

Upcoming Events

Friday 18th March

National Day of Action
Against Bullying and
Violence

Free Dress Day -

Cultural Dress or
wear Orange

Monday 21st March

First meeting of the new
School Council –

ONLINE FORUM

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Dear families,

As we begin to see a decrease in COVID-19 cases in our school community, and in line with advice from the Chief Health Officer and the Department of Education, we are now able to begin resuming our normal school business. We hope to continue along this trajectory as we begin to reintroduce some of the things that we love and that we are so well known for. On Friday, this week, we will hold our first senior school, face-to-face, assembly for the year. While our senior students are able to come together for a formal assembly, we respectfully only invite families of award recipients this time. Next week will be our first face-to-face junior school assembly and again we need to respectfully only invite families of our award recipients. We very much look forward to inviting all our families back to our assemblies, hopefully in the near future.

At our assembly this week we will be announcing all our student leader groups for the year. At Ross Park, we create opportunities for students to improve our school by seeking, collecting and using student voice to inform decisions to improve our school. Student leadership groups empower students to make real and impactful decisions regarding student wants and needs in line with the school vision and values.

Team Leaders: This group is made up from our elected Year 6 students who take a lead role in collecting and collating student voice to shape the programs and activities offered during lunch times. They use their effective communication and social skills to facilitate and to manage special school events including our sports day and swimming carnival. Congratulations to Roy, Rubin, Charlie, Keeley and Savannah from Standley. Congratulations to Harry, Cleo, Rohin, Lachlan and Miles from Burton. Congratulations to Imogen, Kailee, Adam, Ruby and Umar from Robb. Congratulations to Zoe, Stella, Scarlet, Ella and Ace from Taylor. Jess Adami and Kerri Gilbert will be facilitating our Team Leader group this year.

SRC: This group is made up of elected students from Year 3 to Year 6. The purpose of the Student Representative Council is to be role models for all students, lead student voice within the school by representing the student body and to demonstrate the Ross Park School values. The SRC fundraise for local charities and playground improvement initiatives. They also help coordinate whole school events including Harmony Day and the Colour Smash fun run. Congratulations to Aylah, Jordan, Alira, Harper, Theo, Bradon, Anna, Hannah, Abbie and Tom for being successfully elected by your peers, to represent your peers. Salima Spring and Toni Hawker will be facilitating our SRC group this year.

Eco Rangers: This group is made up of elected students from Year 2 to Year 6. As Eco Rangers, students aim to make a difference to the Ross Park School community by informing and showing how to contribute to the sustainability of our environment. Students raise awareness of current practices and implement class and school changes to reduce waste, show greater care of the environment and develop eco-friendly behaviours. Congratulations to Summer, Jasmine, William, Erik, Hayley, Milla, Grace, Seamus, Eshal, Vali, Evamarie, Macklyn and Taylor for being elected to the Eco Rangers. Michelle Lawson and Toni Hawker will be the teacher leaders for our Eco Rangers and we look forward to seeing what exciting initiatives they have planned for this year.

We are also now able to resume some of our local excursions and have some exciting trips coming up. Our Preschool students will be visiting the Desert Park to link in with their local environment and to visit the Bilby who lives there and who their group is named after. The 5/6 Panthers will be visiting Happy Farmer to learn about sustainable agriculture for the purpose of choosing foods carefully for when they do their cooking demonstration in Term 2. Our Year 1/2 classes will be having their swimming lessons in Week 8 to learning to be safe in the water and to swim.

At Ross Park, Teaching and Learning is central to everything we do. Our 2022 Teaching and Learning team oversees all things Curriculum, Pedagogy, Assessment and Reporting. The team meet weekly to ensure we are on track in achieving our key goals in our Annual Improvement Plan and are in charge of enacting our Teachers' Mission Statement.

Along with the Australian Curriculum, our teachers deliver the NT Social and Emotional Learning Curriculum, (SEL) which is made up from two combined resources: The Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships materials produced by the Victorian Department of Education and the NT SEL supplementary resources which are contextualised for NT schools. The resources cover key topics affecting students' social and emotional wellbeing, including emotional literacy, personal strengths, positive coping, problem solving, stress management, help seeking, gender and identity, and positive relationships.

As part of our SEL learning and linked in with the General Capability of Ethical Understanding from the Australian Curriculum, Ross Park will be celebrating Harmony Day and The National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence on **Friday, Week 7**. This is a day for schools, students and the community to say **Bullying. No Way!** Classes will be exploring learning activities around the concept of 'Kindness Culture' including ways to promote inclusion, respect and community belonging. Students will also be able to share with their classes the story of who they are, where their family originally came from, what traditions and customs are important to them and how they celebrate together. We will mark these important national events with a **Free Dress Day** on Friday, Week 7, where students can come to school in cultural dress or wear orange.

Come and try Athletics

\$5 to try or free to members



Want to get fit, healthy, and gain new skills?

All active families welcome to our Come and try Athletics week

Come to Head St. oval
Sign in at 3pm
Start 3:15 until 4:30pm on
Sunday March 13th 2022

jump, throw, run, have fun

Winners are Grinner!

Our very own Ethan Moore won two Bronze medals at the swimming championships held in Whyalla this week. Well done Ethan.



Teachers' Mission Statement:

Our mission is to enable all learners to access differentiated, in-depth and cohesive learning programs across the multi-year level context. Teachers will confidently teach and assess a high quality, engaging and equitable curriculum that is sequenced, and locally relevant: general capabilities and cross curriculum priorities are understood, valued and planned for across the school. Improved student outcomes will be evidenced through data analysis, evidence-based practices, and peer observations. Implementation will lead to challenged, successful, achieving students who can articulate their learning to families and communities, and relate it to her own cultural context. Students will be equipped with relevant skills and knowledge for the 21st century and grow into responsible confident children with a strong social and environmental conscience and sense of self.



In 3/4 Garwood we have been learning about developing a growth mindset. Students have been learning about how to approach a situation or difficult task with a growth mindset rather than a fixed mindset, and the power of 'yet'.

Some words and phrases students have used to explain what a growth mindset means to them are:

- Never give up
- Keep trying until you succeed
- Learn from your mistakes
- Resilience

In our classroom, we encourage mistakes, because we know that, "when you make it safe to fail, you make it safe to succeed".

APPLY ONLINE

SPORT VOUCHER

Children living in an urban area are eligible to receive two \$100 sport vouchers each year - one in January and one in July for sport, recreation and cultural activities.

Redeeming your child's voucher is now even easier with a new online application form.

Parents or carers need to apply for vouchers online each semester.

TO APPLY FOR YOUR VOUCHER

1. Visit sportvoucher.nt.gov.au/apply
2. Click apply online
3. Follow the prompts to complete the form

APPLY TODAY

If your child's details aren't in the system, your voucher will be available to print or save immediately. If your child's details are not found in the system, a voucher will be sent to your nominated email address within 10 working days.



Last week we made a mask for our guest artist Melanie Gunner. She helped us with our denim denizens project, so we decided to make it out of denim. We made it as a thank you for letting us interview her.

We both had one side each to design inspired by her artwork. We will continue making thank you gifts for everyone who helps us on the track.

Thank you Melanie Gunner.



Multilingual STORY TIME

LOS TRES CERDITOS

IN SPANISH!
@ YOUR LIBRARY
FRIDAY 18 MARCH
3.15PM - FREE!

La princesa Buapostol y el horrible Grunch

Register Now!

AUSKICK QR CODE

REGISTER NOW FOR TERM 2 NAB AFL AUSKICK!

WEDNESDAYS
4:30-5:30pm at
T10 Traeger Park
starting
Wednesday 27th April

SATURDAYS
9-10am at
Jim McConville Oval
starting
Saturday 7th May



COST:
\$100 NT SPORTS VOUCHERS ACCEPTED

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IDEAS IN NUTRITION

Go for 2&5



Get your child to eat 2 fruit and 5 vegetable serves a day.

Less than 5% of children aged 5-14 eat enough vegetables.

Nutrients from fruit and vegetables support children's growth and development and helps them:

- ✓ grow well and stay a healthy weight
- ✓ get sick less often and improve their quality of life.

To help your child eat more vegetables you could try:

- ✓ serve vegetables before the main meal when they are most hungry
- ✓ offer vegetables as a snack
- ✓ eat, shop for or cook vegetables with your child
- ✓ grow vegetables at home.

Find recipes with more fruit and vegetables:
live!ghter.com.au/recipe/

