

# LARAPINTA SCHOOL NEWS

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## From Ms Jolley

Dear Parents/Carers,  
Congratulations to Mrs Ashlea Farrell who has won an acting position in the Education Office for Term 4 as Director of School Support for Central Australia. Ashlea will be back on board to commence the 2012 school year at Larapinta. We wish her well for the term.

Next term will see some new faces on staff. Michelle Pinto will be joining us to take on 3/4 J for the remainder of the year. Michael Hall joins us

for the term with an IT focus across the school.

Phyllis Trowbridge will continue on two days a week in the T/1 classrooms and Lara Phillips will also assist in this area two days a week.

A big thanks to Mrs. Chris Marcic for her great work with us this term.

We officially farewell Mrs Susy Mengel. Susy has worked in the Library for several years; she will be remem-



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bered for her beautiful displays, attention to detail and exquisite style!

I wish a very Happy Birthday to Miss Nicola Clifford for tomorrow.

Kind regards, Brenda.

## Vote for Larapinta

### Vote for Larapinta in the Generation One Song Competition

We have completed our Hands Across Australia music video and entered it into the Generation One Song

Competition. During the holidays, from **October 3**, all school entries will be online and available for public voting. Please go online and vote and get as many family and friends to vote for us!

There is a 'People's Choice Award' for the school with the most votes.

Go Larapinta!

<http://peopleschoice.generationone.org.au/>

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### Special Dates

#### Wk 10

**Fri 30 Sept Jersey Day**  
End of term

**Mid Semester Break**  
Oct 3-7

**Term 4**  
starts **Mon 10 Oct**

**BIG BREAKFAST**  
Thur 13 Oct

## TEACHING AND LEARNING

In 2012 all Australian schools will commence the implementation of the National English and Mathematics Curriculum.

Larapinta School will commence with the National Maths curriculum in Semester One and English in Semester Two next year.

Our teachers are already engaging in activities and professional learning to prepare for the Australian Curriculum.

Senior teacher Suzi Burgess is leading teacher learning in this area.

Our T/1 students have been producing fantastic writing. Some pieces are included here for you to enjoy.

### The Tree and Me.

He is a tree.

What about me?

I am a person.

-Poem by Luke (Yr 1)

I had my Nanny's birthday and there was lots of people and I danced with Uncle Jeffery and with music.

-JamiLee (Transition)

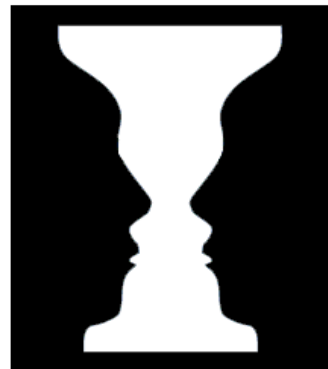


*This Friday Larapinta Primary School is having a 'Games and Jersey Day'. We would like students to bring sun block, a water bottle and a hat. If your team jersey is a singlet, make sure you wear a T-shirt underneath so you don't get*



## Perception surveys

Early next term we will be conducting a 'perception' survey of our school community in order to assist us in improving the educational program offered at Larapinta. Parents, students and staff will be invited to provide feedback on aspects of schooling. Feedback will help identify strengths and areas for



improvement, which will guide our school planning. Honest and open feedback is important. Information collected will be summarized, and no individual responses will be reported. To ensure the results are useful it is essential that as many people as possible return their survey.

## Attendance awards

Four more students will receive attendance awards at the end of term assembly on Friday. Richmond Football Club's Tigers in the Community have most generously provided two ipods and two netbook computers to acknowledge good attendance and behaviour throughout this term. Good

attendance gives students the best chance to do well at school.

Truant Officers become involved with parents of students who have: extended absences; unexplained absence; patterns of absence (eg away every Fri-



day); or absences that cannot be sanctioned (eg shopping with family).

Improving student enrolment, attendance and participation is everybody's responsibility and everyone's business.

## Award Winners/Library

Sherena Douglas for having a go at writing

Aidan Carroll-Kells for a great portfolio

Damien Day for a great portfolio.

Serenity Kaiwahia-Ponga for super sounds and ripper reading

Sharne Coulthard for getting on with the job and producing some good work

Leah Whitmore for a dynamite job in assisting teachers in class whenever it is needed

Craig Gardiner for a great effort in spelling

Danielle Lanzarin for fantastic work on her butterfly report

Marcus Ross for being a fabulous new member of 5/6K

Shenika Hayes for working well in Maths

Jarita Robertson for improved handwriting

James Gregurke for fantastic number work

Brianna Hughes for outstanding Titanic project

Keara Stuart for a terrific Titanic project

Taylah Nietschke for brilliant research in Titanic project

Brianna McSweeney for a fantastic Titanic project

Shoneeka Abbott for best Tashi work

Dylan Salmon for Best Tashi work

Biyona Bino for Best Tashi work

Rishanne Dodd for Best Tashi work

Marcus Ross for a fantastic start at Larapinta

### LIBRARY

Our school has won a Regional Award in The Young Territory Author Awards 2011 for a book titled, 'To Murphy Creek from your friends at Larapinta Primary School'. Early in the year each class created two pages, telling Murphy Creek School students about our school and about Alice Springs. Poems, art, letters, and photos of the school and Alice Springs were included. A group of students will represent the school to collect a prize from the Mayor at the Public Library on 18th October.

## Healthy Minds, Healthy Bodies Breakfast

On Thursday October 13th, from 7.30am Larapinta will be having another whole school breakfast.

All students are encouraged to come and enjoy a delicious, healthy start to the day.

Parents are invit-

ed to join us in the hall. What a great way to start the term!

This breakfast celebrates Mental Health Week under the banner, 'Wellbeing – Invest in Your Life' and is a reminder to us all to fuel our minds and our

bodies with healthy food, thoughts and experiences.

If you haven't been to a Larapinta Big Breakfast it's time to come along to see for yourself what all the fuss is about. If you're a regular, we look forward to seeing you again!



NORTHERN TERRITORY  
MENTAL HEALTH  
COALITION

## Drumbeat

Next term we will commence a new program at the school called Drumbeat. This is a 10 week group program that culminates in a performance. A group of students (Yr 3-6) have been nominated to participate in the first round of this program and others will have the

chance to be part of this exciting and dynamic experience in 2012. Thirty four staff members participated in a Drumbeat session last week to learn about the benefits of the program.



Drumbeat is social learning in a fun context. It promotes teamwork and cooperation using hand drumming. It is engaging and rewarding.

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### *Birth & Beyond Parent Resource Centre*

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October

7:30pm @ the Gillen Club ...with dinner or drinks at 6:30pm. Are you passionate about issues relating to pregnancy, childbirth and parenting? Birth & Beyond is currently looking to fill some Executive Committee places, including Convenor and Treasurer. All new members and volunteers welcomed.

### Photo Reminder

For those parents wishing to order SRC, sports leader, choir and music photos, forms must be handed to the front office by the last day of term (Friday 30th Sept). Orders cannot be accepted after this time.



### Talent Quest

The Talent Quest Final will be held this Thursday at 1.45 in the Hall  
All welcome.

Larapinta Primary School opened in January 1998. The school offers excellent classroom teaching and intervention programs to cater for the diversity of our students. In addition we offer specialist Library, Music and PE classes. Our Music teacher Mrs. Young conducts both a junior and senior choir. The Indigenous Parent Group supports programs and events within the school. All teaching areas boast Interactive Whiteboards. Student Leaders are provided opportunities to develop skills through SRC and sports leader roles. Social programs include Kidsmatter, KidsHope and BluEarth.

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### 2012 Fair



During Term 4 the Fundraising Committee will begin planning the bi-annual fair to be held next year.

If you are able to assist with planning for this event please contact the front office and leave your details.

The Fair is a major fundraiser for the school and parent input is vital to its success.