

LARAPINTA SCHOOL NEWS

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Carers,
Our choirs sang beautifully with the Darwin Symphony Orchestra at the Desert Park last night. They are to be congratulated for their efforts and behaviour at both rehearsal and performance. We have received congratulations from Stewart Moyses, Director of School Performance Central Australia and Eva Lawler, Executive Director of the Chief Minister's Office who both applauded our students for their singing and behaviour. Eva said, 'they were outstanding ambassadors for Larapinta School'. Well done to all students and many thanks to our music teacher, Belinda

Young and to Ashlea Farrell for her support.

The Preschool Art Show and 20th Birthday celebrations are on this evening from 5.30-7.30pm. Please come along to show your support for the great work that happens in our Preschool. A big thanks to the Preschool staff for all the work towards this event. Commemorative pavers can still be purchased tonight.

Larapinta's annual Bushathon was held last Thursday. Students walked to Flynn's Grave where they were also filmed for the Generation One song competition. A big thank-you goes to Mrs Ashlea Farrell, the chief organizer, Mrs Belinda Young for her musical direction and to all



staff who assisted on the day. We would like to finalise monies collected during this fundraising event and ask that any outstanding funds be sent in as soon as possible. With thanks for your assistance with this.

Regards

Brenda Jolley

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Carers,
A big thank you to all of the teachers, support staff, parents and of course students who braved the windy morning of the Bushathon. I was extremely proud of our students who sang their hearts out lots of times so we could get some

good photos and video for the Generation One competition. We arrived back at school to have ice blocks and fruit and both staff and students were in good humour. This week we will calculate how much we raised and who our prize-winners are.

The weather seems to change from day to day so please send your children with their school jumpers or jackets in the morning. It is still quite cold and they can take them off as it gets warmer. This helps to avoid those coughs and colds. Have a great week. Ashlea

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Special Dates

Week 8

- Mon 12th 7pm School Council Meeting
- Tues 13th 6.30pm Desert Park Event Choir and Darwin Symphony Orchestra
- Wed 14 Preschool 20th Birthday celebrations and Art Show

Week 9

- Thur 22nd Portfolios home

Mid term break 3rd-7th October

Term 4 begins 10th October

TRANSITION POINTS

Preschool students have commenced visits to the Transition classes this term and will continue this in Term 4 in order to familiarize them with our school environment. Parent sessions for students starting Transition next year are scheduled for Wednesday 19th October at 9.30am and 5.30pm to cater for both working parents and those who prefer to attend a morning session. This will give parents a chance to meet

key staff, hear about the Transition program and to ask questions. Morning and afternoon tea will be available.

Parents of Year 6 students will also be preparing for their child's transition to Middle School. Larapinta will continue to liaise with Centralian Middle School and offer opportunities for students to have an understanding of the next phase in their education. We understand

the importance of these transitions from preschool to school and from primary to middle school and offer our support to both students and families at these points in time.

Enrolments for 2012 are now open for both Larapinta Preschool and Primary. Please phone the front office to make an appointment for an enrolment interview.

INVOLVED PARENTS MAKE A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE!

The Indigenous Parent Group met last week and had a very fruitful session looking at ways that parents can be more involved in their children's schooling and ways the school can help contribute to cultural identity and validation of Indigenous cultures. Ideas from the group included: sharing local Indigenous history with

links through learning, seeing, doing; employing great role models; continuing to recognise Indigenous occasions; parents helping in the class with readers; involving respected elders in occasional class activities; having a bush tucker session; and learning about tradition. Parents also discussed ways they show they have high

expectations for their children both at school and at home. Many thanks to those families who contributed these great ideas and to parents who prepared the meal. Darian did a great job with childcare which allowed parents time to think and talk together. Thanks again to Kahlia for her work.



Jersey Day 30th Sept

Students are invited to wear their favourite team/club jersey, cluster uniform or sports uniform to school to celebrate Health and Physical Education Week on the last day of term. Mr Chapman is organizing special games on the day.

AWARD WINNERS/LIBRARY NEWS/SRC NEWS

Congratulations to:

Rajnandini (Dolly) Bohra for a fantastic start in her new class.

Timmy Campbell for a dynamite job in writing fantastic stories.

Mason Crawford for a dynamite job in Maths.

Nikita Badenoch for being a kind and caring friend to others.

Paige Somers for a trying really hard to improve handwriting.

Rohan Watts for making fantastic progress in reading.

Lara Espie for always being a star student.

Maggie Pearce for always taking care with her work.

Kasey Ashenden for wonderful storywriting.

LIBRARY NEWS

Ellie and Sue would like to thank Josie Hodgins, Jo Cross, Carrie Hughes, Holly Bennett, Martell Dunn, Marg Marrant, Adi Smith, Linda Fitzsimmons and Barb Gurney for covering and repairing Library books this term.

A huge thanks; we got through lots of backlog in the Library.

Remember to come in and grab a bargain, get a Larapinta Library Bag for half price at \$7.50.

From Mrs Thomson.

SRC NEWS

We are holding our annual Talent Quest again. Heats are being held this week and next for all the budding young superstars out there. Students can sing, dance, tell jokes, play the spoons... The Grand Final is on Thursday September 29th from 1.45-3.00pm. Parents are most welcome to attend. Ask your child if they are participating and if so please talk with them about selecting music that is appropriate for use at school (ie. no swearing in the lyrics). We can't wait!

NEW STAFF FOR LARAPINTA

Welcome to three new staff members who have commenced with us this week.

Emma DeRooy has taken up the position of Beginning Strong Officer in the Preschool. This important position helps our preschool students to feel comfortable in the preschool setting. It also encourages parents to send children to preschool on a regular basis and to

feel welcome and part of the preschool. Emma will also take carriage of the Wednesday afternoon playgroup. The Playgroup starts at 1.30pm. Afternoon Tea and craft activities are part of this session. It's a great way to get to know other parents and to provide some socializing for little ones.

Liam Hanley (an ex Larapinta student) and Lachlan Sharpe

have also commenced with us in Aboriginal Resource Officer positions. They join Darian Preece who has been with us since the start of term.

Together with Kahlia, our AIEW, these staff members are excellent young role models for all of our students. They bring a strong education background, sporting and language skills to our team.

RISE AND SHINE FOR BREAKFAST TIME!

Studies show that children who eat a good breakfast tend to perform better in school, and have better attendance and decreased hyperactivity. Eating a healthy breakfast does not have to take a lot of time. Please make sure children take time to eat a healthy breakfast and set them up for a great day of learning every day.



Quick and Healthy Breakfast Ideas:

- Cereal with strawberries and milk
- Oatmeal, orange and milk
- Pancakes topped with fruit and milk
- Toast with egg
- Apple and yoghurt

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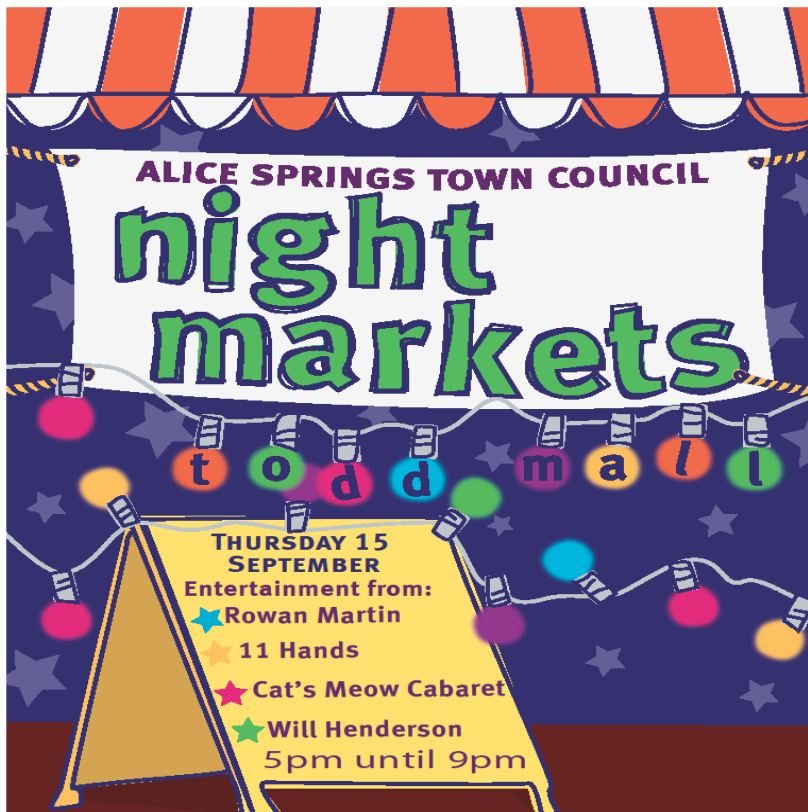


Larapinta Primary School opened in January 1998. The school offers excellent classroom teaching and intervention programs to cater for the diversity of our students. In addition we offer specialist Library, Music and PE classes. Our Music teacher Mrs. Young conducts both a junior and senior choir. The 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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Alice Springs Basketball Association

Come & Try Session
Club Sign on Day

Where: Alice Springs Basketball Stadium
Traegar Ave

When: Sunday 18 September 1.00pm –
3.00pm

Any new players wanting to participate in skill sessions or to get information on the upcoming 2011 Challenge Season. All players from Juniors to Seniors are welcome.

For more information contact ASBA Administrator Jen Robinson on 89528356 or visit

www.alicesprings.basketball.net.au

Come out & see what Alice Springs Basketball is all about!