



22 Albrecht Drive
Larapinta NT 0875

Subscribe: <https://larapintaps.schoolzineplus.com/subscribe>

Email: larapinta.primary@education.nt.gov.au

Phone: 08 8958 5155



18 October 2023

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back to Term 4! We have had a busy but calm start to the final term of 2023. Brenda has taken some well-deserved long service leave but will be back on Monday 30th October. Until then, Jacki Raybould and I (and our fabulous team) will continue to keep Larapinta ticking along.

Last week, our choir, capably supported by Amy Thomas, attended another rehearsal for the Alice Beat performance on Thursday 2nd November. Tickets can be purchased online ([Araluen Arts Centre | Art Galleries and Theatre](#)) or from the box office at Araluen.

The NT Music School has received several new enrolments for the 2024 music program. It would be great to see more Larapinta students learning an instrument – both Matthew Owen and Caleb Goman are very patient and passionate musicians and would love to work with more of our students. Glenyss Rae also does voice lessons if anyone

is keen to improve their singing skills. Check out the NT Music School's website to sign up your child(ren)!

We continue to seek your innovative ideas on how to spend the Federal Government's funding for 2024. It is our mission to improve outcomes for **all** students. We need you to think of ways to improve engagement, attendance, wellbeing, and learning. What would make school the best possible place? So far, we have spoken to a range of families and people who visit our school. The messages we are hearing are that learning needs to be meaningful, fun, and engaging, with experiences inside and outside the classroom and that relationships between school and families need to be strong. Please think about practical ways we can do this and send your ideas via email or pop into the front office and speak with me or Teegan.

We are in the process of looking at class structures for 2024, so it would be very helpful if you returned the note to let us know if your child(ren) will not be returning to Larapinta next year. If you've lost the note, please let us know another way. If you have any questions or concerns about your children or their learning, please make a time to come and chat with us. We work hard to accommodate all students and families

at our school.

Our preschoolers have visited Transition this week, with more sessions scheduled throughout the term. They are very excited about coming up to ‘big school’ next year, especially those who have friends or older siblings already here.

Our teachers spent their professional learning day last Monday learning about cognitive load theory and how it impacts on learning at school. We also refreshed our understanding of trauma and its impact on the brain, and revisited strategies for working with children who are dysregulated. And finally, we spent time looking at our school-wide processes for supporting positive behaviours.

We know our students know our school code, but they sometimes have trouble remembering to enact it. Our focus this term, will be on strengthening everyone’s understanding of being SAFE (at school, online and in the community), being RESPECTFUL (using kind words, treating others how we would like to be treated, and taking care of our spaces and resources) and being strong LEARNERS (asking questions, not giving up, bouncing back from setbacks, thinking about things differently and reflecting on things).

As of today (Wednesday), we have 41 school days until the holidays. Let’s make a HUGE effort to be here every day and be the safest, most respectful, strong, smart, and deadly learners we can be!

Until next time,
Jackie

SCHOOL SNAPSHOT


IMPORTANT DATES

DATE	
Friday 27 th October	World Teachers’ Day
Friday 27 th October	Day for Daniel - Wear Red - Gold Coin Donation
Thursday 2 nd November	Alice BEAT performance – 7pm Araluen Arts Centre

Mon 27 th Nov – Fri 8 th Dec	Swimming – Transition classes
Thursday 7 th December	Preschool/Transition Family BBQ 5-6.30pm
Monday 11 th December	Year 6 Graduation
Thursday 14 th December	Term 4 ends

SCHOOL PHOTOS – Group photo orders

Group photos are now available for purchase from The School Photographer. Orders can only be made online at their website. Please see details below for available photos and ordering instructions.



Larapinta Primary School

SPORTS & CO-CURRICULAR PHOTOS

Please find below a list of all the photographs available.

These can be viewed and ordered online at www.theschoolphotographer.com.au using the Online Order Code below:

23S5057PER47L

The photo prices are:

\$18.00 each, 2 for \$34.00, 3 for \$46.00, 4 for \$58.00 or 5 for \$70.00

Any additional photographs are **\$10.00** each. This discount is only available per family order.

The photos will be available to view and purchase ONLINE ONLY

Name of Group	Name of Group
Arts Team	Choir
Environment Team	Events Team
Sports Team	Tech Team
Whole School	Year 6 Fun

ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN FOR 2024



REMINDERS

Parent Contribution

If you haven't paid your contribution for the year yet, please come into the front office at the school and do so – it's never too late!

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.

Celebrating Birthdays

We love to celebrate birthdays at Larapinta and always acknowledge students' special day with a birthday song. Due to the number of students who have allergies and in the interest of equity **we request that parents do not bring cakes, icy poles, or other food to share with the class.** We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

School uniform

A reminder that as per the uniform policy, students are required to wear the correct school uniform each day; that is the school shirt, navy shorts, skorts or trackpants and that the Larapinta school jumper or jacket is also required. Students should not come in coloured jumpers, jackets, or hoodies.

Helmets

A reminder that all children riding bikes or scooters to school need to have a helmet. If children ride to school without helmets parents will be called to come to collect the bike or scooter as children may not ride home without it.

Toys and Personal items

A reminder that children should not bring toys or personal items from home to school. There is potential that these items get lost, broken or otherwise go missing. They also often cause arguments between children and take away from precious teaching and learning time as disputes are resolved. We are unable to follow up missing items so please leave them at home.

Medications at School

If your child is required to be given medication at school (ie antibiotics, Panadol, cough syrup), please ensure that you visit the front office and complete the required paperwork. First Aid staff cannot administer any medication without required consents. All medications are to be kept in the First Aid room. Children should not have asthma puffers etc in their school bags.

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 Printable Installation Guide](#)

PRESCHOOL NEWS

Werte from Preschool

How is it term 4 already...? This year certainly has flown by and we are racing towards the festive season which we are sure will be here in a blink of an eye.

We would like to welcome all our new children and families that have commenced preschool this Term – all the children have settled into their new classrooms, are making friends and are enjoying exploring their new play spaces. It is lovely to see the other children make them feel so welcome, inviting them into their play and helping them learn the class routine.

The children who will be attending Larapinta Primary School have started their transition to school visits. They have spent an hour up in the transition class where they have engaged in “Investigations,” exploring the transition room and all the wonderful resources that are in it. These visits will occur in Week 2, 4, 6 & 8 – with literacy and numeracy sessions, health and P.E., and music sessions being on the agenda.

With the warmer weather upon us, we will be making some changes to our routine where we head outside a little earlier in the morning – and coming back in before it gets too hot. We will also have water play so please pack a change of clothes each day so that everyone can enjoy cooling off.

In Unit 1 the children have been learning about the seasons – especially the current season spring and have been making some cool, floral crafts.

In Unit 2 the children are following their interest from last term and have been constructing their own big marble runs using loose parts.



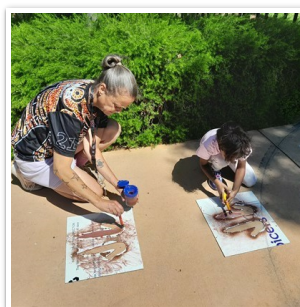
Outside, bike riding and finding tiny insects have kept the children very engaged as well as using their gross motor skills to play pole tennis, soccer and footy.



tracks are designed to spark conversations between children and their carers to support language and cognitive development. You can find these tracks outside the school and next to the Larapinta IGA. Next time you go for a walk make sure you check them out!



The Lhere Pirnte Little People committee had their first meeting of the term last week, they have been learning all about Lhere Pirnte Impatye and are becoming little champions for the vision. They used the tracks stencils to create an interactive footpath for kids and families to enjoy at the CFC.



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 Impatye Tracks

We have had a busy start to week 1 at the Larapinta Child and Family Centre. CFC staff have been busy painting tracks onto the footpath for kids and families to enjoy. These

Corflute's

We have been discussing with Larapinta community ways that we can share the Lhere Pirnte Impatye vision, to let community know that there are some special things happening in Larapinta.



If you want to stay up to date with Lhere Pirnte Impatye, Like and Follow the Larapinta Child and Family Centre page on Facebook.

Hearing

Last week the Hearing educators made some healthy smoothies with kids and families at the CFC. Kids got to choose from a selection of healthy frozen fruits and watch the colour of the drink change as it mixed together. Cooking with kids gives them the opportunity to experiment with new actions as well as learn about cause and effect.



Kele Mwerre!

COMMUNITY NEWS

FaFT

FaFT have been busy annotating some photos of kids learning to display in the family space. Having pictures of kids and their families learning, support them to feel a sense of belonging to this place. It also gives them and their families an opportunity to reflect and engage in conversations around their play which then supports them to extend their knowledge.



Congratulations

A big congratulations to our superstar Rachel Jericho who won Early childhood Educator of the year at the Northern Territory Education and Care awards.

REGISTRATIONS CLOSING SOON



ALICE SPRINGS BASEBALL ASSOCIATION
JUNIOR BASEBALL

SEASON BEGINS

13TH OCTOBER
TEE BALL & ROOKIE BALL

21ST OCTOBER
LITTLE LEAGUE & JUNIOR LEAGUE



SCAN ME

TO REGISTER
COPY & PASTE THIS LINK:
[HTTP://BIT.LY/3EL5GBR](http://bit.ly/3EL5GBR)

FACEBOOK.COM/ASBAJUNIORS
JUNIORSASBA@OUTLOOK.COM.AU

Inviting 5-12 years old




IMAGINE THE FUN

Find your local program today

ALICE SPRINGS CRICKET BLAST
FRIDAY NIGHTS 5PM TRAEGER PARK
SESSION 1: 27 OCT 2023

CRICKET BLAST

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH 4 KIDS

IS YOUR CHILD PREPARING TO TRAVEL INDEPENDENTLY IN THE COMMUNITY?

Neighbourhood Watch 4 Kids is an e-learning portal that supports caregivers in preparing their child to travel safely and independently in the community.

NHW4Kids has been created with best-practice advice and interactive elements to take you and your child on a learning journey!

Scan the QR Code now to improve your child's safety knowledge, increase their confidence and empower them to trust their instincts and react appropriately to unsafe situations.



- RECOGNISE AND REACT TO UNSAFE SITUATIONS
- ACCESS SAFETY RESOURCES
- PLAY SAFETY GAMES
- PLAN THEIR ROUTE

MY PERSONAL NETWORK

nhw4kids.org.au

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NT

October is Neighbourhood Watch Month!

While safety matters everyday, Neighbourhood Watch NT chooses the month of October to give extra attention to the issue of safety, especially for our youth. We encourage parents and caregivers to talk with their kids about safety matters that affect them.

Safety topics to discuss:

- Road safety
- Safe driving
- Saying no to alcohol and drugs
- In-person and online bullying and how to report it
- Stranger danger
- Online and cyber safety
- When and how to call 000

Guidelines for talking to kids

- ✓ Say it early, say it often
- ✓ Don't be afraid to talk about uncomfortable topics and feelings
- ✓ Be specific
- ✓ Role play
- ✓ Empower kids to be the "boss" of their body
- ✓ Come up with simple steps of what they can do in an unsafe situation

Remember!
Report any suspicious activity
Emergency Only 000
Police Assistance 131 444
To report anonymously, call Crimestoppers 1800 333 000

For more information visit www.nhwnt.org.au

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NT
Northern Territory Police Force

Adolescents who live in connected communities are more likely to have a paw-sitive outlook on their future!

Neighbourhood WATCH MONTH 2022

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NT