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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Dear Families,

National Reconciliation Week

Today marks the start of National Reconciliation Week. The theme this year is "Be Brave, Make Change." Our staff came together today for a special breakfast to mark this occasion and are talking in classrooms about ways that we can all be brave and make change.



The week is book-ended by two significant dates, the anniversaries of the successful 1967 Referendum where Australians voted to amend two parts of the Constitution that excluded Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and the High Court Mabo land rights decision.

Reconciliation Week is a time for us to reflect and learn about our history and to celebrate and acknowledge our shared cultures and achievements.

Performances

Next Friday and the following Tuesday we have performances for students at the school. Musica Viva will bring us 'Music in My Suitcase' and for the first time we have a Taiko Japanese drumming performance. Notes have gone home regarding payment for these performances if families didn't pay from

their Back-to-School payment. Please make sure to send the payment so your children can participate in and enjoy these experiences.

Attendance and lateness

We still have a lot of children arriving late for school. We expect that children will be here to start their morning lessons at 8.30am. When students come late they disrupt the flow of learning in the classroom as the teacher needs to explain the lessons again that have already been introduced to the class. Children who come late miss important learning, part of, or whole lessons. This means they have gaps in their understanding, learning and progress. Children cannot do well at school unless they have strong attendance, including arriving to school on time. Please help your child to be at school by 8.30am each day.

Unfortunately we also have children being picked up late or families forgetting to collect their children at the end of the day! It is important that families can be contacted – if your number has changed or you need to add an extra contact please come and let us know at the office. The end of the school day is 2.50pm and all children should have been collected by 3.10pm at the latest. Staff have other commitments after school and are not on duty to supervise children past this time. A reminder too that children from the primary school are not able to go to the preschool to wait for siblings and parents but need to be collected from the primary school.

2022 Teaching in the Territory Excellence Awards - Nominate now

Nominations for the 2022 Teaching in the Territory Excellence Awards are now open and will close on Friday 24 June 2022.

The awards are an opportunity to recognise and celebrate the outstanding contributions of school teachers, principals, leaders and support staff who are making a difference in the lives of NT students.

Read the attached nomination guide for more information on award categories and nomination requirements.

Nominations can be submitted here.

**Kind regards,
Brenda**

SCHOOL SNAPSHOT

EISTEDDFOD

This week 19 students from Larapinta participated in the Speech and Drama component of the Centralian Eisteddfod. This was the culmination of months of hard work and dedication.

Students from years 3 – 6 performed with distinction by reciting poetry, memorising poems and even reading impromptu news bulletins.

Well done to all students from Larapinta, and especially to Alannah and Layla (1st Place), Troy, Alvin and TJ (all Highly Commended). Thank you to Mr Donaldson and Ms Raybould for their great work with our Eisteddfod entrants.



REMINDERS

Healthy Eating

IDEAS IN NUTRITION

Label reading

If it comes in a packet, remember to check it.

Most food that comes unpackaged is healthy including **fruits, vegetables, fresh meat, nuts and seeds.**

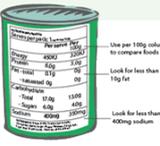
Packaged food can be healthy or unhealthy. Understanding how to read nutrition information can help you make healthy choices.

Better choices include:

- ✓ lower in energy (kJ)
- ✓ lower in saturated and trans fat
- ✓ lower in sugar and sodium (salt)
- ✓ higher in dietary fibre.

Find out more about label reading:
tinyurl.com/mrxj48cr

NT HEALTH



Nutrition Facts	
Per 100g	
Energy	4000 kJ
Total Fat	15g
Saturated Fat	10g
Trans Fat	0.5g
Total Sugar	100g
Sodium	400mg
Dietary Fibre	5g

Use per 100g column for comparison.

Look for less than 15g Fat

Look for less than 400mg sodium



School uniform

A reminder that as per the uniform policy, students are required to wear the correct school uniform each day; that is the school shirt, navy shorts, skorts or trackpants and that the Larapinta school jumper or jacket is also required. Students should not come in coloured jumpers, jackets or hoodies.

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 and take away from precious

teaching and learning time as disputes are resolved. We are unable to follow up missing items so please leave them at home.

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

The weather has taken a cold turn as we head into the winter months – perfect sunny days to enjoy the outdoors! Please remember to name your children's clothing so that we can keep track of what belongs to who. Hats are also still a required for outdoor play so please remember to send one along each day (and maybe a beanie too if you prefer for the mornings).

Coughs and colds are also doing the rounds – please keep your children home if they are unwell.

We started our library days last week with the children on Tuesdays and Thursdays being able to have the opportunity to select a book from the library trolley. The children were very prompt in their decision making and were excited to be able to take a book home to share with their families. If you would like your child to participate, please send along a named library bag (plastic bag/canvas bag) and place it in the bag box in your child's room.

Together with the ELC, we have been working on creating our own mini version of the play pod that is a very popular play area up at the primary school. We have collected crates, tubes, vinyl squares, boxes, pots and pans, home corner equipment, pallets, different types of wheels, fabric, and pegs and placed them near the trees in the back playground. There has been so many cool creations and wonderful role play experiences in this

space already and we cannot wait to see this continue as we add more resources to the play space.



We had a visit from Hector the Road Safety Cat on Thursday 19th May, and the children were very excited to have him in our classroom. They learnt about the importance of being safe near the road - STOP, LOOK, LISTEN and THINK and always hold an adult's hand when crossing the road, wearing a seat belt when we are in the car and having a safe and secure helmet on when we are on our bikes/scooters. Thank you to the staff at the CFC for organizing this visit.

We are hoping to have more incursion visits based on our interest in community helpers and would like to ask if any police/firefighters/ambulance officers/vets/doctors/nurses/pilots would like to come and talk to the children and share some information about their jobs, please get in contact with us at the 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.
We live and work on Arremte Country.*

Werte!

Bringing up Great Kids (BUGK)

Currently the CFC is running a 6 week Bringing up Great Kids (BUGK) program. BUGK is a reflective, mindful, respectful program that provides parents with an opportunity to reflect on their parenting journey. These sessions provide a friendly and safe environment for parents to learn from each other as they continue their parenting journey.



CFC Healthy Day

Last Thursday the CFC held a Healthy Day. Children engaged in activities that focused on learning positive messages around hygiene, health and nutrition. Kids and families had fun seeing inside their ears, making fruit kebabs and playing with slime. We had 2 special guest attend the centre; Hector the Safety Cat and Milpa (Trachoma education). They shared their positive messages and then got photos with everyone!



COMMUNITY NEWS






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"My son really enjoys his classes and has gained a lot of confidence. He enjoys working with his coach and looks forward to his class every week." Chris (father of student)

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Where?
Centralian Senior
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Grevillea Drive

Search for children in Larapinta Primary School who follow in Fred Hollows' footsteps



The Fred Hollows Foundation is calling for nominations for the annual Fred Hollows Humanity Award, which recognises Year 6 students who demonstrate compassion, integrity and kindness towards others.

Parents, teachers, principals and members of communities around the country can nominate a child who is making a difference via the link below before Friday 22 July.

<http://www.hollows.org/fredhollowshumanityaward>

Since 2012, the Fred Hollows Humanity Award has recognised more than 2000 students nationwide, who follow in Fred's footsteps by making a positive difference in the lives of others.

Whether it is helping someone in need, volunteering or fundraising for a good cause, children in Larapinta Primary School making a tremendous contribution to our community and the Fred Hollows Humanity Award is a great opportunity for them to be recognised.

Previous year's nominees included a boy from the ACT who taught himself Auslan to communicate with a profoundly deaf classmate, a girl from Victoria who raised awareness and funds for refugees and a boy from Tasmania who provided ongoing support to a classmate with a serious medical condition.

All nominees will receive a certificate and be recognised at a presentation ceremony later in the year.

Each state and territory will also recognise a Junior Ambassador who will be able to extend their humanity by allocating \$5,000, donated by the award's charity partner Specsavers, to one of The Foundation's programs to end avoidable blindness.

"Fred used to say the basic attribute of mankind is to look after each other," said Gabi Hollows, Founding Director of The Fred Hollows Foundation.

"He would be so proud to know The Fred Hollows Humanity Award is recognising students who are demonstrating this belief in their own lives.

"I am constantly inspired by the actions of award recipients and I urge people to nominate a Year 6 student in their area who embodies the values of compassion, integrity and kindness."

Nominations are now open and close 11.59pm, Friday 22 July. To see examples of past Junior Ambassadors and to nominate a Year 6 student, go to:

<http://www.hollows.org/fredhollowshumanityaward>

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Write and create a book and you could be the Young Territory Author of the Year

First Prize of \$500

+ School Entry Prize of \$500

+ CBCA NT Wow Award of \$200

+ Age group + regional winners

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Pick up an entry form from any public library or school throughout the Northern Territory or download it from darwin.nt.gov.au/ytaa

Entries close
27 August 2022

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