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## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Hi everyone,

Last Wednesday night, less than a week after our school concert, we had another BIG performance – Alice Can Dance at Araluen. It was a HUGE day and night for our students and staff, with the last child collected at 9:15pm. This was an excellent opportunity for our children to shine on the big stage. They represented themselves, their families, and their school proudly, and were so well behaved throughout the evening. Thanks to our staff and the team at GUTS Dance Central Australia.

I have a couple of things to bring to your attention in this newsletter.

Teachers have been talking to students about sharing food at school. This is not something we do at Larapinta. Families make decisions about what they purchase for their children,

and we need all students to eat what they bring in their own lunch boxes, rather than swap with someone else. Please do not send unhealthy, sugar-laden snacks to school, and definitely no lollies or fizzy drinks.

School starts at 8:30am and finishes at 2:50pm. Teachers are on duty from 8:10am and students who arrive before this time are required to sit beside the front office. At the end of each day, we supervise until 3:10pm. After this time, teachers have meetings and other responsibilities. Please ensure your children are collected before 3:10pm.

A reminder that school uniform is compulsory in the Northern Territory. Our uniform is the Larapinta t-shirt and navy shorts/skorts. We have an ever-decreasing stash of second-hand uniforms in the office for children to borrow if they come to school out of uniform. If you have any uniforms your children have outgrown, we would appreciate donations!

We have a 'no hat, no play' policy. Students must have a bucket hat or stay in the library/on blue benches in the shade. Please label all articles of clothing clearly with your child's name so they can be returned if (or when!) they become lost.

Finally, I have sent a letter home to some families

highlighting concerns around the amount of time young children are spending on devices watching YouTube. While they start on something seemingly innocent, the algorithms embedded in the app quickly take them to clips that contain inappropriate or explicit content. Students then come to school and talk about or act out what they are seeing on the screens. Please monitor what your children are watching and try to limit screen time and replace it with something active or stimulating for their young brains.

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September is Footy Colours Day at Larapinta. This is a day to raise money for kids with cancer, so we would like all students to bring a gold coin donation. We understand that not everyone has a footy outfit, so we are encouraging students to wear any team colours e.g. netball, soccer, tennis, BMX...The student leaders will take on the staff in a game of netball at 10:30am. Join us if you are able!

We have one more day before the break, and I know lots of people are looking forward to a chance to recharge and get ready for the final term of the year. If you are travelling somewhere, please do so safely. If you are staying in town, try to stay cool and check out our FB page for activities that are happening in town. Thanks for a great term and happy holidays!

**Jackie**

## 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 Installation Guide](#)

## PRESCHOOL NEWS

### Werte from Preschool

What a term! From sports days, early years assemblies, science week, book week, school concert and everything else in between – the preschoolers have had some action-packed weeks of fun, adventure, and learning.

The school concert was definitely the highlight for the children, and we are so proud of their efforts up on the big stage – they did such a wonderful job remembering the dance moves and did it with a big smile on their faces.



## SCHOOL SNAPSHOT

### IMPORTANT DATES

DATE	
<b>Term 3</b>	
<b>Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept</b>	Last day of term – wear team colours – gold coin donation
<b>Term 4</b>	
<b>Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Staff professional learning day - student free day
<b>Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	First day of Term 4

Unit 1 has recently been exploring the story book Elmer with some great learning provocations – including patchwork paintings, animal play, exploring patterns and have been learning about how our differences are what makes us special. Unit 2 has been using the book Dear Zoo as inspiration for their learning – building their own zoos, making lift the flap books and exploring the key descriptive words in the story such as big, tall, scary, jumpy.



At the end of Week 8, the preschool teachers finished their last training session as part of the University of Melbourne project – this has been a huge commitment over the past year but the learning for us and how we can embed this learning into our preschool program has been so beneficial.

We hope everyone has a much deserved break - stay safe if you are travelling and we look forward to seeing you back next term!

it also included an information session where we learnt about Aboriginal culture and history and lastly an art activity where we got to paint animals and boomerang stencils.



The aim of this Community planning trip was to spark conversation with community members on how we can include Aboriginal culture and 2 way learning in the projects that are happening in Larapinta. (Community Footpath, Bus Shelters)

## Community Footpath

The newest footpath art has been put down out the front of Larapinta pre-school. It was designed by the Lhere Pirnte Little People Committee. At one of their meeting they came together and discussed what they think a design should include. The group narrowed their ideas down to 3 core elements:

- A snake
- Mount Gillen with its Arrernte name
- An Aboriginal flag

They then did lots of drawing which then got sent to a graphic designer to put together.



## Bikes Mwerre

## 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!

### Lhere Pirnte Impatyee

### Standley Chasm

The CFC took families to Angkerle Atwatye (Standley Chasm) for a Community planning trip. Whilst there we engaged in a Special cultural experience tour. The tour included a guided walk where we tasted bush coconut, saw different bush plants,



Bikes Mwerre has been very busy this term between their park days, in school and after school programs. If your kids are interested in attending their school holiday program click the link to their Facebook below to see the timetable!

Click here to visit the Bikes Mwerre Facebook page  
<https://www.facebook.com/people/Bikes-Mwerre/100087568849818/>

Our little friend Kallum also had fun posing in his Bikes Mwerre shirt that was designed by the Bikes Mwerre kids!



*Kele Mwerre!*

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**Pop-Up Parks!**

Alice Springs  
TOWN COUNCIL

**LYNDAVALE PARK  
LARAPINTA**

**FRI 29 SEPTEMBER 4 - 7 PM**

**DAN UNDERDOG  
CURATED HIP HOP ARTISTS  
4 - 6 PM**

**- HEADLINERS -**

**DEM  
ARRRANTE  
MOB  
6 PM**

**+ SAUSAGE  
SIZZLE**

**+ FACE PAINTING  
& MORE!**

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Centralian  
Middle School

**PRINCIPAL'S TOUR &  
INFORMATION SESSION**

Join the Principal Simon Rowlands for an  
overview & tour of **Centralian Middle School**

**Thursday, October 12th, 5pm**  
**Thursday, October 19th, 5pm**

Or individual bookings  
can also be arranged  
via the front office  
8955 2333

# SPRING SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM @THE LIBRARY

## SEPTEMBER

**SUNDAY 24**  
 > PEEWII AND THE TREE WORKSHOP 1  
 @Library  
 10.30-11.30am (Ages 3-6)  
 > PEEWII AND THE TREE WORKSHOP 1  
 @Library  
 12-1pm (Ages 7-12)  
 Bookings via Eventbrite

**TUESDAY 26**  
 > CHESS AT THE MALL  
 @ArtShip  
 9-11am (Ages 5+)  
 No bookings required  
 > SPLASH STORYTIME  
 @ASALC  
 10.15-10.45am (Ages 4-10)  
 No bookings required

**WEDNESDAY 27**  
 > 3D PRINTING WORKSHOP  
 @Library  
 10-11.30pm (Ages 10+)  
 Bookings via Eventbrite  
 > 3D PRINTING WORKSHOP  
 @Library  
 2-3.30pm (Ages 10+)  
 Bookings via Eventbrite

**THURSDAY 28**  
 > REPTILE CENTRE  
 @Function Room  
 10.30-11.30am (Ages 5+)  
 Bookings via Eventbrite

**FRIDAY 29**  
 > CHESS AT THE MALL  
 @ArtShip  
 9-11am (Ages 5+)  
 No bookings required

## OCTOBER

**MONDAY 2**  
 > LITTLE BUILDERS  
 @Library  
 10.30-11.30am (Ages 2-5)  
 Bookings via Eventbrite

**TUESDAY 3**  
 > CHESS AT THE MALL  
 @ArtShip  
 9-11am (Ages 5+)  
 No bookings required

**WEDNESDAY 4**  
 > ROBOTICS WORKSHOP  
 @Library  
 10am-12pm (Ages 10+)  
 Bookings via Eventbrite  
 > ROBOTICS WORKSHOP  
 @Library  
 2-4pm (Ages 10+)  
 Bookings via Eventbrite

**THURSDAY 5**  
 > LEGO CLUB  
 @Andy McNeil Room  
 10.15-11.15am (Ages 4+)  
 No bookings required

**FRIDAY 6**  
 > CHESS AT THE MALL  
 @ArtShip  
 9-11am (Ages 5+)  
 No bookings required

Adults to accompany kids under the age of 11 years.  
 Activities subject to change, please refer to:  
 FB @ASPLibrary & @AliceSpringsNTC to stay up to date.

Where to go:  
 LIBRARY: Corner Gregory & Leichhardt Tce.  
 ASALC: 10 Speed St.  
 ARTSHIP: Todd Mall Reflection Pond (between Alice Plaza and Intersport)  
 CENTRAL CRAFT: Corner Larapinta Drive and Memorial Av.  
 Bookings  
 EVENTBRITE: [astc.eventbrite.com](http://astc.eventbrite.com)  
 library@astc.nt.gov.au | 8950 0555 | [alicesprings.nt.gov.au](http://alicesprings.nt.gov.au)

# Multilingual STORYTIME

FREE NO BOOKING REQUIRED

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with Storytime

## IN SPANISH!

@ YOUR LIBRARY

**FRIDAY 22 SEPT 3.15PM**

With special guests from the IBEROAMERICAN Association of Alice Springs.

Enjoy story reading, arts and crafts activities.

## Children's Illustration Workshop and Storytime

# PEEWII AND THE TREE

### Sunday 24th September

**Workshop 1**  
 3-6 year olds  
 10.30am - 11.30am

**Workshop 2**  
 7-12 year olds  
 12.00pm - 1.00pm

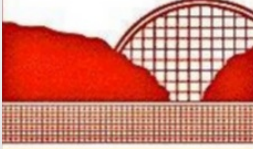
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Register at [astc.eventbrite.com.au](http://astc.eventbrite.com.au)

8950 0555  
[library@astc.nt.gov.au](mailto:library@astc.nt.gov.au)  
 Corner Gregory and Leichhardt Terrace



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## FAMILY FUN NIGHT!

SATURDAY 7TH OCTOBER 5-6:30PM

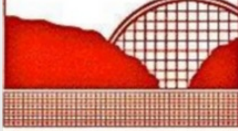


- All Families Welcome
- Family Red Ball Doubles
- Minute to win it games
- Free Sausage Sizzle

**FREE  
EVENT**

5 Traeger Ave The Gap Northern Territory 0870

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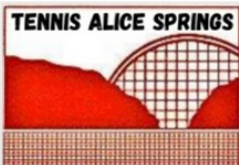
## HOLIDAY TENNIS LAUNCH PAD 3-5YRS

WED 4TH - FRIDAY 6TH OCTOBER 4:15-4:45PM



- KIDS AGE 3-5YRS
- BOOKINGS ARE APPRECIATED BUT  
TURNING UP ON THE DAY IS FINE
- \$15 A DAY OR \$40 FOR ALL 3 DAYS

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# HOLIDAY TENNIS

WED 4TH - FRI 6TH OCTOBER 5-6:30PM



- KIDS & TEENS AGED 6-17YRS
- BOOKINGS ARE APPRECIATED BUT  
TURNING UP ON THE DAY IS FINE
- \$25 A DAY OR \$65 FOR ALL 3 DAYS

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