FROM OUR SENIOR TEACHER

Throughout this term, our Eco Rangers, SRC members and students in all classes from across the school have been enthusiastic and excited whilst working on projects and performances based on the theme of ‘Sustainability’. These will be shared at our Sustainability Showcase this evening from 5:00pm – 6:30pm. Please come along and share our learning journey with us.

This event presents an opportunity for you to engage in conversation with your child about his/her knowledge and interests, what challenges they faced and how they might address them in the future.

Talking to your child about their learning—leading educational consultant, Shirley Clarke, suggests that engaging your child in discussion about his/her learning is the best way to reveal children’s thinking and understanding. However, though many answers given by children are correct, they often don’t reveal the true level of understanding of their knowledge and skills.

Here are few question prompts which may help you to get a true level of your child’s understanding:

‘Tell me what you have done?’
‘What do you mean by….?’
‘Why do you think….?’
‘Give me an example’

Perhaps you could try out some of these with your child tonight!

Learner Capabilities

When discussing what is to be taught and the quality of learning expected of students as they progress through their schooling, we often think of various learning areas of the Australian Curriculum - such as English, Mathematics and Science. General capabilities also play a significant role in the Australian Curriculum by equipping young Australians to live and work successfully in the twenty-first century.

Students develop capability when they apply knowledge and skills confidently, effectively and appropriately in complex and changing circumstances, in their learning at school and in their lives outside school. The following general capabilities are addressed through the content of the learning areas:

- Critical and Creative Thinking
- Intercultural Understanding
- Ethical Understanding
- Personal and Social Capability
- Literacy
- Numeracy
- Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Capability

If you would like to further explore the general capabilities, detailed information on each can be found at the following link: https://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/f-10-curriculum/general-capabilities/.

Sadly, our staff member Jane Marshall lost her mother recently. Our sincere sympathies are extended to her and her family in Queensland.

Over the term we have experienced weather changes which also means we now have a HUGE collection of winter items in our lost property box. These will be on display for collection tonight. All remaining school uniforms will be washed and placed in our second hand stores and other items will be donated to a charity outlet.

Tom Middleton, Senior Teacher

LEAVING?

If you know that your children will not be attending our school next year, please let us know now! Planning for 2019 has already commenced!

A BIG thank you to Trezona Taxation and Accounting Services for a substantial donation to our school recently.

Lara from 4/5SWS made a model of a heart (with a little help from her dad)! So realistic Lara!
ONLINE NEWSLETTER

In the interests of sustainability, we aim to reduce/eliminate paper copies of our weekly newsletter by the start of next year. Wherever possible, we prefer families to subscribe to our newsletter on the school website and it will then be automatically emailed to you every Thursday. The latest newsletters can be accessed on the website at any time.

BUSY YOUNG PEOPLE!

King of the Mountain walkers deserved a rest while enjoying the spectacular view!

Congratulations to our two winning netball teams! Rovers Streaks won the u13 Division One Grand Final against Giants. Kayla 5/6BG was named player of the match. Rovers Darts won the U13 Division Two Grand Final also against Giants. Lydia 5/6M was named player of the match. Terri van Haaren, Donna Wright and Lucy Winwood-Smith coached these teams to the premierships—a great team effort by all these players!

Lara 4/5SWS and her brother Adam 2T scooped the pool at the Alice Springs Flower Show last weekend, with their fabulous displays of native flowers!

SUSTAINABILITY

The showcase event is finally here and we are so excited to see all the classes learning about sustainability! Students have been working hard on performances and displays and we have noticed that there is not as much rubbish around the school at the moment. What an achievement! We look forward to seeing family and friends this evening to share with us the changes we are making.

STAYING SAFE ONLINE

Constable Craig Waters from NT Police visited 4/5 SWS to discuss cyber safety. It was interesting to find out just how many apps the students use! Most of the discussion was about the benefits and dangers of using modern technology.

SLEEPOVER

Last week 3/4 Squirrels participated in an excursion to Simpsons Gap and the Alice Springs Desert Park. The main focus of the excursion was learning about the connection between culture, plants, people and the landscape of the Northern Territory and Central Australia. The workshop on sustainability and reducing our carbon footprint gave students the opportunity to work in teams to create shelters from natural resources! What a great success!

MOVEMENT TIP #2

Use active transport (walking, running, skateboarding, cycling, etc as a focus when catching up with family and friends.

ROALD DAHL DAY

Celebrating Roald Dahl Day last week, students from 3 France dressed as Charlie, Oompa Lumps and Augustus Glump!

COUNCIL NEWS

Your School Council met this week and some of the issues discussed were:

* The Artists in Schools program—a grant of $6000 will enable local Arrernte artists to work with students to develop creative skills, culminating in an exhibition

* To enhance our Sustainability focus, an application for a grant has been submitted for 2019, aiming to develop composting and more comprehensive recycling

* The description for our school emblem will no longer include partitioning. In fact, modernizing the emblem, plus creating a school motto, will be investigated in readiness for our 60th anniversary in 2021

* Archer 1T tragically lost his father last week. Our school community is invited to think about ways to help the family and a memorial service will be held at the Turf Club today from 5.00pm.

Everyone is welcome to attend Council meetings! Our next meeting is 22nd October @ 7.00pm in the staffroom.

Parks & Wildlife free school holiday activities include Wildtime Program and Ormiston Gorge Pop-Up Discovery Trail. Go to the Department of Tourism and Culture website for more information.

Red Centre Bird Festival 19-23 September includes field trips, tag-along tours and eagle-cam. Download full Festival program from alicespringsdesertpark.com.au.

Lil’Antz Vacation Care Program is out now. Phone 89530015 for details.

Child Friendly Alice: help us find out what a child friendly Alice looks like. Complete the survey @ www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZXP8FWJ.

Alice Springs Cricket Junior Sign On 21st September @ Traeger Park from 5.30pm. Go to workscricketclub@gmail.com for details.

ROSCO’S Homemade Spaghetti Bolognese Only $5.00!