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ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Families,

The weather has been much cooler this week but (according to the Bureau of Meteorology) it is set to warm up again next week. Please remind your child to put their discarded clothing into their bags and zip them up when/if they take them off during the day. Also check that their name is clearly written on the tag so we can return lost items to their owners. If you are missing things, pop into the front office to check the pile of abandoned items – hats, jumpers, jackets, drink bottles etc.

School Survey

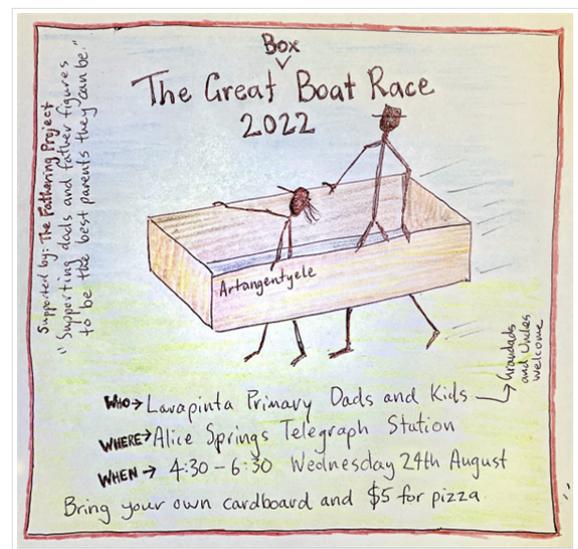
It's that time of year again when we send out our school survey to get feedback from families. A link has been sent to all families via SMS. It should only take a few minutes of your time, but your feedback will help us to improve our work at Larapinta.

To access the 2022 survey, please follow this link:

<https://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/LarapintaSchoolParentSurvey2022>

Dads Group

Two of our dads, Josef Schofield and Carl O'Sullivan have planned an evening for dads on **Wednesday August 24th** at the **Telegraph Station**. It's a great box boat building event (BYO cardboard) from 4.30-6.30pm. This is for kids and fathers (and father figures in kids' lives – grandfathers, uncles, big brothers). Come along and join in the fun!



School Concert

Our annual school concert will be held on **Thursday 15th September**. Our student leaders have collated the feedback from all classes and this year's theme will be **"A Road Trip Around Australia"**. More information will be sent to families in the coming weeks, but please mark this date on your calendars and join us for a fun evening of singing and dancing!

Science Week

Next week is National Science Week. The theme for this year is **"Glass: More than meets the eye"**. Mrs Simpson has been working hard behind the scenes to organise a fabulous hands-on experience for all our classes. All classes will have the opportunity to work with their buddy class to explore activities like making a kaleidoscope, peering through a telescope, and making stained-glass art pieces. The activities will be set up for the week, and classes can return as often as they like!

Book Week

The Book Week theme for 2022 is **"Dreaming with eyes open"**. We will hold our costume parade on **Thursday 25th August at 8:45am** – please join us if you are able! Students who do not want to dress up should come to school in their school uniforms.

Updated Contact Details

Families are reminded that we need current phone numbers and addresses for all our families, so we can contact you quickly in the event of an emergency. Please either drop into the office, call the school on 8958 5155 or send an email larapinta.primary@education.nt.gov.au if you have changed phone number or address.

Brenda will be out of the school next week, acting in the role of Senior Director Education, Central Region. The rest of the team will still be here to keep things running smoothly, so please let us know if you we can help you with anything.

Enjoy a fun-filled family weekend!

**Regards,
Jackie**

SCHOOL SNAPSHOT

FRISBEE CLUB

Frisbee Club is a fun after school activity that is run by Mr. D. Mr. Atkins and Tui also sometimes come and play with us. We normally start off by finding a partner or forming a group of three, and practise throwing frisbees to each other, including different types of throws. Then, when we are warmed up, we do an activity called the "Chuppa Chup Challenge". We play a few rounds of that game then play a proper game of Ultimate Frisbee, which is the official sport of Frisbee. Mr. D selects the teams fairly and we end the day with a fun game. Overall, Frisbee Club is a blast and great fun.



ROBOTICS CLUB

Robotics is an after school club for students in Years 2-6. In this club we work on Lego robots and code them. Soon we will use our robots and coding skills against other schools in different challenges based on what we have learnt. Mrs Simpson is the mega mind of technology and our teacher in the club. It's enjoyable, interesting and challenging. We have learnt a lot of useful skills.

Lachie and Alvin (inaugural members)



VOLUNTARY PARENT CONTRIBUTION

The Larapinta School Council has set the parent contribution for Primary School students at \$110 per year or \$55.00 per semester. This voluntary contribution allows us to enhance the offerings to our students including: IT Resources such as Apps and access up to the minute hardware and software; additional enhanced consumable resources to assist student learning; and enrichment opportunities beyond the performances parents pay for via the Back-to-School voucher.

For Preschool students the contribution is \$200 per year or \$50.00 per ten-week term. The Preschool contributions allow us to enhance the offerings to our preschool students and enables us to run activities such as painting, making play dough, collage and home corner dress-ups as well as cooking. This payment helps to ensure we can continue to provide a high-quality early childhood education for your child.

If you haven't paid your contribution for the year yet, please come in to the front office at the school and do so – it's never too late!

REMINDERS

Healthy Eating

IDEAS IN NUTRITION

Eat a rainbow



Did you know that different coloured fruit and vegetables give you different benefits?

Eating a rainbow of fruits and vegetables helps you get all their benefits. It can make your plate look great too!

Red fruits and vegetables are high in lycopene, a powerful antioxidant. Lycopene can reduce your risk of a number of cancers.

Carotenoids found in orange and yellow fruits and vegetables promote eye health.

Leafy green vegetables contain plenty of folate to promote healthy growing children.

Find out more about colourful fruit and vegetables:
tinyurl.com/murupaw



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. It is still cold in the mornings so please ensure children come in a jumper to avoid them becoming sick from the cold.

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.

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!

Excursion to Athwerrke (Emily Gap)

FaFT went on a little adventure to Athwerrke (Emily Gap). Little children's brains grow strong when they experience special things with their caregivers. Children's brains grow through the connections they have with adults and places.

There is still a lot of water at Athwerrke! We made boats from pieces of bark and tested how far they could float. You have to be very careful to float a bark boat, place it in the water and give it a gentle push. The water was very very cold and it made our fingers and toes a bit chilly. We adventured in the creek bed and found a tree with hundreds and hundreds of finches. The finches were a bit scared of us though and they flew away. Then we found a big tree that had fallen over when the creek

flooded, it was a great tree for balancing on and lots of little people had a try walking along the trunk of the tree. We had a picnic together in the warm sun and just a couple little people fell asleep in the bus on the way home.



National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Day

Last Thursday the Larapinta Child and Family Centre celebrated National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day. This year's theme was 'My Dreaming, My Future'. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children are born into stories of their family, culture, and Country. Their Dreaming is part of their history, while their futures are their own to shape.



Kids and families had a wonderful day engaging in activities that celebrated Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Culture. A favourite activity was the 'Make your own Damper', kids were able to make their dough from scratch then watch it cook on the fire.



<https://www.facebook.com/LarapintaCFC/videos>

Chalk Drawing

CFC staff and families worked together to create some chalk art for the entrance of the Larapinta Child and Family Centre (CFC). The artwork was to promote Two-way learning. Two-way learning connects people from different cultures and backgrounds and enables them to learn with and from one another. Here at the CFC we believe it is important to incorporate Aboriginal culture into every day learning as we live, learn and grow on Arrernte Country.



Kids copied picture cards to draw Aboriginal symbols on the footpath. We also practiced naming bush foods, symbols and tracks in Arrernte.



Kele Mwerre!

PRESCHOOL NEWS

Werte from preschool

We have been very busy this week - following on with our healthy eating topic and exploring the different fruits and vegetables that have been brought in for show and tell.

Our tinkering table has kept the children very busy - they have taken apart a couple of old stereos, a traffic light and even a bike! There has been lots of wonderful learning observed as the children work together to try and remove different parts from the various items. There were lots of discoveries made along the way - like finding things that spin, bounce, look like letters or lights, can be pushed and are springy. The children found lots of things that were magnetic too! Do you have anything cool at home the children could take apart? Let us know!!



Our children love a physical challenge so we thought that a slack line would be a great addition to the playground. It definitely proved to be a welcome addition and the children were up to the challenge! With teacher support, they made their way one by one across the bouncy, wobbly, springy line. It was lovely to see the children also support one another to get across - holding hands and verbally encouraging their peers. We will set it up regularly so the children can keep practicing...I wonder who will be the first one to make it across unassisted?



COMMUNITY NEWS

St Philip's College
Production of

ROALD DAHL
Matilda
THE MUSICAL
JR.

BOOK
DENNIS KELLY

MUSIC AND LYRICS
TIM MINCHIN

Orchestrations and Additional Music by
Chris Nightingale

Wednesday 31st August
Thursday 1st September
Friday 2nd September

The Minnamurra Hall 7:30pm - 9:30pm
Adult \$15 | Child/Concession \$10

BOOK NOW

Licensed exclusively by Music Theatre International (Australia). All performance materials supplied by Hal Leonard Australia.

FREE WORKSHOP MY CHILD & AUTISM

A free interactive workshop for parents and family members of children (0-6 years) on the autism spectrum or those who have concerns about their child.

DATE: Thursday, 11 August 2022

TIME: 10am - 2.30pm - Lunch will be provided

REGISTER ONLINE AT:

<https://autismsa.org.au/events/my-child-and-autism-alice-springs/>

This workshop will help you:

- Understand what autism is, and what it means for your child and your family
- Develop practical strategies that can make a difference to your child's development
- Understand early intervention services and supports for your family.

Early Days workshops are held in small groups and give families opportunities to share ideas with each other. They are run by highly skilled and experienced early childhood professionals.

For more information:

To be held at:
Gumtree Room, Mercure Alice Springs, 34 Stott Terrace
w. www.earlydays.com.au f. /EarlyDaysWorkshopsAU



Early Days is funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services.

Early Days Overview & Schedule

Early Days is a series of FREE workshops and webinars for parents and other family members of young children (0-6 years) who are on the autism spectrum or who have concerns about their child.

Topics

My Child & Autism

- Understand what autism is, and what it means for your child and your family
- Practical strategies that can make a difference to your child's development
- Understand early intervention services and supports for your family

My Child & Autism (Girls)

- Understand what autism is, and what it means for your daughter and your family
- Practical strategies that can make a difference to your daughter's development
- Understand early intervention services and supports for your family

Understanding Behaviour

- Understand why your child has certain behaviours
- Develop strategies for reducing behaviours of concern
- Plan for success
- Support your child

Helping my Child Cope With Change

- Understand why change is difficult for young children
- Identify challenges and successes for when change occurs
- Make a plan to help your child and family cope
- Develop strategies for day-to-day, minor, major and unexpected changes

Progression to School

- Plan for a successful transition to school
- Identify what you, your child and the school need to know
- Develop strategies to help your child prepare for school
- Identify what your child will enjoy about school

Encouraging Interaction Through Play & Social Learning

- Understand the importance of play
- Learn ways to incorporate play into everyday life
- Learn fun practical strategies that encourage interaction with your child
- Build on your child's current interests

Developing my Child's Independence Skills

- Understand the importance of developing independence skills in young children
- Identify independence skills that may be difficult for your child, such as eating, sleeping or toileting
- Make a plan and develop strategies for your child

For more information:

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 F: www.facebook.com/EarlyDaysWorkshopsAU
 W: www.earlydays.com.au

Upcoming Workshops and Webinars

DATE	TOPIC	TIME	VENUE
1 August 2022	Understanding Behaviour	10am - 2:00pm	Online
9 August 2022	My Child and Autism	10am - 2:30pm	Darwin, Northern Territory
24 August 2022	Helping my child cope with change	9:30am - 12:30pm	Autism SA, Southern Hub
7 September 2022	My Child and Autism	10am - 2:30pm	Autism SA, Southern Hub
13 September 2022	Progression to school	9:30am - 12:30pm	Online
26 September 2022	My Child and Autism - Girls	10am - 2pm	Online
20 October 2022	Developing my Child's Independence Skills	9:30am - 12:30pm	Autism SA, Northern Hub
28 November 2022	Encouraging Interaction	9:30am - 12:30pm	Online

Early Days free workshops/webinars are funded by the Department of Social Services, Australian Government.

NEWLAND PARK ROAD SAFETY CENTRE

OPEN SATURDAYS 10AM TO 2PM FROM
6 AUGUST TO 26 NOVEMBER 2022

Covid-19 event safety plan in place

Practice safe riding

Bring your own bike & helmet

Get the kids outdoors

Security onsite

towardszero.nt.gov.au

In Home Care Support Agency for NT

Would you like to become an In Home Care Educator?

Are you looking to work around your studies?

In home care Educators provide education and care for families who work non-standard or variable hours, live in a geographically isolated area or have complex or challenging needs. Care is provided in the family home.

If this sounds like an opportunity you would like to explore, then contact the Agency team today!

An Australian Government Initiative

The In Home Care Program is funded by the Australian Government Department of Education, Skills and Employment as part of the Child Care Package.

Call 1300 164 202 and ask to speak to the
In Home Care Support Agency or email us on
inhomecaresupportagencynt@wanslea.org.au

150th anniversary Parks Alive

Tennant Creek Telegraph Station Dinner under the Stars

Come and celebrate the history of the Overland Telegraph Line.

Join us for a Dinner under the Stars and discover more about our local history.

Celebration Family friendly event

When: Saturday 20 August
Time: 5.00 - 8.00 pm
What's on? John McDouall Stuart play, Historic talks, Live music, Displays & Food stalls
Bring: Chair / picnic blanket
 Entry by donation. This includes a chance to win the raffle prize.

Ask about other events happening throughout the Territory.

Parks and Wildlife NT
 Visit: nt.gov.au/parks/learn-and-be-involved/activities-events
 & www.et150.net

150th anniversary *Parks Alive*

Alice Springs Telegraph Station Open Day Competitions

Have you got what it takes to live in 1872? Can you cook a meal from rations? Have you got (or can you make) an 1870s beard?

Best beards and bully beef rations stew

When: Saturday 13 August
Judging at 1.30 pm
Time: 11.00 am to 3.00 pm
Where: Historic Precinct
What's on? BEARD COMPETITION
2 categories:
- best lookalike real beard
- best created beard (open to everyone, all ages)
BULLY BEEF STEW
Best stew made from rations. Must contain carrots, potatoes, onion and tinned corned beef.
FREE ENTRY TO PRECINCT

Take the opportunity to walk or ride along the Riverside Path to the Open Day.

Ask about other events happening throughout the Territory.

ParksandWildlifeNT
Visit: nt.gov.au/parks/learn-and-be-involved/activities-events & www.ot150.net

150th anniversary *Parks Alive*

Barrow Creek Telegraph Station Open Day

Learn about the history of Barrow Creek Telegraph Station.

Experts will be giving talks about local history. Free tea and coffee available.

A great opportunity to ask questions and explore.

When: Tuesday
16 August
Time: 10.00 am - 3.00pm

Ask about other events happening throughout the Territory.

ParksandWildlifeNT
Visit: nt.gov.au/parks/learn-and-be-involved/activities-events & www.ot150.net

150th anniversary *Parks Alive*

Alice Springs Telegraph Station Play Group

Come and play at the Alice Springs Telegraph Station. Special storytime at 10 am with the Alice Springs Library.

Suitable for kids 5 years and under

When: Thursday
11 August
Time: 9.00 am to 12.00 noon
Where: Historic Precinct
What's on? Fun games for young kids and a special library storytime at 10.00 am.
Bring: Picnic rug & packed lunch.
FREE ENTRY FOR LOCALS

Upcoming event: also look out for the Alice Springs Telegraph Station Open Day on 13 August.

Ask about other events happening throughout the Territory.

ParksandWildlifeNT
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150th anniversary *Parks Alive*

Alice Springs Telegraph Station Open Day

Come and experience how the people of Alice Springs lived 150 years ago.

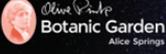
All buildings will be open.

When: Saturday
13 August
Time: 11.00 am to 3.00 pm
Where: Historic Precinct
What's on? Historic and cultural talks & displays, horse-shoeing, damper & jam making, children's activities, Scouts food stall
FREE ENTRY

Take the opportunity to walk or ride to the Open Day.

Ask about other events happening throughout the Territory.

ParksandWildlifeNT
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 **DESERT SONG FESTIVAL**



Olive Pink Opera

7 - 8 OCTOBER 2022
Olive Pink Botanic Garden



Scan this QR code for more info and to book tickets.

TICKETS SELLING FAST - BOOK NOW

 Olive Pink Botanic Garden Facebook



The Olive Pink Opera produced by the Olive Pink Botanic Garden, and proudly presented by the 2022 Desert Song Festival and Central Australian Song Inc. Privately sponsored by:

Go to www.opbg.com.au for further information



 **ISAIAH FIREBRACE**

YOUTH SERVICES ACTIVITIES

IS COMING TO 3 BROWN STREET!

ISAIAH WILL PERFORM AND TELL THE INCREDIBLE STORY OF HOW HE TRANSFORMED HIS LIFE FROM HARSHIP TO INTERNATIONAL ACCLAIM AND FAME.



PLUS
FAMILY BBQ
FROM 6.00PM-7.00PM

WEDNESDAY 17TH AUGUST 7.30PM-8.30PM 3 BROWN STREET

FREE Guided Activities
Come get wild with us!

Parks Alive

Alice Springs Telegraph Station Historical Reserve

Morsecode in Action

See the Old Telegraph Station come to life.
Come and meet the SA / NT Morsecodians Fraternity's Laurie Wallace and learn how the first text messages were sent.

Interactive Activity
Great activity for kids of all ages.

When: Friday 19 August until Saturday 27 August
Time: 10.00 am to 3.00 pm
Duration: 15 - 20 mins - anytime throughout the session
Meet: Old Post Office in the Historic Precinct
Bring: Questions
Entry fees may apply



Ask about other free Ranger guided walks and talks happening throughout the Territory.

 ParksandWildlifeNT