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9 June 2023

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Dear families,

### WELCOME

We are welcoming a new teacher to our school today. Mrs Becky Knudson is joining us all the way from the United States of America! She is very excited to learn all about Australia and Alice Springs in particular. Mrs Knudson will take on the

science teacher role.

I would like to thank Mrs Mullins who has been teaching science since the start of the year, on top of her Assistant Principal work! Mrs Mullins' fabulous lessons have engaged and excited students and opened their eyes to the world of science. Mrs Knudson is also a very experienced science teacher and is sure to carry on in Mrs Mullins' (big) footsteps.

### LEARNING EXPO – FAMILIES INVITED!

On Tuesday afternoon 20 June families are invited along to our classroom learning expo where students will showcase their learning from across the term. This is a relaxed opportunity for families to come and see what their children have been doing each day at school and to talk with them about their learning. Kids love to show families their work and really benefit from families being involved in this way. Senior classes (Year 3-6) will be from 1.30-2pm and Transition to Year 2 classes from 2-2.30pm. We look forward to seeing you then.

### EISTEDDFOD

Many of our students participated in the Centralian Eisteddfod over the past week. It is wonderful that students have the opportunity to perform in this way; made possible through the efforts of Assistant Principal Jacki Raybould, who donates much of her time in breaks and out of school hours to this endeavor. Congratulations to the Small Group Dance students who won first place and to the Jazz and Hip-Hop groups who

received a Highly Commended Certificate. Well done to all involved.

### Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD)

At this time of year, we prepare to send off information for the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD) regarding adjustments made at school for students as required in their learning. This data details information about students who have a diagnosed disability or imputed disability and the types of adjustments made to enable them to participate in the educational program. Thanks to our classroom teachers who implement and document the adjustments for our students and to our Inclusive Practices teachers, Jacki Raybould, Angela Gibbs, and Steve McCarthy, for leading the work in this space.

### STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DAY

Our school council has approved a staff professional learning day next term on **Friday 21st July**. This is Friday of the first week back at school after the break. Please note on your calendars as **students will not attend on this day**.

**School resumes after the break on Monday 17th July.**

**Kind regards,**  
**Brenda**

## SCHOOL SNAPSHOT

### IMPORTANT DATES

DATE	
Term 2	
Thursday 15th June	Aboriginal Parent Meeting
Friday 16th June	Interschool Athletics
Tuesday 20th June	Leaning Expo T-Yr2 2pm - 2.30pm Yrs 3-6 1.30pm - 2pm

DATE	
Friday 23rd June	Last day of term
Term 3	
Monday 17th July	Students return
Thursday 20th July	Preschool staff professional learning day – student free day
Friday 21st July	Primary staff professional learning day - student free day
Tues 25th July – Thurs 27th July	School Photos – Primary and Preschool



## HEADLICE

Head lice are tiny insects that vary in colour from cream to brown/black. 'Nits' is the common name for the small eggs that are laid by the head lice. They are the size of a grain of salt, yellow-white in colour, and are found glued to the hair near the scalp. They are usually found behind the ears, the back of the neck and fringe.

Head lice do not jump, hop, or swim. They transfer from one person to another in situations where people are in close contact or from direct hair to hair contact with an infected person. Very occasionally they can be passed on by sharing hats and brushes but not through using furniture or contact with carpets.

To assist us in the prevention of head lice spreading, please ensure you check your child/ren's hair if they have itchy scalps or you see signs of head lice. If head lice or nits are found, please treat immediately. Treatment options can be found in the Department of Health's *The Northern Territory Head Lice Action Pack!!* Copies of this pack can be requested through the front office or can be downloaded from the following website -

<https://health.nt.gov.au/health-conditions-and-disease-information>

Your local pharmacy will also have some treatment options. Nits (live eggs) hatch in 7-10 days. The key to success in getting rid of them is to repeat whatever treatment you use again after 1 week.

In the case that head lice or nits are detected on inspection please begin treatment prior to your child returning to school.

If you have any concerns or require further information, please contact the front office.

## NUTRITION NEWS

IDEAS IN NUTRITION

### Eat Together

Some parents ask us; "How can I get my child to eat vegetables?"

Did you know one of the best ways to encourage your child to eat more vegetables is to eat them together?

Sharing meals as a family can also have other benefits. Like:

- Helping a child develop a healthy relationship with food.
- Helping improve a child's mental health.

Give it a go and let us know if it works for you; [nutritiondarwinurban.doh@nt.gov.au](mailto:nutritiondarwinurban.doh@nt.gov.au). We might use your story to encourage other parents to try.

## SCHOOLZINE APP – NEW IMPROVED VERSION

Do you use the Schoolzine Newsletter app? It's free and 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.

Please see below for instructions on how to install/update the SZapp:

### SZapp Version 4.0.0



There is a new version of SZapp available for Android and iOS Devices. Please ensure that you have updated to this version to assure you receive communications from the school.

**If you are using an Android Device, you will need to uninstall the old app and install the new version.**

**iOS Devices (iPhones) will be able to update without requiring a re-install.**

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, but we are confident that the improvements in the new version will make it worth it.



## PRESCHOOL NEWS

### Werte from Preschool

Week 8 already – time is just zooming by! Along with the primary school and the rest of the country, we have been observing Reconciliation Week at preschool. We have been connecting our learning to our current interest in reptiles – exploring Aboriginal symbols of reptiles and animals, learning Arrernte names for local animals, reading stories like Can you Dance?, No Way Yirrikipayi, The Rainbow Serpent and Warnayarra the Rainbow Snake and using clay to make 3D representations of reptiles. The children have been learning about the three flags of Australia and painting their own representations of the Aboriginal flag, Torres Strait Island flag and the Australian flag. We incorporate Indigenous perspectives throughout the year, starting with an Acknowledgement of Country in group times, promoting the care of our flora and fauna and learning Arrernte words to use in the classroom.



#### Reconciliation Week

A few words we have been learning through an animal match game are –

- Emu – Arleye (a-leigh-a)
- Kangaroo – Aherre (ar/head/ar)
- Bearded Dragon – Ankerte (ung/kar/dar)
- Snake – Apmwe (up/mwah)
- Honey Ant – Yerrampe (yerr/amb/p)
- Butterfly – Intelyapelyape (indul/yub/yub)
- Caterpillar – Ayepe-arenye (yippra/rinya)

We would like to thank our CFC friends for sharing resources, books, and ideas with us to support our inclusion of Indigenous perspectives.

Finke fever is in town!! We will talk about safety while camping, track safety and explore the different vehicles that will be racing!

Have a safe weekend if you are heading out to the big race!

## 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!

### National Sorry Day & National Reconciliation Week!

CFC families and staff, Lhere Pirnte Little People Committee and several classes from the Primary School acknowledged National Sorry Day with a special fire and planting Desert Roses (the National Stolen Generation flower). The purple flower

symbolises compassion and the Desert Rose signifies the resilience and strength of Stolen Generations people.

The Lhere Pirnte Little People Committee also helped create a Sorry Day sign. Check out the video from the day on our CFC Facebook page!

<https://www.facebook.com/LarapintaCFC/videos/2439132859595070/>

The CFC also celebrated Reconciliation Week with a fire, damper making, face painting and a special lunch of vermicelli chicken!

Little children are ready for learning when they have a strong sense of belonging and safety. Sharing understanding about diversity and celebrating Aboriginal culture gives young children the best start to life!



### Bikes Mwerre!

Bikes Mwerre are well and truly halfway through their Term 2 program!

The 'after school' program at Albrecht Oval is really gaining momentum. 20-30 children from 5 years to 14 years old attend 3 days a week. They all have the same desire; to ride bikes and have fun! It's also been great to have more parents, grandparents, aunties, and uncles drop in to see what the program is about. Bikes Mwerre is for the community, and everyone is welcome!

The 'in-school targeted' programs, at both Larapinta and Yipirinya Schools are into their second block. Recently, both the Upper Primary Luritja class at Yipirinya, and the Larapinta students received their bikes after learning bike mechanics skills and expanding their bike riding expertise! Bikes Mwerre are now working with a new group of 6 students at Larapinta and with the Upper Primary Western Aranda class at Yipirinya - these bikes will be fixed and ready for gifting in 2 weeks!

Stay tuned for the upcoming school holiday program with 3 weeks of bike programs across town, including some targeted sessions and plenty of opportunities for fixing bikes!



### 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.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**SAFETY • SAFETY • SAFETY**

**FINKE**  
DESERT RACE

# HELP US KEEP FINKE SAFE

**A SAFETY MESSAGE TO ALL SPECTATORS**

WE NEED ALL SPECTATORS ALONG THE TRACK TO ALWAYS FOLLOW ALL SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS. THESE INSTRUCTIONS ARE IN PLACE TO KEEP YOU AND OTHERS SAFE.

- ⓧ ALWAYS STAND 30 METRES BACK FROM THE TRACK AT ALL TIMES
- ⓧ OBEY SPECTATOR NO GO ZONES
- ⓧ STAY BEHIND AND OBEY ALL BUNTING AND SIGNAGE
- ⓧ NEVER STAND ON THE OUTSIDE OF A CORNER
- ⓧ IN THE ABSENCE OF SIGNAGE - STAND 30 METRES BACK
- ⓧ OBEY ALL DIRECTIONS OF TATTS FINKE DESERT RACE SPECTATOR MARSHALS AND EVENT ORGANISERS
- ⓧ ALWAYS KNOW WHERE YOUR KIDS ARE
- ⓧ NEVER TAKE RECREATIONAL VEHICLES DOWN THE TRACK
- ⓧ PLEASE LEAVE YOUR PETS AT HOME
- ⓧ IF SOMEONE'S NOT DOING THE RIGHT THING, LET THEM KNOW. IF THEY DON'T STAND BACK, LET US KNOW BY TELLING A SPECTATOR MARSHAL

**THE RACE MAY BE STOPPED INSTANTLY IF SPECTATORS DON'T COMPLY.**  
**IF YOU'RE ASKED TO MOVE - JUST DO IT!**

**2023**

**Alice Springs**  
SHOW

7TH & 8TH JULY 2023 | BLATHERSKITE PARK

- FREE ENTERTAINMENT
- AGRICULTURAL DISPLAYS
- FOOD COURT
- RUMBALL HALL COMPETITIONS
- SHOW RIDES & FOOD
- LOCAL & INTERSTATE STALLS
- YELLOW BRICK ROAD

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**www.alice-springs.com.au**

**Fireworks**  
Saturday  
7.00pm





*Alice Springs Show*  
Friday 7th & Saturday 8th July 2023 | Blatherskite Park

Competitions  
Open NOW!

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**ASBA**  
ALICE SPRINGS BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

#### OUR PROGRAMS



The perfect introduction to the world of basketball for children aged 5-10  
Tuesdays 3:45-4:45PM



Join a Basketball Club & play games each week in Alice Springs Basketball's Junior Club Competition!!



Under 10's - Under 16's  
Monday or Tuesday from 5:15pm



**ASBA CONTACT DETAILS:**  
asbasketball@bigpond.com  
(08) 8952 8356

## NTMS Alice Springs Showcase 2023

In celebration of all that our students have achieved this semester, the **NTMS Alice Springs Showcase 2023** will be held at the **Centralian Senior College Theatre**, 10 Grevillea Drive on Tuesday the 20th June, commencing at 6pm. Students from all performing ensembles, including **Apogee, Con Moto, String Theory, Singchronicity, Pure Note, the CMS Wind Trio, the Brailling Trio and the Ross Park Band** are asked to arrive at 5:30pm to warm up and tune. The show is scheduled to run from 6:00pm and finish no later than 7:30pm. Entry is free, and families, friends and school staff are welcome to attend. Performance attire will be the **NTMS ensemble uniform**; students not currently in an NTMS ensemble may wear **school uniform** instead.

Please e-mail [matthew.owen@education.nt.gov.au](mailto:matthew.owen@education.nt.gov.au) to advise if your child/ren will be attending. Thank you so much for your continued support of NTMS and your child/ren's music education throughout the past semester, and we hope to see them continue to thrive in Semester Two.

## Dolly's Dream Support Line

Dolly's Dream Support Line is now available to families and students 24/7, providing them with access to qualified

counsellors for free and without a referral. To access this service, call or text 0488 881 033 or use this webchat .

Resources are available to support families concerned about bullying and cyberbullying.





Open Event - Alice Springs Campus

Thursday June 15th

4:30pm – 6:30pm

Flinders Centre for Remote Health Building (5 Skinner St, The Gap, Alice Springs)

Flinders University would like to invite community members interested in starting undergraduate or postgraduate study to an Open event at our Alice Springs campus.

The event is to showcase the courses that Flinders University has to offer in the Northern Territory, including Darwin and Alice Springs, as well as study options in Adelaide. You will have the opportunity to:

- Speak with College staff about the different courses on offer
- Seek advice from specialists about applying to study in 2024, ask questions about university and what to expect
- Find out about Flinders Living accommodation at Bedford Park campus
- Talk to staff from Yungkurinithi student engagement centre about the supports available for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students
- Explore local campus facilities, learn out about local education activities and supports for health students to undertake their work-integrated learning placements in the NT
- Learn about local research activities and research study program

Light food and refreshments will be provided.

To register your interest, please email [nt.events@flinders.edu.au](mailto:nt.events@flinders.edu.au) include your name and the number of people attending by Tuesday 13 June

We look forward to seeing you at the Open event.