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LARAPINTA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Dear families,

### SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos went off smoothly last week, in a large part due to the expert coordination by Miss Josie. A huge thanks to Josie for her organization, patience, and calm manner – not sure what we'd do without her! A reminder

that photos can still be purchased online. Come and check with office staff if you need more information.

### SPORTS DAY

What a beautiful day we had for Sports Day! It was wonderful to see so many family members come along to support the kids and join in the fun. Thanks to Mrs Campbell, Mr Smith, and Mrs Mullins for their expert coordination and preparation for the day, to Mrs McGifford for technical

sound system support, to our staff who came along early to put up the tents and to all the helpers who packed them up again. Many hands make light work! Thanks to Yufang and Michelle who brought along some sustenance for staff – it was delicious and greatly appreciated.



### NAIDOC WEEK

Our school will celebrate NAIDOC next week. The theme for NAIDOC this year is "For the Elders". We want to recognize and acknowledge the elders who are part of our school community and share our thanks for all their support and guidance. There will be learning in classes across the week and a special assembly on Friday morning. After assembly, families (especially grandparents)

are invited to visit classrooms. We'd love for you to share some stories with us, read to us, tell us about yourself. At 10.30 we have a morning tea planned and children who have a grandparent/elder with them can join them. Please come and be part of a special morning. All welcome!

## DADS AND KIDS HANDBALL CHALLENGE

The Handball Challenge has been rescheduled for next Wednesday afternoon from 5-6.30pm. It's the Crazy Kids versus the Deadly Dads...who do you think will win? The \$5 contribution for supper is not required this time so we hope we'll see a good roll up.

## ABORIGINAL PARENT GROUP MEETING

Our next Aboriginal Parent Group Meeting is on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August. Some student dieticians from Flynn Drive are coming along to talk to families about the meals that students receive at school and find out more about healthy lunch options.

## A FULL CALENDAR

On the upcoming agenda we have swimming for Year 1/2 classes, Alice Can Dance, Science Week, Book Week, National Day of Action against Bullying and more in the coming weeks. It's a busy, fun term and we look forward to seeing you along the way.

## STRANGER DANGER

There was an incident near Ross Park Primary School on Winnecke Avenue, where an unknown male was reportedly taking photos of students.

The incident has been reported NT Police, and they are responding as appropriate.

Teachers have spoken with students today to remind them of stranger danger and the importance of making sure that if they see or hear anything, to speak with either one of the teachers, admin staff or their families.

We will continue to be vigilant, particularly at times when students are outside their classrooms and at pick up and drop off times.

This is a timely reminder to discuss safety with your children and remind them of stranger danger and the 3R's.

**Recognise** – listening to and trusting your early warning signs you can recognise that you are feeling unsafe and may need to take action and make yourself safe again.

**React** – after recognising that you are feeling unsafe, you should react to the situation by using key words such as, *stop, leave me alone, no or don't touch me*, getting away as quickly as possible from the danger and finding a safe place or person.

**Report** – once you are away from immediate danger, you should report what happened. This can be to your teacher, your friend, your family, or the police.

We pride ourselves on being a safe and welcoming learning environment for our students, staff, families, and the school community. As such, we take all matters reported very seriously. If you do see any activity that you consider to be out of the ordinary, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Kind regards,

**Brenda**

# SCHOOL SNAPSHOT

## IMPORTANT DATES

DATE	
Term 3	
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> Aug	NAIDOC Assembly
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> Aug – Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Swimming Year 1/2
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Science Week – 'Innovation: Powering Future Industries'
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> Aug	Book Week – 'Read, Grow, Inspire'
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Whole School Concert

## NUTRITION NEWS

Hi Larapinta School community!

We are 2 Nutrition students from Melbourne, Kat and Jess, working at Flynn Drive Community Health Centre to review the School Nutrition Program at Larapinta Primary School.

Over the next couple of weeks, we will be reaching out to the school community to get your feedback on the meals and snacks provided through the School Nutrition Program. Your feedback will be used to help make sure the foods provided are healthier for your children.

To complete the survey, click the link or scan the QR code below.

[Click here to complete the School Nutrition Program](#)

SCAN ME



We will be at the school between the 1<sup>st</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> of August if you have any queries. You can also pick up a hard copy of the survey from the office.



## 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.

[Click here to download the SZapp Installation Guide](#)

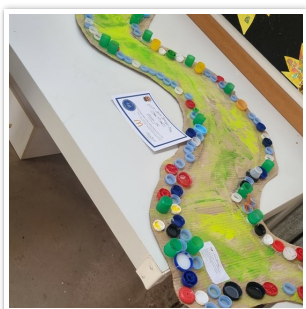
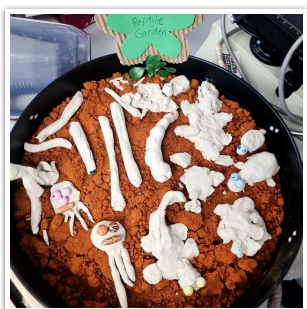
## PRESCHOOL NEWS

### Werte from Preschool

The children settled back into preschool happily in the first few weeks back - sharing snippets of their holidays, exploring different activities and reconnecting with their teachers and friends.



We had some wonderful art pieces entered in the Alice Springs show with our big Apmwe (snake) winning first prize, our clay reptiles getting a special mention, and a 1st and a 3rd prize for individual art pieces. How awesome! Please see the display of our entries in our foyer space.



Our play during the first week back reflected the fun we had at the Alice Springs Show as this was a huge talking point amongst the children across the groups. They fondly talked about who they saw, the rides they went on, the games they played and the food they ate.

In the classroom, Miss Julia set up a role play space where the children could buy tickets, look at a map of the show grounds and provided resources for the children to make their own wristbands. She also had photos of the different arts and crafts from the show for the children to cut out and use in their own craft - these were great opportunities for building on the children's vocabulary skills as they recounted the events at the show.



Outside, Miss Katie set up a throwing game where the children had to aim the beanbags at the line up of teddies - unlike some of those tricky show games, this was too easy, so we changed to throwing beanbags at bottles of water - the children figured out that the less water that was in the bottle, the easier it was to knock down. We also had a very popular scooping game where the children had to scoop up the table tennis balls with the fishing nets (like the scooping of the rubber duckies at the show). They then filled up egg cartons with the balls - working on their 1:1 counting skills, subitising and estimating how many balls they could fit in their net. This was repeated many times over and was one of the most popular experiences of the week.



We have some exciting things happening this term with Book Week, Science Week, and the school concert! We will also commence our Early Years assemblies. We look forward to another awesome term of fun and learning!

## 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!

EVERYTHING we do at FaFT helps grow strong brains (and bodies and hearts and souls).

Play is child's work! It's how they make sense of the world.

Babies and children's brains grow strong when the grown-ups around them interact, connect, narrate, suggest, support and celebrate with the children.



### Strong Young Parents

This term the Young Mothers will be focusing on Respectful

Relationships. We aim to provide young people with a safe environment to examine, discuss and explore respectful relationships. We want our young mums to have the knowledge needed to have respectful relationships, encourage and develop their skills in critical thinking, and assist them in being able to problem solve and communicate effectively. There are weekly 'Women only' sessions on Tuesday 10-12.

### Strong Young Mum Sessions July to September

Young mums are encouraged to join the Young Mum sessions at the Larapinta Child & Family Centre.

**'Respectful Relationships'**  
Every Tuesday (8-10 Sessions)  
10am - 12:30am

*A safe environment to examine, discuss and explore respectful relationships!*

*The aim is to equip young women with the knowledge needed to have respectful relationships, encourage and develop their skills and assist them in being able to problem solve and communicate effectively.*

**FOR WOMEN ONLY**

**Playgroups in the Park**  
Fortnightly on Fridays 11am - 1pm  
*'Some days are simply meant for play'*  
Enjoy picnics at the many parks around Alice Springs

**Job Club @ BAMARA**  
Transition to Work Activities  
Thurs 10:30am - 11:30  
Together we will help you get ready for a job

**Foodbank Transport**  
Every Thursday 1pm  
Save money by shopping at Foodbank

**Monthly Cook Up**  
Last Friday of every month.  
Learn how to cook up a big meal to feed your family

Stay up to date with what's happening at the  
Larapinta Child & Family Centre  
on Facebook and Instagram

**For more information contact Kahlia on 89585 185**

The Strong Young Parents are partnering with Bamara to help young parents get Job Ready and to explore the many study opportunities available.

We look forward to running some Playgroups in the park frequently whilst still providing one on one support for the parents.

There are weekly 'Men only' sessions on Wednesday 10-12 for Young Fathers.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**STRONG YOUNG FATHERS PROGRAM**

Are you a father 25 years or under? Need help finding work or study?

The program can support you with:

- Training or study
- Resume writing
- Job applications
- ID's
- Drivers License
- Food security
- Housing applications

Weekly fathers workshop Wednesday 10:30 - 12:30

For more info contact Young Fathers Coordinator  
P: 0437 970 075  
E: louis.egger1@education.nt.gov.au



### Bikes Mwerre!

Bikes Mwerre is back with a new schedule - Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons from 3pm - 5pm at Albrecht Oval.

**BIKES MWERRE**

**TERM 3 SCHEDULE**  
3pm - 5pm Albrecht Oval  
\*\*\*Starts Monday July 24th

MONDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
BMX	Mountain Bikes	Bike Workshop

No Bike. No worries. You can use one of our bikes!

- Learn new bike skills
- Supervised bike rides
- Daily workshops



**LARAPINTA Supermarket**  
Celebrating 40 years 1982-2022

**BIKES MWERRE**

**Larapinta Child & Family Centre**

**Alice Springs TOWN COUNCIL**

Kele Mwerre!

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**WE WILL ROCK YOU**

WE WILL ROCK YOU : SCHOOL EDITION  
BY QUEEN AND BEN ELTON

**THURSDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST**

**FREE MATINEE PERFORMANCE!**

The Minnamurra Hall, St Philip's College  
12:00pm - 2:30pm  
RSVP: [info@stphilips.nt.edu.au](mailto:info@stphilips.nt.edu.au)

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