Week 2, Term 2
Thursday 2nd May, 2019

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From our Assistant Principal

Well, the weather is certainly starting to cool down and we are well under way into Term 2. This is going to be an action packed term with everything happening at Ross Park from Tennis Gala Days to NAPLAN, Sports Day, Musica Viva performances, Mothers Day, the Eisteddfod as well as individual class excursions, camps and performances at assembly. Look to your child’s classroom newsletter for key dates as well as their specific learning focus for the term. Refer to this whole school newsletter for school-wide key dates. Many teachers are now using SeeSaw as a means of communicating what is happening in class and providing regular progress updates about your child. If you would like to know more, please see your child’s teacher.

Teachers are in the process of assessing student learning in preparation for report writing this term. Student reports will be sent home in Week 10 of this term and will provide you with specific information about your child’s progress and achievement as well as the next steps in their learning journey.

Friday afternoons are looking a little different for our Year 2 classes for the next two terms. The Year 2 teachers have teamed up to rotate their classes and teach a different learning area each term. Classes will rotate through P.E, Technology and Visual Arts with one term on each subject. This is an excellent opportunity for students to experience different teaching styles and for teachers to focus on their own areas of strength.

4/5 Panthers will be commencing work on their Wearable Arts projects this term. Students will undertake a significant amount of work repurposing materials to create garments to be worn and presented at the Wearable Arts Awards in Term 4.

Yesterday Year 5/6 students attended an exciting Languages Other Than English, (LOTE) performance called Games Boy 18. This was a one hour performance by Sean Murphy. The show’s narrative was based on the idea of touring the world through traditional games and students and teachers both enjoyed the show.

For those of you who are new to Alice Springs, the Bangtail Muster is an annual parade run by Rotary, on the May Day public holiday, Monday 6th May. The first parade was held in March 1959 when cattle were the main industry of the Centre. Stockmen would cut off the ends of the tails to record the number of cattle mustered. Each year the Rotary Club nominates a theme for the parade and this year’s is “Oceans”. Rona Glynn Preschool is entering a float that will have a sustainability focus and will showcase how important it is to care for our oceans (even though we live 1500kms away). Preschool students will ride through the parade on the back of a flatbed truck dressed as if they were going to the beach. All are welcome to come down and wave to our wonderful preschool students!

As the mornings get cooler and the days remain warm, students often remove layers of their clothing as the day goes on. Please remember to label all items of clothing so if they are misplaced, they can be easily identified. Remember to check the lost property box at the front office if your child is missing any items.

SALIMA SPRING
Assistant Principal

Dates to Remember
- Whole school assembly tomorrow Friday 3rd May @ 8.40am on the softfall
- NAPLAN 14-24 May
- Sports Day 24th May

Farewell Mrs Joy Hurling
It is with great sadness that our school community learned of the sudden death of our former teacher, teacher librarian and Senior Teacher. Joy taught at Ross Park for over 20 years when she and her husband David retired to SA. Joy loved teaching at Ross Park and especially loved being the teacher librarian where her passion for books, especially Australian children’s authors, ensured that the very strong culture of reading remained, at a time when many schools in Australia were losing their libraries. In addition, Joy was an accomplished crafts woman and staff loved seeing what she had made to sell in her Nimble Knits business at the markets. Every one of us owned a poncho or beanie at some stage, knitted by Joy. Mrs Hurling made a significant contribution to Ross Park Primary School and is part of our history.

KAREN BLANCHFIELD, Past Principal
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ECO-RANGERS’ NEWS
The Eco Rangers are holding Mothers Day workshops during lunch times next week. There will be lots of fun activities for little and big kids. Please bring $2 for each workshop—all money will go towards playground upgrades. All you have to do is bring your money to school and the awesome Eco-Rangers will come around to all the classes to collect it and add your name to your preferred activities—yes, you can do more than one if there are spaces! Each gift you make is yours to take home for your mother.”
By Jude, Penny and Violet S.

SPORTS DAY

Our annual Sports Day is scheduled for Friday 24th May. Volunteers are needed to help with setting–and packing-up (names to the school office please). Our canteen will offer a special Meal Deal (roast pork and gravy roll, with drink and icypole, for $7.00) and coffee/hot chocolate for adults will also be available.

More information to come!

Rosco’s Canteen

special next week: roast beef and gravy roll $5.00

BOOK CLUB

Please send completed orders to the school by Friday 10th May.

TECHNOLOGY!

Luella from Mrs Lawson’s Year 2 class is typing her story onto an iPad. Great touch keyboard skills Luella!

NAPLAN Online

(14 – 24 May 2019) is fast approaching and students are familiarising themselves with the different question types and functionality of the online tests. We recommend families visit the public demonstration site at nap.edu.au to experience firsthand the NAPLAN Online test format. This site also contains information about the move to online testing including a helpful video titled Understanding NAPLAN Online. The NAPLAN Online Privacy Notice outlining data collection and storage can be found at education.nt.gov.au/education.

TEACHING IN THE TERRITORY EXCELLENCE AWARDS are an opportunity for exceptional educators and support staff to be acknowledged and recognised. Nominations can be submitted by any member of our school community. For more information, please go to education.nt.gov.au and search Teaching in the Territory Excellence Awards. Awards will be presented on World Teachers’ Day on Friday, 25th October.

TEENI21 GALA DAY

27 students from Year 5/6 competed in the Alice Springs Schools’ Tennis Gala Day yesterday. Of the four different divisions Ross Park were successful in three! Winners on the day were D’Arcy, Charlie, Zac, Sadie, Nellie, Isabella, Wiktoria, Beatrix and Ayla. Well done all!

W is for Watermelon in Ms Harper’s Transition class!

Australian Red Cross needs help with the Trauma Teddy program. Knitted and completed by volunteers, these unique teddies are given to children needing comfort. If you can help, please email jeldridge@redcross.org.au.

Mothers Day Classic—supporting breast cancer research—12th May from 6.30am at Alice Springs Desert Park. For more information, go to www.mothersdayclassic.com.au.

NT Fire & Rescue Service is celebrating Firefighters’ Day on 4th May by taking part in ‘Walking Off the War Within’, to fight depression and PTSD @ 7.00am at Lasseters Casino—go to www.walkoffww.com for more details.

Wests Netball Club needs young players, for Saturday games. Contact westsnetballclub@live.com.au for information.