



# Ross Park Primary School

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Week 10 Term 2

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## From our Assistant Principal

Well here we are - last week of Term 2! This term has been filled with lots of opportunities for students to show happiness, resilience, creativity, responsibility, to be inclusive and rise to challenges through participating in school camps, excursions, performances, sporting events and hosting special parent and community events. I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents who have volunteered some time to help out throughout the term. A huge thank you to all our teachers and support staff, who continue to give above and beyond the hours of 8am and 3:30pm Monday to Friday.

## Student Led Conferences

Last Thursday night, about 60% of our families attended the student led conferences. This was an opportunity for students to talk about their learning and show families what they have been able to achieve during the semester. Walking through classrooms, over the course of the evening, there was a climate of interest and pride. Parents are encouraged to contact their child's classroom teacher if they wish to have a more formal meeting about their child's progress and achievement.

## School Uniforms

At the June School Council meeting, there was a lengthy discussion about Ross Park's School Uniform Policy. It was agreed that school uniforms promote a single standard of dress. Helping to build a sense of community within the school, uniforms can help create an atmosphere of belonging. To reflect this ideal all teachers and staff will be encouraging all students to wear the school uniform each day. On the colder days, students

should wear red or navy blue jumpers or jackets, if they do not have one with



a school logo on it. Long denim jeans or plain navy coloured long pants may be worn. We seek the assistance of parents and families to remind their children of this expectation as much as possible. There are a number of different winter articles currently in stores that are available in the school colours, in preparation for next term.

## School Holidays

This year will be the final year NT Government Schools will have 4 weeks school holidays in the middle of the year. Some families will be travelling whilst others make the most of what Alice Springs and the surrounding areas have to offer. During this time parents can continue to support their child's learning and provide fun activities at home, or whilst away from Alice, that can help your child use the skills and knowledge they have acquired since the start of school.

These include:

Cook from a recipe book with your child/ren

Plan a weekly menu and write the shopping list, estimating the cost for items

Make something for the Alice Springs Show

Create a slideshow or collage of pictures to share with family or friends, about a holiday event or a visit to the Desert Park, Reptile Centre, Telegraph Station, Olive Pink or a nature reserve

Use maps to plan a bike ride or hike with the family

Create or go on a treasure hunt

Play a range of card games or board games

Encourage reading regularly - alone, or with an adult.

These activities, and many others, allow students to use and practise numeracy and literacy skills in fun and authentic ways.

We hope that all our families have a wonderful holiday and return safe on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July.

**SUZI BURGESS**

**Assistant Principal**

## Dates to Remember

- Sports Day TOMORROW Thursday 22nd June
- Whole school assembly Friday 23rd June @ 8.30am on the softfall (includes Terrific Kids Awards)
- End of Term 2: Friday 23rd June; start of Term 3: TUESDAY 25th July
- DATE CLAIMERS: School Photo Day Wednesday 2nd August; Swimming for T-2 students 31st July-18th August



**There are a great range of different categories for children to enter.**

**They include: Junior Art, Junior Craft and Hobbies**

**Some great holiday projects can be explored!**

## FAREWELLS

**Our Year 1 teacher, Ms Crystal Tune, leaves us this week, to prepare for the birth of her second child. All the best Crystal! Ms Emer Fahy, a teacher who has helped us this term in various roles, is also moving on, to Middle School. Thanks for your help Emer.**



## SPORTS DAY TOMORROW

**Thursday 22nd June**

**8.45am-2.50pm**

**Before recess: junior running races/senior distance races**

**After recess: senior running events/high jump finals/relays**



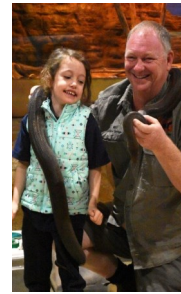
**SCHOOL PHOTOS**

Our school photos will be taken on Wednesday 2nd August. Photos can be ordered and paid for online and these orders DO NOT require an envelope. To place your order go to [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) and enter the code CZJ 6P4 D9K, then follow the prompts. Photos can also be purchased in the traditional manner and order envelopes will be distributed early in Term 3.



**PERFORMANCE**

Mr Hempel took our Junior Choir students to our preschool for a sing-a-long. Lots of preschoolers put their hands up to join the Choir when they get to 'big school'!



**SNAKES & REPTILES!**

Ms Harper's Transition students visited the Reptile Centre yesterday and cuddled a snake, under the supervision of Hannah's (1 Tune) dad, Rex.



**RUBBISH!**

Parent Charmaine visited Mr Kumbaric's Year 2 class to talk rubbish! Charmaine created a fun outfit with the students to wear while they collected rubbish in the school grounds, learning how to recycle on the way.



**INTERSCHOOL SPORTS CARNIVAL**

Simmon (5/6R) and our team of students tried their hardest and were victorious on the day! Thanks Mr Sheriff and Mrs Stevenson for braving the cold, windy conditions with the students.



**ROCK AND WATER**

4/5 Panthers students completed the Rock and Water program this week. Aiming to grow confidence and resilience, the students broke a piece of wood with their hands as a final accomplishment. Quite an achievement!

**FINKE COLOURING COMPETITION**

Congratulations to the winners:

- TR Lucy W
- Yr 1 Millie C
- Yr 2 Sophia G & Amelia S
- Yr 3 Landon R
- Yr 4 Mackenzie H
- Yr 5 Billy A

**SWIMMING**

Swimming lessons will take place early in Term 3: Transition classes will be in week 2, Year 1 classes (including T/1Walton) in week 3 and Year 2 classes in week 4. The weather will still be a little cool but the pool is heated. More information will be sent home in the first week of Term 3.

**CENTRAL AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM VISIT**

Year 3/4 Stedler & Clarke visited the Museum of Central Australia this week. The main aim of the excursion was to discover, consider and discuss the unique natural history of the Northern Territory through evolution, culture, archaeology, fossils and the animals of today.



**FIDGET SPINNERS**



These are considered as toys and we do not encourage children to bring toys to school. Please keep your fidget spinners at home from the start of next term. They are distracting and are not required as a learning tool.

**REMINDER**

When the school is advised that a student is away sick, a medical certificate is required after three consecutive days. This is a requirement of the Department of Education—thanks for your cooperation.

**LOST PROPERTY**

We have mountains of it! Please check for your children's belongings on Friday after assembly.



**MARATHON**

Delaney (5/6SA) took part in the Indigenous marathon at Yulara. She ran two races and won two medals, a distance of 6 kms in total.

**REWARD**

Year 5/6 students from Ms Robertson's class enjoyed a lovely hot breakfast, as a treat for a term of hard work!



**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

School Holiday Sports Carnival starts 26th June at the Netball Centre on Undoolya Road and includes AFL, NRL and netball. To register visit [thunderjuniors.afnt.com.au/alice-springs.html](http://thunderjuniors.afnt.com.au/alice-springs.html). 'Health Living for Territorians' Simpsons Gap Bike Path Walk/Jog/Run @ 7.00am 25th June includes breakfast. Contact Debbie on 0427712723 for information.

**TERRIFIC KIDS**

These students will receive their awards at assembly tomorrow. Well done to:

- T/D Eva Geraghty
- T/Ha Aubrey Satharasinghe
- T/Hi Luella Bitar
- T/1W Keeley Hansen
- 1M Tully Kurrajong
- 1T Cleo Shaw
- 2H Emeline Frearson
- 2Kh Lydia Walsh
- 2Ku Thomas Little
- 3F Lucy Southam
- 3L Landon Robertson
- 3/4C Harrison Moore
- 3/4S Lenny Hankinson
- 4/5SW5 India Morphett, Zac Butter
- 5/6AS Austin Shaw, Hayden Neill
- 5/6MR Ruby Leembruggen, Albert Chigaba

