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Week 10, Term 1

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From the Assistant Principal

Term 1 has come to a close and the holidays have arrived. It has certainly been an eventful term: excellent events and some amazing visits have made for some special moments. Term 2 is looking like it will be equally eventful, providing our students with some quality educational experiences.

This week we had our Writing Expo showcasing the writing of our students from Year 3 to Year 6. The creativity and the dedication of our students is to be commended and the hard work of Ms Robertson and Mrs Mapstone in organising the display and sharing it with the school is also to be celebrated.

Mr Anthony Pilkington will have his last day at Ross Park tomorrow. Mr Pilkington has had a Year 2 class this year and his work and dedication has been admirable. In his time at our school his ability to create a friendly learning environment is not only to be commended but evidence of an excellent teacher. We wish Mr Pilkington all the best as he takes up a new position in Bendigo and re-joins his family.

If you are fortunate enough to have some time off work, Easter is an excellent opportunity to spend quality

time with your family. Traditionally families go camping or attend the various events and festivals that are occurring around town. The Town Council runs a range of activities, ranging from story reading at the Library to Lego building (robotics and free play) and Easter cooking. There are many more things that may be of interest to you on the Alice Springs Council site. The Desert Park is celebrating its 20th anniversary and will have free entry on 9th April. Events that have a more Easter focused theme can be found at the major shopping centres and various churches are having special services. Desert Life Church is having an Easter Family Fun afternoon on Sunday 16th April. Hopefully the week will provide some rest and some valuable family bonding, enjoying the cooler weather. Whether you are travelling or staying around town, have a safe holiday break.

SHONTELL DOUGHERTY Assistant Principal



Dates to Remember

- Back to School Vouchers expire tomorrow Friday 7th April
- Whole school assembly tomorrow Friday 7th April @ 8.30am on the softfall (includes Terrific Kid awards)
- Wet'n'Wild afternoon tomorrow Friday 7th April from 1.30pm for T-2 students
- End of Term 1 Friday 7th April; start of Term 2 Tuesday 18th April
- NAPLAN 9-11 May



4/5 SWS CAMP

Our first camp for the year is at the Telegraph Station. Ranger Shirley chatted with our students on their arrival yesterday.



CHANGE TO SCHOOL FINISHING TIME

Commencing Term 2, Tuesday 18th April, the school day will be shortened, from 3.00pm to 2.50pm. This is to ensure that our school hours meet the regulations. Of course, there will be a teacher on duty at the kiss'n'go zone until all the students have been collected.

SCHOOL TIMES from TERM 2
8.30am—2.50pm





WET'N'WILD tomorrow!

After lunch, our junior students (T-2) will get Wet'n'Wild! Please pack a towel and a change of clothes for your child.

SCHOOL BUS CODE OF CONDUCT

Families are reminded that the Code of Conduct for school bus travel and the Student Travel Planner to assist children are both available at <https://nt.gov.au/driving/safety/road-safety-and-buses> . All Ross Park students are expected to comply with the Code of Conduct.

NEW BABIES!

Melique (5/6MR) and Michael (5/6SA) have a new baby sister...and Emma (3F) and Mya (4/5SWS) have a new baby brother! Congratulations!

TERRIFIC KIDS Term 1 2017

Congratulations to:

- T/D Troy loane
- T/Ha Alicia Lyons
- T/Hi Jackson Little
- T/1W Abbie Crowe
- 1M Coby Walton
- 1T Seamus Klerck
- 2H Bella Lorkin
- 2K Olive Barwick
- 2P Rosie Palmer
- 3F Malachai Waterford
- 3L Lexie James
- 3/4C Eliesa Taliu Wells
- 3/4S Zara Elliott
- 4/5SWS Mackenzie Hall
Arthur Hemmes
- 5/6SA Jack Knight
Kaissara Hayes
- 5/6MR Emerson Swan
Derek Karumazondo

They will receive their Awards at assembly tomorrow.



Your School Council will conduct a raffle this year, to be drawn at assembly on Friday 12th May. Donations of prizes are needed: vouchers, cosmetics, goods and/ or services—anything at all that mums would like! Donations from our families with businesses would be most welcome. If you plan to ask a local business for a donation, please collect a letter from our office, so that several people don't ask the same businesses. We hope to have about ten prizes for our lucky mums! We do not intend to hold a Mothers Day stall this year so the raffle will be our feature event—thanks to those families who have already donated. Look for raffle tickets early in Term 2.

HYGIENE

With the change of seasons, students should be reminded to maintain good personal hygiene, washing hands regularly. Our Family Handbook contains links to helpful websites, for families' information.

HEALTH EXPO
Year 6 students attended the Expo at Centralian Middle School last week.



CRAZY HAIR DAY
'Ross Park had a Crazy Hair Day yesterday. The SRC raised over

\$440.00 by spraying kids' hair with multi-coloured hair spray. The event was lots of fun and students wore free-dress. You'll like to hear that all of the money will go to the RSPCA.'

STEAM

Students designed, built and tested bridges using toothpicks and marshmallows last week. It was a play-off with the best from each class competing against each other.



Do you have what it takes to save a life? Your child does!

Recently some students at Ross Park took part in the St John Ambulance NT free First Aid in Schools Program. Students were enthusiastic and excited to share their first aid stories with us in class and we were just as eager to listen! Have you or your child ever used first aid skills as a result of learning first aid with St John? Send us your first aid stories and First Aid in Schools program feedback to: mark.ferguson@stjohnnt.asn.au . All submissions will go into a draw to win a St John Ambulance First Aid Kit.

WRITING EXHIBITION

Year 3-6 displayed their best writing in our hall this week and classes as well as families came for a look. It was impressive!



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Barrett Drive Mile 22nd April from 3.00pm on Lasseter's lawns will feature music, activities and food. Go to www.asrwc.com.au/mile for details.

Relationships Australia presents 'Bringing Up Great Kids', a program for families commencing 26th April. Call 89504100 for information.

Alice Springs Desert Park: Open Day 9th April from 7.30am includes free entry; Explorer Program commences 11th April for children 8-12 years; Easter Billy Program commences 14th April. For information, go to www.alicespringsdesertpark.com.au .



LUNCHTIME ACTIVITY

Students made washcloth Easter rabbits at lunchtime today. Esther (3/4C) did a great job!



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