From our Assistant Principal

Term 3 is set to be the best term yet at Ross Park Primary School. We have so many exciting events and activities occurring throughout the school.

SWIMMING
Swimming began last week and students and teachers from Transition and Year 1 have been travelling to and from the pool each day. The excitement from both year levels has been evident, with children hardly able to contain themselves leading up to the swimming each day. Of course, after they swim, they are exhausted so managing young minds and keeping children on track for the week can be a challenge in itself! Next week 1/2 Thompson, 2 Hempel and 2 Thomson classes will have their turn. I asked one of our students from last week what the best thing was about the swimming and he said, with great enthusiasm, “The yellow slide!” Let’s see what this week brings.

SUSTAINABILITY
Our sustainability focus for this term is really starting to ramp up: each class has an area that they are investigating, exploring various aspects of recycling. Classes are excited to share their findings—please make some time on Thursday Week 9 (20th September) to come to the school showcase evening. Classes will be open and various performances will occur throughout the afternoon and evening.

I love being at Ross Park! Working with the students is clearly our passion as teachers and working with conscientious teachers and staff makes it even better. Speaking with parents and building relationships with the cross section of our school community is a highlight of my job and I look forward to connecting with as many parents and families as I can each day. We care about your child and how we are doing in providing a happy, safe, learning environment for them daily. If you have any concerns or would like to share some great news, please feel free to come and see us any time.

SHONTELL DOUGHERTY
Assistant Principal
MATHLETICS
Students from 4/5 SWS have been working hard at Mathletics all week. Quite a few students have achieved a top ten result and ...today Ross Park Primary School is number #1 in the world! What an achievement—well done students!

HOT WHEELS!
Austin (5/6A) had a fabulous weekend—he took part in some amazing motorbike stunts with the visiting Hot Wheels team!

NT ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS
Several of our students achieved very good results in the Championships in Darwin last week. Well done to: Tyler G (5/6BG), Matthew H (3F), Mya T (5/6A), Emma T (4S) and Rania (5/6BG). Mya was chosen to take part in the national titles—fantastic effort Mya!

REMINDER: Book Club closes tomorrow Friday 7th September.

SUSTAINABILITY
'Hi Ross Park!
Our blue bins have been going great! Thank you for them properly and helping reduce waste. We are very excited for our open evening in a couple of weeks, where we will get to showcase what we have been doing and classes WILL share their learning as well. Cannot wait to see you there!'

ECO-RANGERS

GARDENING SUCCESS!
After learning about gardening last term, Transition Kaye Ryan students enjoyed harvest day this week and with the help of families, brought back to school 2 wheelbarrows full of produce! In the classroom, we sorted our veg, then used them to make beetroot soup and greens pie. At the end of the day, the children enjoyed their harvest feast. Well done, Team Akngwelye—so wonderful to celebrate our learning in this way.

ART with Ms Hill
'We have been talking about using resources and materials sustainably. We have been using some packaging waste to make art. 2 Thompson students have made these birds from cereal boxes, feathers, sand, ink boxes and sticks.'

STAFF PROFILE
Naomi Berriman is our new Administration Manager. Naomi has worked in schools for 12 years; before that, she was an Austswim Instructor. Naomi’s two boys, Paul and Stuart, are now in their twenties but completed their primary schooling at Ross Park. Naomi says she loves working at Ross Park School—welcome Naomi!

FEEDBACK
Comments from 5/6 Merritt students, following the visit from author Trace Bella:
"I liked how she puts her artwork on the computer so it can be made in more languages.” Jamie
"Trace was great! We learned about her books and how she illustrates them from what she experiences.” Nellie
"I thought Trace was great! I loved how she has dedicated her life to capturing real life in her drawings. She was so creative, which inspired me to see the world more creatively.” Nova

CHIEF MINISTER’S LITERACY ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS
These prestigious awards are presented to students annually. Categories include: Most Improved Oral Language; Most Improved Reading and Most Improved Writing. Keep working hard students—you may be nominated for these special prizes.

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St Philips College ‘Jazz High Tea’ a Girls’ Boarding House initiative in aid of drought relief: 16th September, 3-5pm. Email robbyscar@hotmail.com for details.


Bluearth Parent Session @ Kurrajong Park 18th September from 3.20pm. Kids and parents welcome—free! Call Katie on 0410722523 for details.

Newland Park Road Safety Centre Family Fun Day 22nd September from 10.00am includes free sausage sizzle, kids’ activities and a visit from Hector the Road Safety Cat. Go to towardszero.nt.gov.au for details.

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