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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



STUDENT LED-CONFERENCES

It was great to see so many families on Tuesday for the student-led conferences. Thanks to our teachers for putting in a long evening on top of their work day, and to all parents/carers who were able to prioritise this on top of your already busy lives. Thanks also to our students who proudly

showed off their learning to families.

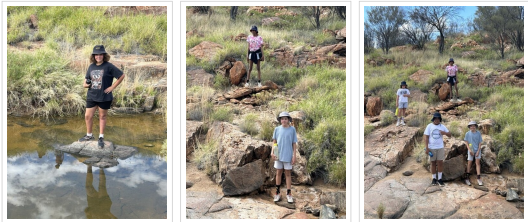
YEAR 6 CAMP

We have been creating poems in class using 3-word phrases. We combined our ideas to create a poem about the Year 6 camp.

Camp was Amazing

The best food
Helping with dishes
Tripping over, ouch
Time with friends
Climbing on rock
Walking down creek
Lots of flies
Really fun nights
Yummy roasted marshmallows
One minute games
Super noisy bunkhouse
Torches shining brightly
I like sleeping
Waking up early
Climbing to top

Fun hill climb
Sunrise on mountain
Really enjoyable time
Camp was fantastic



Year 6 Camp

ATTENDANCE, ABSENCE, LATENESS, PICK-UPS

Although the mornings have become colder, there is still an expectation that children come to school and **be on time** to start each day. **The school day commences at 8.30am.** Supervision in the yard commences at **8.10am**, and children who come earlier than this wait outside the office until a teacher is on duty.

Please ensure children come to school in **warm school clothing** in the mornings. We have plenty of jumpers and jackets for purchase at the office.

The school is required to record the reason for student absence each day, so please make sure you contact the office if your child is away. If children are sick for three or more days a medical certificate should be provided to the school. Staying home due to cold or rainy weather is not a reason that can be sanctioned.

Our teachers have meetings and other commitments after school and are not available to supervise children after school hours. School finishes at 2.50pm and all children should be collected by 3.10pm at the latest. If you cannot pick your child up by then please make other arrangements for them to be collected on time. Office staff are not expected to supervise students after school.

Finally, a reminder again that for safety reasons, children need to enter vehicles from the curb-side if getting picked up in the kiss and go area in the afternoon. If a car seat, passenger, or broken door prevents this, then please park elsewhere as we do not allow children to walk around to the other side of the

car. Many thanks for your understanding as we work together to keep everyone safe!

AWARDS

Celebrating Great Teachers and Leaders

Don't miss these opportunities to nominate our great teachers and leaders:

1. Commonwealth Bank Teaching Awards For more information, visit the first link below or contact awards@schoolsplus.org.au . Nominations close on Sunday 7 May.
2. NT Education and Care Awards - Nominations open, closing Friday 2 June. To nominate someone or for further information, click [here](#) and follow the awards on Facebook .
3. Teaching in the Territory Excellence Awards nominations are open. Information on the award categories and nomination requirements are available [here](#)
4. NEITA Awards Nominations for this year's awards are now open. You can nominate a special teacher at the link below.

<https://www.schoolsplus.org.au/awards/>

<https://www.neita.com/>

Kind regards,

Brenda

From Teegan



Dear Parents/Carers,

I am looking forward to seeing you at our many events this term. I'd also love to hear from families with **your** ideas about activities and stories to share with the whole school (or even just your child's class) in **Reconciliation Week** involving kinship, stories, language, and country.

Thursday 18th May - READ WRITE INC PARENT SESSION

Friday 26th May - NATIONAL SORRY DAY

Monday 29th May to 4th June - RECONCILIATION WEEK (activities all week)

Thursday 15th June - ABORIGINAL PARENT MEETING

Call me or pop into see me here at school.

Regards,

Teegan Tyson-Hayes
ABORIGINAL EDUCATION OFFICER (AEO)

SCHOOL SNAPSHOT

IMPORTANT DATES

DATE	
Thursday 18 May	Read Write Inc Parent Information Session
Friday 26th May	National Sorry Day
Mon 29th May – Fri 2nd June	Reconciliation Week
Tue 30 May	Eisteddfod - Jazz
Wed 31 May	Eisteddfod - HipHop
Thur 1st June	Eisteddfod – Student choreography
Thursday 15th June	Aboriginal Parent Meeting

INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES - EMERGENCY EVENT COMMUNICATION

Communication procedures during an emergency event

Why is the school updating their Emergency Management Plan?

All Northern Territory (NT) Government schools are required to have a current Emergency management plan that outlines the school's response to an emergency.

Schools are required to renew their Emergency Management Plan every year. As part of the review, schools will be advising parents and carers of how they will communicate with them about or in an emergency event.

What is classified as an emergency?

In the context of schools in the NT, an emergency includes, but is not restricted to:

- bomb threats
- collapse or major damage to building or equipment
- fire in school building or grounds, arson, or bushfire
- flood or windstorm or another natural event, for example, cyclone and earthquake
- outbreak of disease or pandemic.

For a full list of what could be classified as an emergency, please see the Emergency management: school preparedness policy on the Department of Education's website

<https://education.nt.gov.au/>

How will I be alerted of an emergency event?

Larapinta Primary School will alert parents, families, and carers of the emergency event through **text messaging**.

Larapinta Primary School will remain the one source of truth to the emergency event.

How will I know if I need to collect my child?

Not all emergency events will require students to be collected by their parents or carers. However, in the event students need to be collected, Larapinta Primary School will notify you through:

- A notification sent via text
- If necessary, school staff will call parents, families and carers about the emergency event and provide information on where and when to collect their child
- a combination of the above

Please note that student mobile phones will not be used to contact families in an emergency.

Contacting your child in an emergency or generally

If you need to contact your child during school hours, please call the school's front office.

Resources

The Emergency management: school preparedness policy and procedures, and the Student mobile phones in government schools' policy, can be found on the Department of Education's website

<https://education.nt.gov.au/>

Questions about the Emergency Management Plan

If you have any questions, please contact the Principal of Larapinta Primary School.

PRESCHOOL NEWS

Werte from Preschool

The Bangtail Muster preparation afternoon was a lovely opportunity for families and children to come down to preschool on a Friday and work together to decorate the children's bikes and helmets. It was amazing to see the children's ideas come to life and so much time and effort was put in by the families and children. We feel so proud of our children for participating in the Bangtail Muster – being part of a parade can be overwhelming experience with the crowds, noise and so many things going on but the children were so happy to all be together in a different location and rode their bikes through the streets with great pride! Thank you to all who came along, we appreciate you giving up your time on the public holiday to support us with participating in this special community event. It was great fun reflecting on the photos in the classroom the following week with the children remembering their favourite parts and engaging in great conversations with their peers and teacher about the parade.



The children in both classes have been delving deep into some wonderful role play experiences that has led to transformation of the home corner spaces in both classrooms – Unit 1 has a doctor's surgery and Unit 2 has a newly formed cinema! We look forward to watching the children's play unfold as they explore the new spaces during the week.



The cooler weather has meant we have been able to utilize the bikes more often – the children have been doing a great job following the rules (wearing a helmet, wearing shoes and all going the same way around the bike track), have had fun racing the bikes down the bridge and it has been good to see them practicing their turn taking skills as they share the different bikes.

Upcoming events at preschool – Reptile Centre visit Tuesday 16th May and Thursday 18th May – please make sure your child is here before 9:30 so they don't miss out!

CHILD AND FAMILY CENTRE (CFC)

Our vision is that every child has the best possible start to life.

Children and families are at the centre of all we do.

We live and work on Arrernte Country.

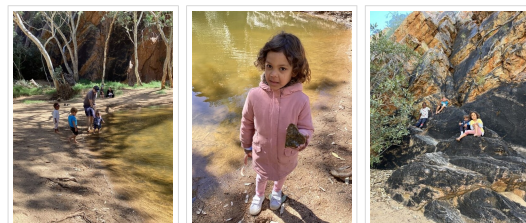
Werte!

Families as First Teachers' Excursion

Last Friday, FaFT families and staff went exploring the beautiful country together at Anthwerke (Emily Gap).

Everyone went on a nature hunt looking for seeds and rocks and flowers... but it was really hard to find a feather. We only found one!

Some of the kids touched the water and it was freezing cold! There was no way we could swim across to see the ancient rock art that tells the Yeperenye Story for that special place.



Playgroup in the Park!

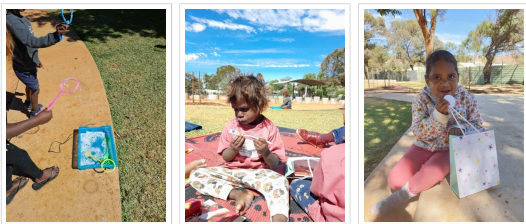
On Monday we had a playgroup in the Lyndavale Park. This is a fun and friendly way for us to meet new families... and relax and have fun with 'old' families too!

We had a bubble station set up for kids to play with bubbles – blowing bubbles helps open up their airways and keep their ears healthy!

Kids were playing with the footy and some were playing on the playground while some were balancing on the Apmwe 'snake'.

We shared sandwiches to eat and gave out some Health packs, shirts and free books.

The kids started brushing their teeth with the toothbrushes and toothpaste straight away!



Young Parents Mother's Day Activities!

Young Parents Program invited young parents to attend the Family Centre for family photo shoots. Photos were placed in personalised photo frames decorated by Dads and bubs as well as hand crafted and decorated gifts in reparation for Mother's Day. Everyone shared a special morning tea and lunch!



Next week families are invited to the Telegraph Station to celebrate National Families Week. A short 2-3 minute video will capture the key messages of the day focusing on resilience in individuals, families and community wellbeing.

Kele Mwerre!

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.

ACTIVE KIDS ARE HEALTHY KIDS



FRIDAY 19 MAY 2023

Until they're ten, children must always hold an adult's hand when crossing the road

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WE'RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY 19 MAY 2023

Well it's that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking!

Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn't realistic for many of us, it's quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family's daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 19 MAY 2023!

For more information, visit www.walk.com.au

Smoking Ceremony
by Central/Eastern
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Performance from
members of the
Central Australian
Aboriginal Women's
Choir followed by
screening their
documentary
'The Song Keepers'.

For National
Reconciliation Week,
Alice Springs Town
Council is holding a

FREE

**POP-UP
CINEMA**

-The Song keepers-

Thursday 1st June | 5:30pm
@ Council Lawns

FREE Hot Beverage

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**Alice Springs
TOWN COUNCIL**

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**CENTRAL REGION
TRIALS**

12 YEARS AND UNDER

Try out and represent the Central Region Team at the NT Inter
Region Championship 25 July - 27 July 2023 in Darwin

Friday 5 May 2023 4:00pm to 5:00pm
Friday 12 May 2023 4:00pm to 5:00pm

To be eligible
Students must be born between 1 July 2010 to 31 December 2013
Age dispensation applies for students born from 1 Jul 2010 to 31 Dec 2010

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