kindness chatterboxes and kindness rainbows.



LIBRARY DISPLAYS BY ROOM 9

Room 9 have prepared a display in the Library for National Day against bullying / harmony day and the launch of the Chief Minister's reading challenge.

We read the book Room on the Broom - discussed including others and being kind, then worked co-operatively and collaboratively to complete the different components of the display which is now up in the library.



We will be partnering up with our buddies shortly.

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:

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

We have had another great few weeks of learning and fun based around our current interests.

The children were very excited to venture off on a scavenger hunt around the playground in search of the giant insects – ticking them off their visual checklists as they found them. This was a great example of teamwork as the children worked in small groups – supporting each other to find the insects.



We also had some wonderful science based sensory play – the coloured frozen bicarb/detergent/water cubes were dissolved by the children using coloured vinegar creating some amazing visual effects in the tuff tray. The mixture foamed, bubbled, fizzed and swirled with the children describing what they were observing – “It’s fizzing out!” “It’s a volcano.” “It looks like a rainbow.” “Now it looks like coffee.”



Games with rules have been popular with the children creating their own version of the snail race game which was inspired by the miniscule bug race short clip. There was lots of teamwork, communication and sharing of ideas involved in the creation of this game.



Making playdough has been another example of how the children can work together to achieve a shared goal – following the recipe, taking turns and negotiating about what colour it could be, was just some of the learning that occurred.



There have been some new interests emerging also – with volcanoes and space being popular topics of discussion as well

as music and movement. Stay tuned for some more learning provocations based on these interests in the next few weeks.

Thank you to all the people who volunteered to be the preschool nominee on the school council. Jemma Cann has been selected for this position.

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.*

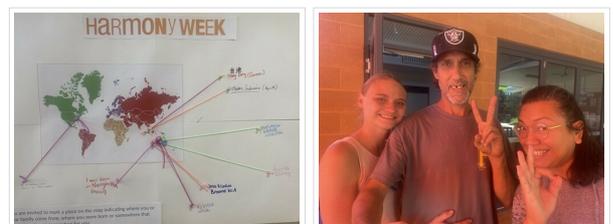
Werte!

Harmony Day Celebrations

On Monday the 22nd of March the Larapinta CFC celebrated Harmony Day. The CFC has a range of culturally diverse families that attend the service. Children engaged in activities learning about how people are different. Learning about other cultures helps us to understand different perspectives within the world in which we live in.



An adult activity we set up was a world map where families could share where they are from. There were a few families that were born in other countries other than Australia. This gave families a great opportunity to learn about someone from a different culture and how their Country differs to ours.



We finished our day off with a yummy lunch... Kangaroo stew and Damper! Our wonderful Aboriginal CFC staff took the lead to share a piece of their culture with our families.



Painting

Children have been engaging in art and craft over the past weeks. Painting supports children to develop their fine motor skills. When engaging in painting children also get to explore different learning concepts such as shapes and colours. It also provides children with the opportunity to exercise their creativity.



COMMUNITY NEWS



Alice Springs
PUBLIC LIBRARY

Multilingual STORYTIME



SPANISH
FRIDAY 18TH MARCH
3.15-4.15PM

FREE
NO BOOKING
REQUIRED



**EASTERN
ARRERENTE**
WED 23RD MARCH
12.30-1.30PM



GERMAN
FRIDAY 25TH MARCH
12.30-1.30PM

Come along wear ORANGE and join us at the Library to celebrate Harmony Week

Check out our Facebook page ASTC staff share 3 Harmony words in their language



HARMONY WEEK
EVERYONE BELONGS

CBCA BOOK WEEK 2022

Dreaming with eyes open...

CBCA 2022

Morning of the Notables

Sunday 27 March
~10:30 - 12pm ~

Children's Book Council of Australia
members and friends are invited to meet

2022 NT Judge for the Book of the Year (Early Childhood category)

Kate Burbeck

For morning tea/coffee at
Olive Pink Garden Café

Kate will bring the Early Childhood Notable Books for discussion

We will discuss which Notables you think will make the
CBCA Shortlist, announced on March 29

All welcome. For more information please contact
Celia Otley – cotley1@bigpond.com





Melinda Tankard Reist

MONDAY 4 APRIL 2022

Navigating harmful
social media messages

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION
FOR ALL
PARENTS OR GUARDIANS



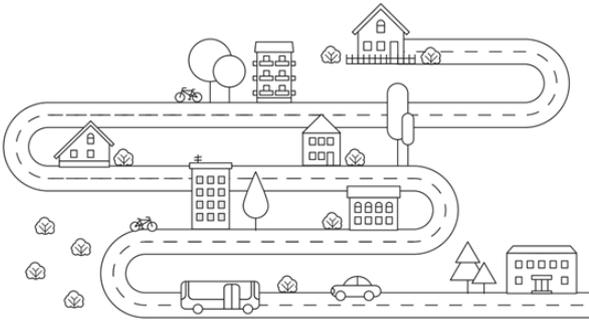
St Philip's College
The Minnamurra Hall
7:00pm

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Neighbourhood Watch NT

Neighbourhood Watch NT are partnering with the Alice Springs Cinema to host a fun event for kids during the school holidays. The event includes a free movie ticket for the kids, an opportunity for parents to sign up for a quarterly safety newsletter to also receive a free ticket, face painting, a colouring contest, and chats with both the fire and police departments.

MY NEIGHBOURHOOD!



Send your finished drawings to nhwnt@nhwnt.org.au for your chance to be featured on our Facebook page. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NT



FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAY CINEMA DAY!

Neighbourhood Watch NT are hosting a free family fun day and screening of *The Bad Guys* at the Alice Springs Cinema and you are invited! Children and adults who subscribe to NHWNT receive free movie entry! **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Get your face painted, enter our colouring in competition, win a Candy Bar voucher, meet your local Police Officers and Fire Fighters and then sit back for a free screening of *The Bad Guys*.

Date: Friday, 15th April 2022

Time: Fun from 11:00am, movie from 12:00pm

Register: scan the QR code to get your free tickets on Eventbrite.



Please find above, a poster and colouring contest sheet. All kids are welcome to colour it in ahead of time or at the event, which begins an hour before the film.

COME & TRY SOFTBALL

Sunday 27 March 9am - 12pm
Jim McConville Oval

Adults and Kids • BBQ Games • Registration

Leave us your email for more info!



Children and Antibiotics

Upcoming Research Study

An Invitation to Participate

Researchers at Charles Darwin University (CDU) are inviting parents/caregivers to participate in small focus group interviews as part of a study exploring parental perspectives about the use of antibiotics in meeting the health care needs of their children.

Your insights as parents will provide the researchers with valuable information in this research area. We are seeking participants who have children aged between 0-12yrs, who live in or around Alice Springs and are able to participate in a 1-hour focus group interview via zoom.

A \$50.00 Coles gift voucher will be given to each participant at the end of the study as a thank you for your time and contribution. If you are interested, please contact the research team (stephanie.marsh2@students.cdu.edu.au) for further study details.

Thank you.

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 Scan code for website



SQUASH COACHING



Details

- Starts Wednesday 9th March.
- Age 6 to 10 at 3:30pm-4pm Age 10+ years 4pm to 5pm.
- Cost \$2 per child.
- At Get Physical Squash and Fitness. 13 Gap Road.
- Ph 89523233 or Jenny on 0419419001.
- Indoor fully airconditioned squash courts.
- Every Wednesday for the school term.

Play Football in 2022

Miniroos 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



STARTS MAR 2

MINIROOS KICK OFF

An introductory football program for BOYS AGED 4-11 YEARS



Get active and learn to play play football in a fun, safe and inclusive learning environment

4.30pm to 5.30pm
Every Wednesday and Friday
for the month of March
at Ross Park - Alice Springs
\$125.00 for 8 sessions

For more information: paula.dacosta@footballnt.com.au



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