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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



HARMONY WEEK

Along with class and whole-school activities, we celebrated Harmony Week at Larapinta with a beautiful concert that took us on a journey around the world. The concert began with students Kilynn, Kuhlani and Skylah performing a traditional Aboriginal women's dance whilst their grandmothers sang in language. Their nanas; Hilda, Isabel and Rita also sang to close out our concert. They are members of the Central Australian women's choir and have performed in Brisbane, Sydney, and Melbourne, as well as travelling to Germany and America to perform. Many thanks to the girls and their grandmothers for sharing their culture with us on Harmony Day!



All the classes did a fabulous job and learned new things along the way. It was amazing to see the cultural diversity within every class in our school. We continue to welcome and invite families to share aspects of culture at Larapinta, not just in Harmony Week. Please see your child's teacher if you would like to come in – our kids will benefit so much, whether this is learning some language, song, dance, art, or other aspect of your country of origin – it all adds to the richness of our lives.

DADS' GROUP SOCCER and BBQ

A big thanks to Joe Schofield, Carl O'Sullivan, Jarrad Simpson, Mark Pinfold and all the dads, dad figures (and some mums) who came along for a blast of a soccer game with their kids last Wednesday afternoon. We had dads cooking BBQ, dads on the field, and lots of fun had by all! The Crazy Kids easily defeated the Deadly Dads. We look forward to next term's Dads and Kids event! Uncles, grandfathers and father figures are all welcome! This is a chance to connect, and get to know other dads and to have fun with your kids with others.

Our school has partnered with the Fathering Project, who believe that "play is a game changer" for children's development. Fathers who engage in active play with their kids encourage them to explore, discover, and problem-solve. We hope to see you at our next event!



LEARNING EXPO

An afternoon of sharing learning was enjoyed at Larapinta last Thursday. From an incredible Parrtjima display in Transition, to parents watching their children at work in our senior classrooms, to building worry dolls and igloos out of sugar cubes in science. Expos are an opportunity for students to share their work and learning with families and for families to see what the children are learning and how they are participating and developing. The kids love to have their families come in to see their work. Thanks to all who were able to be here.

STUDENT LEADERS

Student Leaders from Years 3 to 6 received their badges at assembly on Friday. We have five leadership teams and 40 young people who will work in these teams to make a difference in our school.

Almost 80 students applied for these positions which shows the remarkable leadership potential in our school community. As Mrs Mullins reminded at assembly, “you don’t need a badge to be a leader”, and in so many ways we see our students contributing to our school community. From showing kindness and support to peers and younger students, to helping in their classrooms and across the school, to sharing aspects of culture. Our community is in good hands with so many up-and-coming leaders!

Congratulations to the following student leaders:

Environment team - Mason Mabasa, Theo, Azalea, Caitlin L, Levi R, Aqib, Paul, Mercy

Arts team - Charlie, Nixie, Hayley T, Abigail C, Holly, Zara, Ellie, Christina

Events team – Ashlyn, Skylar CF, Tia, Eremaea, Mariah, Rylan, Sammy, Caitlyn C

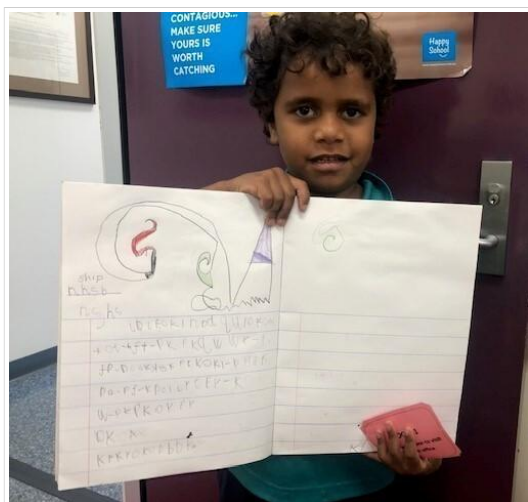
Sport team – Eli, Hayley D, Mya W, Leo, Hugh, Jazmine, Bill, Trace, Pita

Tech team – John T, Dhruv, George, Satsuki, Matthea, Alfie, Skylah H, Tommy.



IMPROVING WRITING

Improving writing is a major focus at our school. Writing development starts with making marks on a page then moves to writing strings of letters that represent a thought, idea, or story. Here is Maliki proudly showing a great example of his writing. You can help your child by writing with them at home; making lists, writing letters, providing writing tools and if possible, a writing table or dedicated space, and celebrating every attempt and effort. I have kept samples of my now almost 30-year-old’s first foray into writing and it is a joy to look back on. It is so wonderful when children are excited to share their writing with us here at school and to watch as they grow in confidence as writers.



LYNDAVALE PARK OPENING

Lyndavale Park will reopen this Thursday April 6, 2023! The re-opening marks significant progress in the local community vision of a safe, connected, and happy community for their children. Come along from 4-6pm this Thursday to celebrate!

BIKES MWERRE

Six students were awarded certificates and bikes at assembly last Friday. They have been working with staff from Bikes Mwerre to learn about bike riding, safety, and maintenance here at school. Congratulations to Ruth, Vahn, Lyneisha, Shontara, Annalise, and Leeyanah!

A huge thanks to Julie and Nate, staff from Bikes Mwerre for working with our students. The Bikes Mwerre holiday program at Albrecht Oval will run from April 11-14. If your child would like to be involved please pop into the office to collect and complete a consent form.



VOUCHERS - FINAL CALL

Remember that the Back-to-School vouchers are not available after the end of term so please make sure you come in by Thursday to use yours – we don’t want to have to send the money back! You might have some left to put towards a jumper or jacket or towards camp or excursions or performances.

FAREWELL

We say farewell and a big thanks to Mrs Eleanor Diflo who has been working with Year 4/5 this term. As always it has been a pleasure to have Mrs Diflo work with us; she is so wise and experienced and joyful. I am sure we will see her back for some relief work in our school; she is not done with teaching yet! Mr Steve McCarthy will be joining us and taking over from Mrs Diflo, working with Mrs Kleeman in Year 4/5. Farewell and best wishes also to Eliana who has supported in Transition this term; we will miss her beautiful smile.

Finally, we say goodbye again to Mr D and hope we’ll see him back with us again sometime in the future. Thanks for everything Mr D!

TERM 2

This Thursday is the last day of term as Friday is a public holiday. Staff return to commence Term 2 on Monday 17th April and the **first day back for students is Tuesday 18th April.**

Thanks to you, our parents, for partnering with us in your child’s learning, and coming along to events across the term.

**Kind regards,
Brenda**

SCHOOL SNAPSHOT

IMPORTANT DATES

| DATE | |
|---------------------------|---|
| Thursday 6th April | Last day of term |
| Monday 17th April | Professional Development Day – student free day |
| Tuesday 18th April | First day of Term 2 for students |
| Wed 26th – Fri 28th April | Year 6 Camp |

REMINDERS

School Uniform Donations

If your child has grown out of their uniforms, we will gladly take donations of any spares. Just drop them into the office and hand to Palisha at the front desk. All donations gratefully received!

Digital device policy

To manage the use of digital devices, Larapinta School has implemented a 'personal digital devices' policy in line with the NT Department of Education's policy. This includes a 'switched off and securely stored' procedure.

'Switched off and securely stored' means devices that are brought to school are turned off and not accessed, seen, or heard at any time during school hours and are physically secured. Our procedure is for students to turn their phones off, hand them to the front office staff, and sign them in and out each day. Parents and students are required to sign off on the procedure to acknowledge that they understand the restrictions in place.

Major issues relating to the use of personal digital devices in educational environments include:

- Misuse having profound effects on students' health and wellbeing.
- Disruption to teaching through the receipt and transmission of messages.
- Privacy concerns relating to the ability of many devices to take photographs or record conversations without the knowledge of those being recorded.
- Access to inappropriate materials via the internet
- Potential for cyber bullying
- Loss or theft

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.

The contribution for 2023 can be paid when you purchase uniforms and access your Back-to-School voucher.

Enrolment management plan

Larapinta School has an Enrolment Management Plan in place that prioritises enrolment for students within the Larapinta School zone. It requires strict adherence to the priority enrolment area assessment criteria for acceptance of future enrolments. It includes a requirement that adequate proof of residence is provided with an application for enrolment. Additionally, acceptance of a student into the preschool, from outside the priority enrolment area, does not guarantee acceptance of that student into the school for Transition and beyond.

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 Arnernte Country.*

Werte!

Staff training at the CFC!

Larapinta Child and Family Centre hosted Family Educators and Family Liaison Officers from across 10 different remote and urban sites to complete Abecedarian Training. This course was co-facilitated by Jessica Rose (Program and Leader) and our very own, Rachel Jericho (Larapinta CFC Family Educator). Larapinta CFC were well represented with Stacey, Jennifer and Khiani all participating in the training. This training supports educators to continue to use well researched strategies to enhance the learning and development of the little people in our learning spaces. 3A (the Abecedarian Approach) is used across many early learning spaces in Australia and trainer practitioners are now able to coach families in many different strategies to support the development of babies and young children.



Harmony Week!

Little children learn from what they see and hear around them, and so when the grownups openly accept diversity, so do the little ones. During Harmony Week we explored different skin tones through different learning experiences. We talked

about where families are from and what makes every person special. We shared some delicious 'roo tail stew which was most definitely enjoyed by some of our littlest learners!



Harmony Week

Lyndavale Park Opening

We have some very exciting news – Lyndavale Park will reopen on Thursday 6th April! In partnership with Alice Springs Town Council, Larapinta CFC and the Larapinta community are hosting a community opening event from 4-6pm. Everyone is welcome! Please see the attached invitation.



Young Parents!

The Young Parent Program visited the Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education Alice Springs Campus. We were guided by the campus manager Vicki who shared information about the many courses available to young parents! We then had lunch at a nearby park which the kids really enjoyed!



Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education Visit

Bikes Mwerre

Bikes Mwerre School holiday program is here! – see flyer for more information.



April Holiday Program
11th April - 15th April
10am-3pm
Albrecht Oval

| | Day 1 Tues 11th | Day 2 Wed 12th | Day 3 Thurs 13th | Day 4 Friday 14th | Day 5 Sat 15th |
|------------------|---|-------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|---|
| 10am-11am | Sign in Breakfast: Smoothies and fruit Bike clinic: Bring your bike and we will help you fix it and Bike Checks | | | | 10:30am Meet at Lyndavale Park Community Bike Ride followed by BBQ lunch at Lyndavale Park! |
| 11-12pm | Bike Games | Group ride - to Desert Park & Lunch | Bike Games | Cyclocross course set up | |
| 12-12:30pm | Lunch | | Lunch | Lunch | |
| 12:30pm - 3:00pm | Mural planning | Mural painting | Mural painting | Cyclocross Heats | Cyclocross Final |

- Pick up a consent form from Larapinta CFC or Albrecht Oval
*required for attendance.
- Limited numbers each day

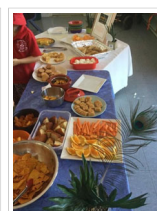


Kele Mwerre!

PRESCHOOL NEWS

Werte, Kia Ora, Hello, Namaste, Bonjour, Salibonani, Bula, Guten Tag, Mauri, Palya, Konnichiwa from preschool!

The term has come to an end, and we have had an amazing final few weeks. In Week 8, we celebrated Harmony Week with a disco and shared afternoon tea. Families were invited to share a plate of food reflective of their culture or favourite dish and wow did we have a selection of delicious treats to share – from home-made samosas, Anzac biscuits and damper, to rice balls and sweet corn bread. We provided lots of orange foods to add to the afternoon tea – rock melon, oranges, carrots, Doritos, orange biscuits and Turkish apricots. Both afternoons were just so lovely – sharing food, chatting, dancing to music from around the world and catching bubbles!! We look forward to our next family event.



Week 9 was busy too – we welcomed David Thomas from AFL NT into preschool, and he ran a session for the children on Tuesday and brought along his friend Dave to help run a session on Thursday. These sessions were well received by the children who loved engaging in the different games and practicing their ball skills – catching, kicking, and bouncing the

balls. The best part was at the end playing Catch the Ogre!! We hope to invite them back next term.



We look forward to exploring some Easter provocations in the classrooms and we will be doing some yummy Easter baking in week 10 as we prepare for the holidays.

We wish you all a safe and Happy Easter holiday and we will see you all bright and refreshed for Term 2.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Education changes lives and teachers transform futures. In fact, there's enough evidence to show that teacher quality is the single greatest school-related influence on student achievement and positive learning outcomes. We know this. So, it's great to find out that the NEITA Foundation has been recognising teaching excellence for more than 28 years through the NEITA Awards. Nominations for this year's awards are now open. You can nominate a special teacher from the link below.

<https://neita.com/>

Anyone in a school community – students, parents, colleagues, the school principal, or school council members – can nominate a teacher or school leader for a NEITA Award.

Heritage Week Activity
Parks Alive

Alice Springs Telegraph Station Play Group

Come and play at the Alice Springs Telegraph Station. Meet our visiting Morsecodians and see how the first text messages were sent.

Suitable for kids 5 years and under. Supervision is required.

When: Monday April 24 and Friday April 28
Time: 9:00 am to 12:00 noon
Where: Historic Precinct
What's on? Fun games for young kids
Bring: Picnic rug & packed lunch

**FREE ENTRY FOR LOCALS
ADULTS MUST SUPERVISE**

Ask about other events happening throughout the Territory.

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

NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT

Heritage Week Activity
Parks Alive

Arltunga Historical Reserve Open Day

Come and learn about the goldrush of 1887 at central Australia's first town and see the battery up and running!

Free Ranger Guided Activity.

When: Saturday 6 May
Time: 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
Where: Arltunga Visitor Centre
What to bring? BYO picnic lunch or use the BBQ facilities at the visitors centre.
 Bring a hat, sunscreen, water and wear suitable clothing and footwear.
 Pets not permitted. 4WD recommended.

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NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT

Alice Springs Telegraph Station Historical Reserve

Morsecode in Action

See the Old Telegraph Station come to life.
Come and meet members of the Morsecodians Fraternity and learn how the first text messages were sent.

Interactive Activity
Great activity for kids and adults alike.

When: Sat 22 to Tues 25 April and Thurs 27 to Sun 30 April
Time: 9 am to 4 pm except 27 Mar (12 to 4 pm) and 30 Mar (9 am to 2 pm)
Duration: 15 - 20 mins - anytime throughout the session
Meet: Old Post Office in the Heritage Precinct
Bring: Questions
 Entry fees may apply

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NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT

THUNDER JUNIORS



4 NEW TEAMS
SUNS, DEMONS, CATS & EAGLES
UNDER 10S AND UNDER 12S
TRAINING START DATE- 10/05/23
TRAININGS- WEDNESDAYS
4.30PM @ TRAEGER PARK
GAMEDAYS START DATE
06/05/23
SATURDAY MORNINGS
U10S- 8.30AM
U12S- 9.30AM
@ TRAEGER PARK

QR REGO CODE **COST- \$100**
OR FREE WITH NT
SCHOOL
SPORTS VOUCHER
 ANY QUERIES PLEASE
 CONTACT US AT
 david.thomas@afl.com.au




JOIN THE FUN!

WEDNESDAY AUSKICK CENTRE
 Wednesdays 4:30-5:30pm at TIO Traeger Park beginning April 26

SATURDAY AUSKICK CENTRE
 Saturdays 9-10am at TIO Traeger Park beginning April 29

COST:
 \$100 which includes 8 sessions and a participant pack.
 NT Government School Sports Vouchers can be used as payment

For further details, contact david.thomas@afl.com.au

play.afl/auskick

ACTION BREAK

April 11 - 14

AGE GROUP:
5 - 12
 YEAR OLDS

ARE YOU READY FOR AN ACTION-PACKED EASTER BREAK

| Tue 11 April Inhouse | Wed 12 April Inhouse | Thu 13 April Excursion | Fri 14 April Excursion |
|--|---|--|--|
|  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bubble Soccer Yo Alice Drama Games Net Sports \$35 half day \$60 full day |  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Goal Games Yo Alice Just Dance Rockwall \$35 half day \$60 full day |  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rockwall Yo Alice Dustbowl \$70 full day |  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ninja Warrior Disco Party Cinema \$70 Full Day |

SUSTAINABILITY THEMED PROGRAMS

BOOK IN PERSON OR VIA EMAIL

1. Visit krc.ymca.org.au
2. Download the 2023 enrolment form & complete
3. Send your form with the dates you would like to book to krc.reception@ynt.org.au
4. We will contact you for payment!

Alternatively come in and see us!

Killgariff Recreation Centre
 71 Sadadeen Road, Alice Springs, NT 0870
 P: 8952 5666 - W: krc.ymca.org.au - E: krc.reception@ynt.org.au

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GET OUT GET ACTIVE

GOGA IS BACK
 PERFECT SCHOOL
 HOLIDAY FAMILY FUN!

Tue 11 April - Bubble Soccer
Wed 12 April- Net Sport
5:30 - 8 PM





Rockwall open every session

\$5 ENTRY

NO BOOKINGS
 REQUIRED

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