



**every child a success...**  
LARAPINTA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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25 August 2022

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Dear Families,

We have just passed the half-way mark of Term 3, and although it has been a busy term so far, things have been relatively calm here at school. We still have many things to look forward to in the next few weeks.

### School Survey

Many thanks to the families who have completed the school survey. It is not too late to provide us with some feedback. We would love to know what we do well, so take a few minutes to follow this link:

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

### Science Week

Thanks to Mrs Simpson's fantastic organisational skills, Mr Carter's solar telescope (and Mrs Mullins' timetabling magic!), classes were able to work with their buddies last week to investigate reflection and refraction, make kaleidoscopes and musical instruments with glasses of coloured water, and even look at the sun to see solar flares – how exciting!



### Book Week

The theme for this year is "Dreaming with Eyes Open" and we are encouraging all our students to see the magic in books by reading a wide variety of them throughout this week (and every week!). We encouraged everyone to dress-up as their

favourite **book character** on Thursday 25th August and invited families to join us in the hall at 8:45am for a character parade. Students and families put in an amazing effort, and we had some fabulous costumes.



Book Week 2022

### New Resources

We wore yellow for Reconciliation Week a few weeks ago and raised over \$200 to buy some fantastic books (in Arrernte) from Children's Ground. Mrs McGifford presented them to Miss Carrie at assembly on Friday. Once they are catalogued, children will be able to borrow them and read them at home.

Regards,

**Brenda and Jackie**

## SCHOOL SNAPSHOT

### BOAT BUILDING

Kids and dads made and raced cardboard boats at the Telegraph Station on Wednesday night! What a great way to spend an evening. Thanks to Joe Schofield and Carl O'Sullivan for organising – looks like a lot of fun!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0329QSsOZGA>

### PLAY POD

Students have been rocking, rolling, making and creating in the Play Pod this week!



[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7ZJwTuf\\_MM8](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7ZJwTuf_MM8)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X7ghfCKVzs>

## SCHOOL GARDEN

New life is being breathed into the school garden! Members of the Environment Team (Ariella, Sai, Ariel, Tia, Isabella R, Chloe W, Ashlyn, Anya, Lexi and April), as well as a number of other Larapinta students (with support from Ms. Finlay and Ms. Gibbs), have been getting their hands dirty weeding, preparing the garden beds for planting, and washing the gardening equipment. The T-2 classes have also started composting their food scraps so that there's lots of lovely, nutritious compost to feed to the plants. Ms. Harley is also about to start running a gardening elective, so lots more gardening projects in the pipeline.

We couldn't have done this without a generous donation of composting equipment and potting mix from Bunnings, or without Jarrad Simpson's expertise and logical thinking to help us get the irrigation system flowing – thank you, Bunnings and Jarrad!

We're also very keen for families to get involved. Contact Angela Gibbs if gardening is your thing – [angela.gibbs@education.nt.gov.au](mailto:angela.gibbs@education.nt.gov.au)

Otherwise, stay tuned for more photos and updates as things take shape!

### **Ms. Finlay and Ms. Gibbs**



*The starting point!*



## BELLA GIRLS

Throughout Term 2 and Term 3, a group of girls in Years 3-6 participated in the Bella Girl group, exploring concepts like friendship, gratefulness and motivation through lots of games and activities. Thank you to the wonderful Rachel and Jemma Cann for running it!



## 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 into the front office at the school and do so – it's never too late!

## REMINDERS

### Celebrating Birthdays

We love to celebrate birthdays at Larapinta and always acknowledge students' special day with a birthday song. Due to the number of students who have allergies and in the interest of equity **we request that parents do not bring cakes, icy poles, or other food to share with the class.** We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

### 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:

<https://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 Arremte Country.*

## Werte!

### Girls Can Boys Can

Last week FaFT continued to focus on learning about gender stereotypes through engaging kids and families in activities linked to Girls Can Boys Can. Kids engaged in reading books that promote girls and boys becoming whoever they want to be as well as engaging in conversations during painting using the Girls Can Boys Can resources to spark children's thinking.



## Tea Parties

FaFT kids have enjoyed playing tea parties in the home corner. Children have discussed matching shapes and colours, talking about foods and drinks and practicing sharing. Home Corner play allows children to make sense of their world.



## Transitioning

Last Friday some of the CFC kids visited big school for a special early year's assembly. Transitioning into new environments can be difficult for little kids so it is important to support them to build their confidence to adapt to new spaces. Allowing enough time so children make the transition gradually is the best way to avoid stressful situations.



## Kurrkurrka/Owls

Trudy Inkamala is a local Aboriginal Artist. Trudy's Kurrkurrka (owl) artworks have been chosen to be displayed in Lyndavale Park in the new development. Trudy has strong connections to many families throughout the Larapinta Community and the Child and Family Centre.

The Larapinta Child and Family Centre are helping to create 2 prototypes of the Kurrkurrka artwork. Kids enjoyed painting the bases and looking at pictures of Trudy's artwork. We can't wait until they are all painted and we can display them so the Larapinta Community can 'meet' the Kurrkurrka!



## Kele Mwerre!

## PRESCHOOL NEWS

### Werte from preschool

We have been having a great time celebrating all things science over the past few weeks. 'Glass - more than meets the eye' was the theme and we had fun exploring glass as well as doing other fun experiments.



We had a great discussion about glass objects that led to learning about the words transparent, translucent, and opaque - big words for our preschoolers but they were quick to pick up on the meaning of them and went on to identify different everyday objects that were either transparent, translucent, or opaque - like jars, spoons, lunch boxes and drink bottles.

It was fun comparing how cornflour changes its consistency when it is mixed with hot or cold water. When mixed with hot water, it is thick and gluggy. When it is mixed with cold water it is runny and makes oobleck.



We even baked some glass cookies using boiled sweets - the children hypothesised about what they thought may happen to the cookies when they were put in the oven - with some thinking that they may cause the oven to explode!!!

We experimented with bicarb soda and coloured vinegar - using droppers and spray bottles. This led on to exploring colour mixing as the colours swirled and blended.



Such a busy few weeks of learning and discovering!!

We explored how ice melts - does it melt faster in the sun? Why?

We investigated what happens when you mix diet coke with mentos - will it fizz? Will it bubble? Will it erupt? One of the children said that the reaction that occurred was, "EPIC!"

We headed up to the school with our buddies to check out the awesome Science Week activities that were set up in the hall. It was an amazing opportunity for the children who loved exploring the magnifying glasses, kaleidoscopes, microscopes, and overhead projector. The children were so excited to share their discoveries with their peers, teachers and families.

# No school No service



During school hours, school-aged children **MUST** be with an adult or have a leave pass, or they will not be served.

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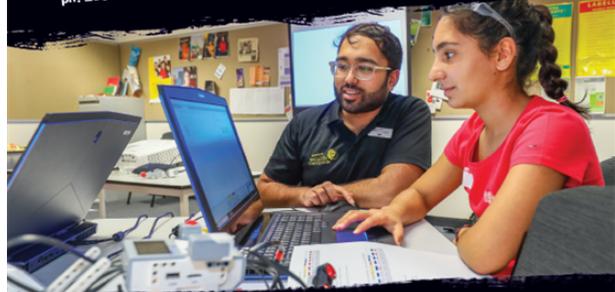


## Questacon INVENTION CONVENTION

**FREE**  
Open to 14-19 year olds

Alice Springs, NT  
**4-6 OCT 2022**  
**REGISTER NOW**  
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ph: 1800 889 995

Do you have an idea to improve the world around you but don't know where to start?  
The Questacon Invention Convention is a three-day workshop that explores design and technology, innovation and local careers in STEM.  
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## OT Inspire Happy Hands

OT Inspire is running a **FREE** fine motor skills group for kids!

Fine motor skills are the small hand movements that help with everything from handwriting to dressing, to using scissors or playing sports.

This group will help build skills, confidence and creativity.

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**  
Every Wednesday 3:30pm  
OT Inspire Office: 10 Hele Crescent, Ciccone

**FOR BOOKINGS PLEASE CONTACT**  
[ADMIN@OTINSPIRE.COM.AU](mailto:ADMIN@OTINSPIRE.COM.AU)  
PH: 0459 584 602



## Multilingual STORYTIME

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**FREE NO BOOKING REQUIRED**

*En español*  
**Toy Story**

**IN SPANISH!**  
@ YOUR LIBRARY  
**FRIDAY 23 SEPT 3.15PM**

Come along and enjoy Toy Story, one of Disney's Classics.  
Learn and practice some Spanish words!  
Includes fun craft activities as well!

**Cuentos de siempre**





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Production of



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**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**



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**Early Days Overview & Schedule**

earlydays  
promoting development of  
young children on the autism spectrum

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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W: [www.earlydays.com.au](http://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
26 October 2022	Developing my Child's Independence Skills	9:30am - 12:30pm	Autism SA, Northern Hub
26 November 2022	Encouraging Interaction	9:30am - 12:30pm	Online

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



**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

[www.earlydays.com.au](http://www.earlydays.com.au) f. /EarlyDaysWorkshopsAU




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

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**Get the kids outdoors**

**Security onsite**



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7 - 8 OCTOBER 2022

Olive Pink Botanic Garden



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The Olive Pink Opera produced by the Olive Pink Botanic Garden, and jointly produced by the 2022 Desert Song Festival and Central Australian Singing Inc.  
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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.

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**Time:** 10.00 am to 3.00 pm  
**Duration:** 15 - 20 mins - anytime throughout the session  
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