



# School Newsletter

Week 2, Term 4, 2022

Issue No. 26/22

## Upcoming Events

### Week 3

24<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> October

Transition/Year 1 Swimming

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October

Alice Can Dance Tech Rehearsal

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October

Alice Can Dance Performance

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October

Pupil Free Day  
Staff Training & Development  
World Teachers' Day

### Week 4

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

Alice Beat Concert

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November

Ross Park Swimming Carnival  
Years 3 -6

### Week 5

7<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> November

Book Fair

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November

Preschool Tour of the School

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November

Parent Information Sessions –  
2023 ASIP

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November

Preschool Tour of the School  
Transition Orientation Night

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November

Junior Assembly

## *From the Leadership Team*

Dear Ross Park Families

Welcome back to school for Term 4. We are certainly in the home straight now, with everyone working hard to achieve all that they can before the end of the year. We thank you for your continued support in making sure students are school ready every day, so they can make the most of every opportunity.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the Ross Park community for making me feel so welcome since arriving at Ross Park. I am excited to let all families know that I have accepted the principal position at Ross Park for the next four years. I look forward to the opportunity of working with everyone in our school community, as we strive for excellence for all Ross Park learners. Communication, collaboration, and respect for everyone's perspective, will remain key focus areas as we continue our school improvement journey together.

In line with feedback from the parent survey, this week we offered two feedback opportunities for families to contribute to the decision-making around the direction of the school. Unfortunately, only a few parents were able to attend the separate sessions. There will be one more session offered on the 9 November at 3.30pm, and a parent morning tea held after assembly in Week 6. It would be awesome to hear from as many parents as possible, as we finalise our decision-making for 2023.

Again, in line with the parent survey data, Afterschool care is on its way! We are working hard to get all final approvals from governing boards for OSHC. It is taking a little longer than we had hoped, and it may mean that we can only do the set up and information sessions in 2022 and be ready to hit the ground running in 2023. We are looking at holding information sessions for all interested families in Week 5. More information to follow.

We are into our final 2 weeks of PAT testing for all students across Ross Park. This data gives teachers effective information about where students are in their reading and maths progress, and what their next steps will involve. It is great to have all students present every day, as this means they can complete the testing process with their class rather than in make-up sessions, later. Thank you for your support in this area.

Over the next 2 weeks we have two amazing performances happening. The Alice Can Dance performances will be held on Thursday 27th October at Araluen Arts Centre. The following Thursday (3rd November), Araluen will host the Alice Beat performance! Ross Park students will shine brightly on stage for both events, and it is great to see so many families supporting these amazing community events. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

Friday 4 November is the Ross Park Swimming Carnival. All students from years 3-6 will attend the town pool for a day of fun and challenge. These events always require a great deal of logistical support, so if you are free to help on this day, your support will be greatly appreciated. Please let your child's teacher know if you can help for anytime throughout the day.

Reminder, that next Friday (28 October, Week 3) is our Whole School Development Day. Staff will attend a professional learning day aimed at continuing our collective growth in the planning and teaching of mathematics. Students will not attend on this day. This is also World Teachers' Day. This is an opportunity to thank our amazing educators for their dedication and professionalism in supporting all students, both within and beyond their classrooms. Ross Park is extremely fortunate to have an incredible team from Preschool to Year 6, that includes teachers, support staff, admin staff and leadership, who are all dedicated to improving the outcomes for students. If you get a chance to wish teachers/staff all the best for the awards night next Friday, or for their ongoing work every day, I'm sure it will be greatly appreciated.

As always, if you wish to discuss anything further, please do not hesitate to contact myself or the front office to make an appointment.

Penny Weily  
Principal



Our school is hosting a Scholastic Book Fair on in Week 5 this term, (7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> November).

Our Book Fair Family Event will be held in the school library and we would love to see you there!

You and your child will have the opportunity to explore a huge range of affordable books featuring characters and subjects kids love and want to read about. From newly released books and bestsellers to award-winning titles and perennial favourites.

This is also a great way for you to learn about and discuss your child's interests. Every book sold benefits our school, adding resources to our library and classrooms.

Our Book Fairs help us show students the wonder of reading. After all, when kids choose their own books, they will be more excited to read, and they will naturally read more!



## Verge Parking Rules

Have you noticed the upgrades to the verges (nature strips) on Gall and McKay Streets and Winnecke Avenue? The Alice Springs Town Council recently installed another “no parking on verge” sign and planted sections of the nature strips to prevent verge parking in the school’s vicinity. Verge parking is a safety hazard to our student pedestrians since it blocks their visibility and prevents them from readily accessing and crossing the road.

We realise that drop-off and pick-up times can be a time squeeze but please consider the wider student population before mounting that curb! Be advised that rangers will be patrolling these zones and issuing fines to ensure compliance with this law.

Thank you for your cooperation.

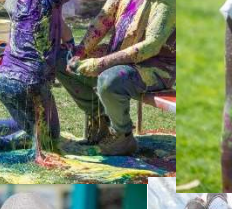
Ross Park Primary School Council, Traffic Sub-Committee

*Trees planted on the road verge of McKay St and Winnecke Ave to prevent cars from parking on the verge.*



*“No parking on the verge” sign installed on Gall St. Ranger will assist with enforcing the new sign.*





“Aussie of the Month is a free primary school civics program, delivered by the same network that presents the prestigious [Australian of the Year Awards](#).”

Aussie of the Month encourages and recognises personal endeavour, achievement, and contribution to the community and reflects some of the values we share, such as fair go, mateship, respect, and inclusion.

**Australian  
of the Year  
Awards**

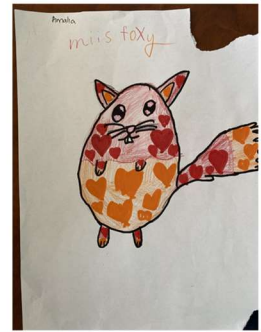
Reflect. Respect. Celebrate

The Aussie of the Month has been operating for over 20 years and is endorsed by the Education Department in every State and Territory in Australia. It provides student awards in recognition of their civic duties and behaviours that reflect our responsibilities as citizens.”



Amalia is the winner of September’s Aussie of the Month, recognising RUOK month. The competition asked students to design a worry monster where the winning design would be made into a cushion to hug your worries away.

In her interview explaining her design (see picture) Amalia said, “I wanted to make people feel happy when they are sad, and to snuggle the monster and feel happy. There are hearts on my design because when I cuddle it, I can remember what I love and like to do. I would sit with my friend who was sad and chat and ask at different times if they want to go and do something or if they just want to relax and start to feel better.”



What an amazing friend Amalia is. And thank you to Mrs Worrall for bringing Amalia’s design to life.

## World Teachers’ Day

Our teachers have shown great resilience during challenging times, all so they can give Australian students the best future possible.

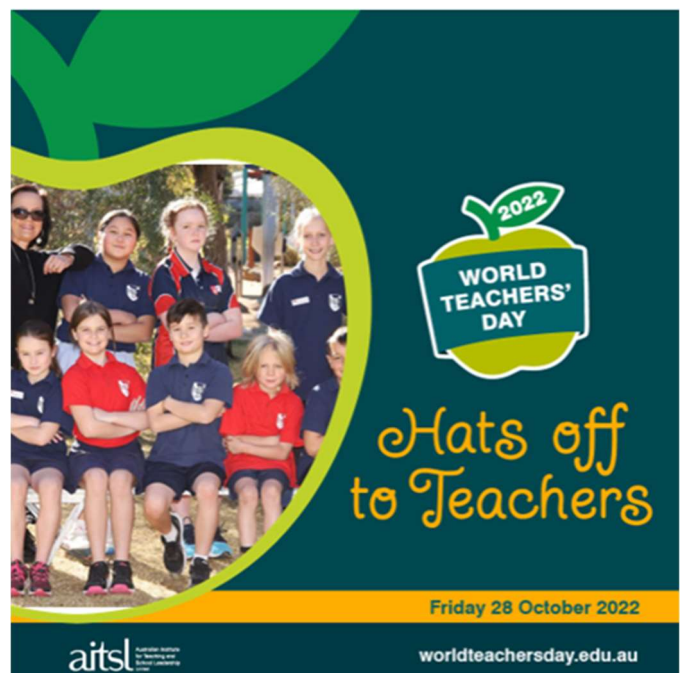
Hats off to teachers this World Teachers’ Day!

Share your “hats off” selfie to celebrate teachers and tell us what they mean to you.

We are encouraging students, their families and the community to celebrate teachers. What do teachers mean to you?

On Friday 28 October, you can show your appreciation to teachers by posting a “hats off” selfie on social media, either on your own or with family or friends. Use these tags: #WTD2022 @aitsl

Find out more at [www.worldteachersday.edu.au](http://www.worldteachersday.edu.au)



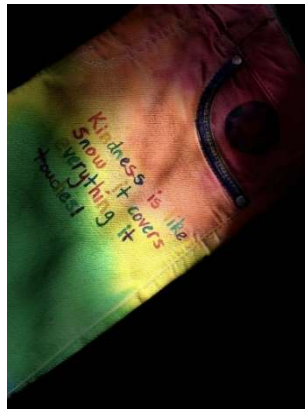


## 5/6 Panthers News

Denim fever has hit 5/6 Panthers this year and excitingly after 3 terms' worth of researching indigo and twill weave, the history of jeans and learning textile techniques - we are ready to host our Fashion Parade with our second-hand upcycled denim projects embellished with our own brightly coloured artwork!

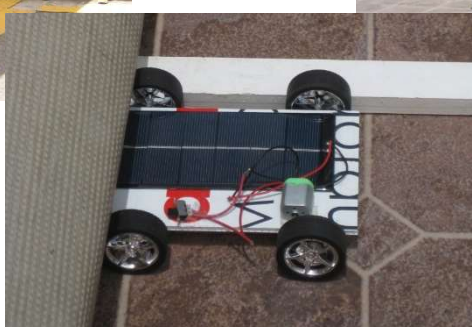
This week we have been practising our catwalk moves and learning how to 'work' clothes and 'style' an outfit to provide best entertainment for the audience.

For the moment save Week 5 Wednesday afternoon 9 November and keep tuned for more information and sneak previews :)



Last Monday 5/6 Panthers competed in the Ross Park Solar Car challenge. We had to set up the track on the basketball court which was made out of a special vinyl material. The track had special rails, so the cars did not go sideways. The start was delayed because the sun had gone behind cloud cover, not letting us race. There were 25 cars entered that had lots of races but there were only three winners - Taylor, Charlotte and Umar.

By Logan





Here is the adorable promotional image we are using for our Book Fair. This year, it is a picture with cats and dogs with the slogan, 'Come. Stay. Read a Great Tale.'

We would like to promote our Book Fair with a poster design competition. There will be a winner for junior school, senior school and even an adult category.

Your poster must include:

Book Fair Date (Week 5) 7th-11th November

Location (Ross Park Library)

Cats and Dogs

Catchy cat or dog slogan/pun/joke that will make us laugh.

For example:

Come and find your Pawfect book!

Missing the Book Fair would be a CAT-astrophy

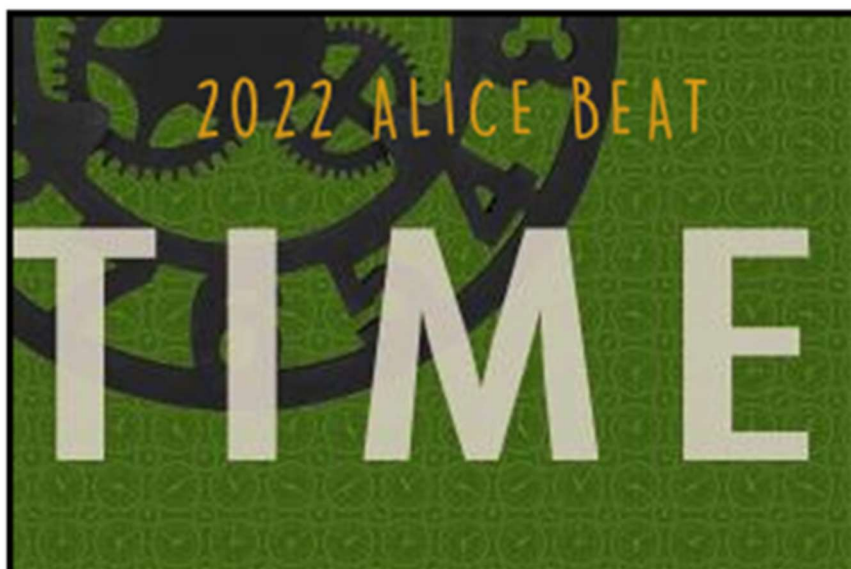
Why do Dachshunds lie in the shade? Because they don't want to be Hot-Dogs!

Posters must be completed by Monday Week 4, 31st October and handed into Miss Barnes. The winning poster will be displayed on all our social media platforms, around our school and also in our Newsletter.



Students from the Senior Choir and NTMS Singchronicity Choir participated in a full day cluster rehearsal at Centralian Middle School on Thursday. They rehearsed their songs for the Alice Beat with students from other schools and a live band accompaniment, which included the Mulga Bore Hard Rock Band.





NT Music School and Northern Territory Department of Education present the Alice Beat Festival "Time"

This year's Beat features:  
Students from town and remote schools singing in choirs  
Student band, soloist, Hosts and feature acts

**The Alice Beat Festival "Time"**  
**Thursday 3rd November**  
**7:00PM – 8:30PM**  
**Araluen Arts Centre**

Tickets available at the Araluen Box Office  
[www.araluenartscentre.nt.gov.au](http://www.araluenartscentre.nt.gov.au)





# Student Free Day

## Friday 28 October – 2022

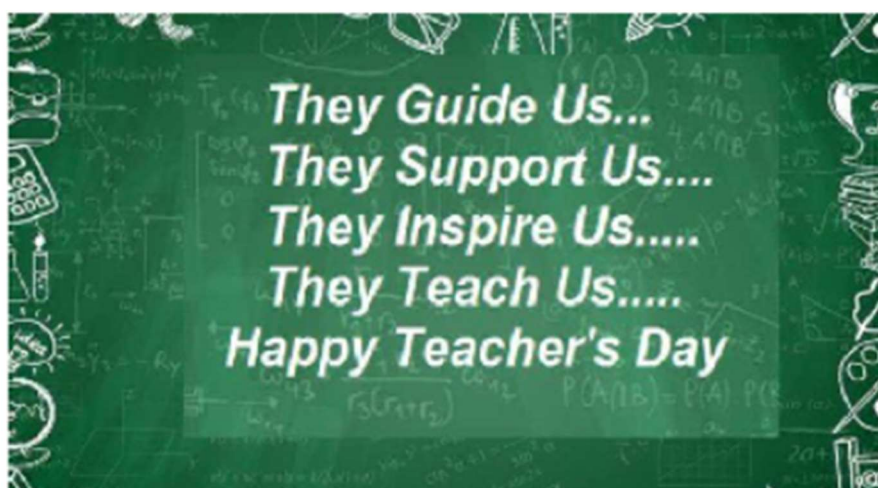


Ross Park will hold a Student Free Day on Friday 28 October. Students are not required to attend school on this day.

As learning is a lifelong journey, our amazing Ross Park staff will be participating in Professional Development focused on further strengthening our collective capacity to plan for and assess learning, with a continued focus on the new Maths Australian Curriculum (V9).

Challenging ourselves to continuously improve our knowledge and skills sets an excellent example for students that learning is a journey, not a destination.

Lucky for us, it is also World Teachers Day, so we will be able to celebrate the amazing work that happens at Ross Park because of the collective effort of our entire staff.



**Have a great Friday everyone!!**



# HAVE A BLAST



## Get into Woolworths Cricket Blast

It's a fun and active program for kids of all abilities, whether it's your first time with a bat or you're a backyard Cricket star!

### ALICE SPRINGS CRICKET ASSOCIATION

**DATE:** Tuesday 25th (6 weeks)

**Time:** 4.30 - 5.30pm

**Venue:** Traeger Park

**JOIN YOUR NEAREST CLUB**

**Q Play Cricket**

PROUDLY  
PRESENTED BY





**TENNIS  
ALICE  
SPRINGS**

**Alex Capill – General Manager/Head  
Coach 0427 999 452  
tennis@tennisalicesprings.com.au**

**Free Trial  
Session**

## **JUNIOR HOTSHOTS PROGRAM**



	Launch Pad 30mins	Red Ball 60mins	Orange Ball 60mins	Green Ball 60mins	Social Teens 60mins
<b>MON/WED/FRI</b>		4:00-5:00pm	4:00-5:00pm	5:00-6:00pm	
<b>TUE</b>		4:00-5:00pm 5:00-6:00pm	4:00-5:00pm 5:00-6:00pm	4:00-5:00pm 5:00-6:00pm	6:00-7:00pm
<b>THUR</b>	5:00-5:30pm 5:30-6:00pm	4:00-5:00pm 5:00-6:00pm	4:00-5:00pm 5:00-6:00pm	4:00-5:00pm 5:00-6:00pm	6:00-7:00pm
<b>SAT</b>	8:00 - 8:30am	8:30-9:30am 9:30-10:30am	8:30-9:30am 9:30-10:30am	8:30-9:30am 9:30-10:30am	

**5 Traeger Ave The Gap Northern Territory 0870**

KINDNESS IN MOTION

# Mums' Retreat

Relax, Reflect, Rejuvenate

Sunday 6/11/22

9am-3pm

At Campfire in the Heart

Ragonesi Rd

\$150

(Includes all food and activities)

Bookings essential

Call or email Ruth Tahere

0428546576

[Kindnessinmotion.au@gmail.com](mailto:Kindnessinmotion.au@gmail.com)

# KIDS ADVENTURE RUNNING CLUB

7 WEEK SESSIONS INCLUDE SKILLS & TECHNIQUE, RUNNING DRILLS, GAMES, REFLECTIONS & GUEST SPEAKERS.

**THIS  
SATURDAY  
OCTOBER  
22ND 9AM  
ANZAC OVAL  
TRY  
OUT&SIGN  
UPDAY**





# 2022 RoboCup Junior

## Alice Springs

22 October

**TOWN COUNCIL  
FUNCTION ROOM**

**11AM - 2PM  
COMPETITION**

**9AM - 11AM  
WORKSHOP AND  
PRACTICE**



# HALLOWEEN

## Free Dress Day

Monday, Week 4, 31 October



Show the Ross Park School value of  
**CREATIVITY** through our **FREE DRESS DAY!**

Costumes do **NOT** have to be **SPOOKY!**

