From our Principal

Welcome to Term 2! Our students and staff look refreshed and enthusiastic after the Easter break.

At Ross Park School, we work hard to promote a positive culture, focusing on respect and mutual caring. We are experiencing a very high number of staff absences, for various reasons: accidents, medical conditions, personal family circumstances, etc. We do our very best to maintain routines for students but some changes are inevitable. Our families and community always show support and compassion in tough times and we know your understanding can be relied on, while we juggle staff absences, always with the students’ best interests in mind. We welcome parents’ engagement in school life, programs and decision making. We believe the partnership between teachers and families is central to your child’s success at school so please do not hesitate to share queries or concerns with teachers to collectively and cooperatively address the matter.

We have a huge term planned, full of learning experiences, including the Eisteddfod, camp, excursions, performances, music and various sports. Sports Day is Friday 24th May—always a fun day for our students! Dressing in team colours is encouraged—so start thinking about outfits now!

At our School Council meeting late last term, School Councillors were asked to revise our school’s Values and rate them according to contemporary thinking. What do you think is most important for our students?

- Individual potential
- Challenges
- Respect
- Resilience
- Responsibility
- Social Justice
- Happiness
- Creativity
- Inclusion
- Academic Excellence.

Councillors recognised that Respect is the significant value in current times—do you agree? What behaviour and attitudes reflect this value in our school community?

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Dates to Remember

- NAPLAN 14-24 May
- Sports Day 24th May

Raffle tickets have been distributed to families. Our special mums could win:

1. Lisa Hatz Photography Package valued at $500.00, donated by Trusty Glass
2. Bond Springs overnight stay package valued at $230.00, donated by the Heaslip family
3. Two cheesecakes valued at $100.00, donated by Bronwyn Crowe.

Tickets are only $2.00 each and the raffle will be drawn on Friday 3rd May, one week before Mothers Day. Don’t forget to return sold tickets in plenty of time!

WHAT FUN!

73 students from 4/5 SWS and 4 M participated in the Alice on the Line camp last term at the Alice Springs Telegraph Station. Millie said, “All the activities, especially the Minute to Win It games, were great.” Olivia said, “Doing the Alice on the Line program was the best, especially being a Bradshaw kid.” Special thanks to the Barker and Schulz families for their support!
STUDENT SAFETY
Families are reminded that the Ross Park oval is monitored after school daily. Any students still waiting for pick-up after 3.05pm will be brought to the school office, where they will need to be signed out.

ANZAC DAY
Students from 4/5 SWS joined with their buddy class students from T/H to make ANZAC poppies... and students from 2 Walton, 2 Morris and 5/6 Adami Barnes Gilbert made a gorgeous wreath.

Assembly was held today, to focus on what ‘peace’ means and express gratitude for the sacrifices of our ancestors. On ANZAC Day tomorrow, Thursday 25th April, our students, with teacher Sarah France, will march in the parade, laying a real wreath at the Cenotaph.

INVITATION
Children in the Northern Territory who are attending school are entitled to free public dental services. Parents are encouraged to maintain regular check to promote good habits and prevent pain requiring emergency treatment. Call Oral Health Services on 89516713.

GIFTS...
Our Year 4 students will be making gifts for mothers and will need lots of glass jars. Shhh....it's a secret (but drop them to the school office anytime).

FROGS!
With the help of staff from Bunnings, students created a shady pond at the rear of our school to encourage frog life. Thanks Bunnings!

WELL DONE!
Scarlet 3/4M and Mac 1Ra put in a huge amount of effort and perseverance to complete the Outback Cycling Easter in the Alice 3 stage midi mountain bike race over the weekend with their parents. They rode a total of over 60kms over the 3 days on mainly single track!

CHAMPION!
Alois Rosario, the current National Table Tennis Head Coach, visited our school this week. Our senior students were lucky to have a coaching session with this VIP!

AFFIRMATIONS
Students from 5/6 Mapstone & Stedler had lots of fun writing positive statements on each other’s backs!

ROSCO’S CANTER
Next week’s special is Fish Burger with mayo and lettuce—$5.00 (available Wednesday, Thursday and Friday). Rosco’s will be open on Friday 26th April.

THANKS!
Over $400 was raised from a cake stall last term, to pay for materials our students have used to make blankets for Tangentyere. Thanks everyone, for your support!