



School Newsletter

Week 2, Term 3, 2023

Issue No. 11/23

Upcoming Events

Term 3

Week 3

Monday 31st July
Alice can Dance Rehearsal

Tuesday 1st August
Preschool Advocate Art Awards Excursion
RPPS Band Rehearsal 7.30 am

Wednesday 2nd – Friday 4th August
Australian Maths Competition Year 3-6

Thursday 3rd August
Bush Preschool Simpsons Gap
Alice Beat Cluster Rehearsal

Friday 4th August
Junior Assembly
Interschool Sport – Soccer
Ross Park Cross Country

Week 4

Monday 7th August
PICNIC DAY – NO SCHOOL

Tuesday 8th August
Bush Preschool Simpsons Gap
Alice Beat Cluster Rehearsal
RPPS Band Rehearsal 7.30 am
Year 5/6 Kudrenko Velodrome

Wednesday 9th August
Alice can Dance Rehearsal
Year 5 Hawker Velodrome

Thursday 10th August
Preschool Advocate Art Awards Excursion

Friday 11th August
Whole School Assembly
Interschool Sport – Soccer
Ross Park Cross Country

From the Leadership Team

Dear families

Welcome to Semester 2! As you can see from the calendar we posted on Facebook and messaged home to you, Term 3 is going to be huge! Eco-Rangers, Student Representative Council and Northern Territory Learning Commissioners (NTLC) continue to meet regularly, offering their time and energy to make our school shine in the community. Elea and Helava (NTLC) represented Ross Park this week when the Federal Minister for Education, Minister Jason Clare, held a Youth Round Table to discuss the current situation in Alice Springs. They were the only primary school students participating. How proud we are of them!

Matthew Owen, NT Music School, held the first Ross Park Band rehearsal on Tuesday and it was incredible to be part of their inaugural meeting. Musicians arrived ready for a 7.30am start and immediately gelled as a group. I am looking forward to the first performance given how they are already working together. A celebration of the Arts continues next week with Alice Can Dance rehearsals beginning for some of our older students and Beat Cluster rehearsals too. Our Transition students celebrated 100 days of learning at school this week with a glow party and followed it up with a trip to see Possum Magic, joining the Year 1 and 2 students at Araluen theatre. Preschool students have enjoyed Bush Preschool and a visit to the Community Gardens.



We use our Facebook page to keep you up to date with the daily events at school. If you follow us on Facebook, you will have seen that we have a number of new staff and others who have changed roles as well as a very exciting addition to the Ross Park family.



During the holidays Imogen Harper gave birth to her daughter, Annie-congratulations to Imy and her family.



We have welcomed Leisa Cousins to the library to support students to choose and read books and return our library to the heart of the school and

Miss Megan and Miss Ellie to 1 Chisholm as classroom assistants.





Bec Hewitt and Alex Morton will be sharing the second Assistant Principal role; as is always the case, you can come and meet with any one of the leadership team when you need us or just come and say hello so we get to know all of our families better.

Last Friday teachers from Ross Park joined with teachers from Braitling, Bradshaw and Larapinta to investigate a new maths resource, Learning Through Doing. We will benefit from working together as a network and have the support to embed even more hands on learning in Maths across the school. The program's structure is based on evidence that shows how children learn best and that is hands on, experimenting and trying new concepts in a safe and supportive learning environment, before working collaboratively with peers and then consolidating individual learning. This long established and successful structure has been packaged in a program that supports teaching, learning and assessment.



The Rona Glynn team spent the day learning about limit setting and positive behaviour strategies so that they can be the best educators for our children.



Thank you for your early support this term to help us strive to be the best we can be. Whether it has been attending our School Council Meeting, our Preschool Family Committee Meeting, coming to assembly or returning to the routine of getting children to school ready to learn each day- no mean feat some days we know- thank you. This Sunday we are looking for volunteers to help us tidy up our Library Garden so that we can start using it as an outdoor learning space. We will be at the back of the library from 9am. If you can help us improve our outside learning spaces, please bring shovels, rakes, wheelbarrows and if you have a Ute or car and trailer to take green waste to the tip and return with mulch, that would be helpful too.



Kate Worrall
Assistant Principal

Fundraising Committee – Ross Park Primary School 2023



With less than half a year left, we would like to try to get together a Fundraising Committee and run a small number of activities between now and the end of the year.

You do not have to be part of the School Council to join the Fundraising committee.

As a starter we will meet on **Thursday 3rd of August at 3.15pm**. A light afternoon tea will be served. Students can play in the playground while the committee meets.

Please join us in the **Junior HASS Room** (the very front room on the junior side of the school).

We look forward to seeing you there.

Penny Weily

Principal

VOLUNTEER!
WE NEED YOU. YES YOU.

GET INVOLVED
AN HOUR MAKES A DIFFERENCE!



Ross Park Working Bee

We are looking for volunteers to help us tidy up our Library Garden so that we can start using it as an outdoor learning space.

Let's help turn Drab into Fab!

Where: At the rear of the Library

When: Sunday 30th July 9.00am – 12.00pm

What to bring: shovels, rakes, wheelbarrows

Wear covered shoes, a hat and gloves

We are also looking for someone to bring a car and trailer or a ute so that we can take green waste to the tip and return with mulch. Please contact toni.hawker@education.nt.gov.au if you are able to help.

Morning Tea will be provided



Parent Contributions at Ross Park

PARENTS + TEACHERS SUCCESSFUL KIDS

A Friendly reminder that if you have not already paid your Parent Contribution then they are now due.

According to our Family Handbook, “the parent contribution for Ross Park for 2023 is \$100.00 per child, per year. This voluntary contribution pays for, among other things, attendance at performances or workshops, class electives, subscriptions and licenses, interschool sports fees and whole school special activities. Parents are encouraged to make the contribution by the end of Term 1. Please feel free to speak to our office staff if you are experiencing difficulties in making this donation. Contributions can be made at \$25.00 per term and EFTPOS is available.”

Parent Contributions also pay for most of the consumable items used in classrooms, including paints, paper, pencils, books (etc), and all photocopying of activities that are used within the classroom. As mentioned above, it goes towards subscriptions such as Reading Eggs and Mathletics, that students access regularly.

At the beginning of the year, we prepare a budget with an estimation of how much money we will receive from parent contributions and then allocate this to certain budget lines. This year we are well down on Parent Contributions, with less than half of the students enrolled in the primary school making this payment. Whilst we absolutely acknowledge that money is tight across the board, and that this payment is ‘voluntary’, we are hoping that we can raise the current level as we head into Semester 2.

Currently approximately 180 of our 400 students have made this contribution, and it may mean that we will have to reduce some of the programs on offer at the school in Semester 2, if we cannot raise this level.

If you have the capacity to make this payment please see details below, and add student’s name in the reference:

Bank Account details for people wishing to make EFT payments:

BSB Number:	065900
Account Number:	931049
Account Name:	Ross Park Primary School Council Commonwealth Bank

Or pop in at any time to the Front Office and our friendly staff would be only too happy to help you out.

As most families would be aware, many schools have had to operate with significantly reduced budgets for 2023, and Ross Park is absolutely one of those schools. Parent Contributions play a substantial part in our ongoing success.

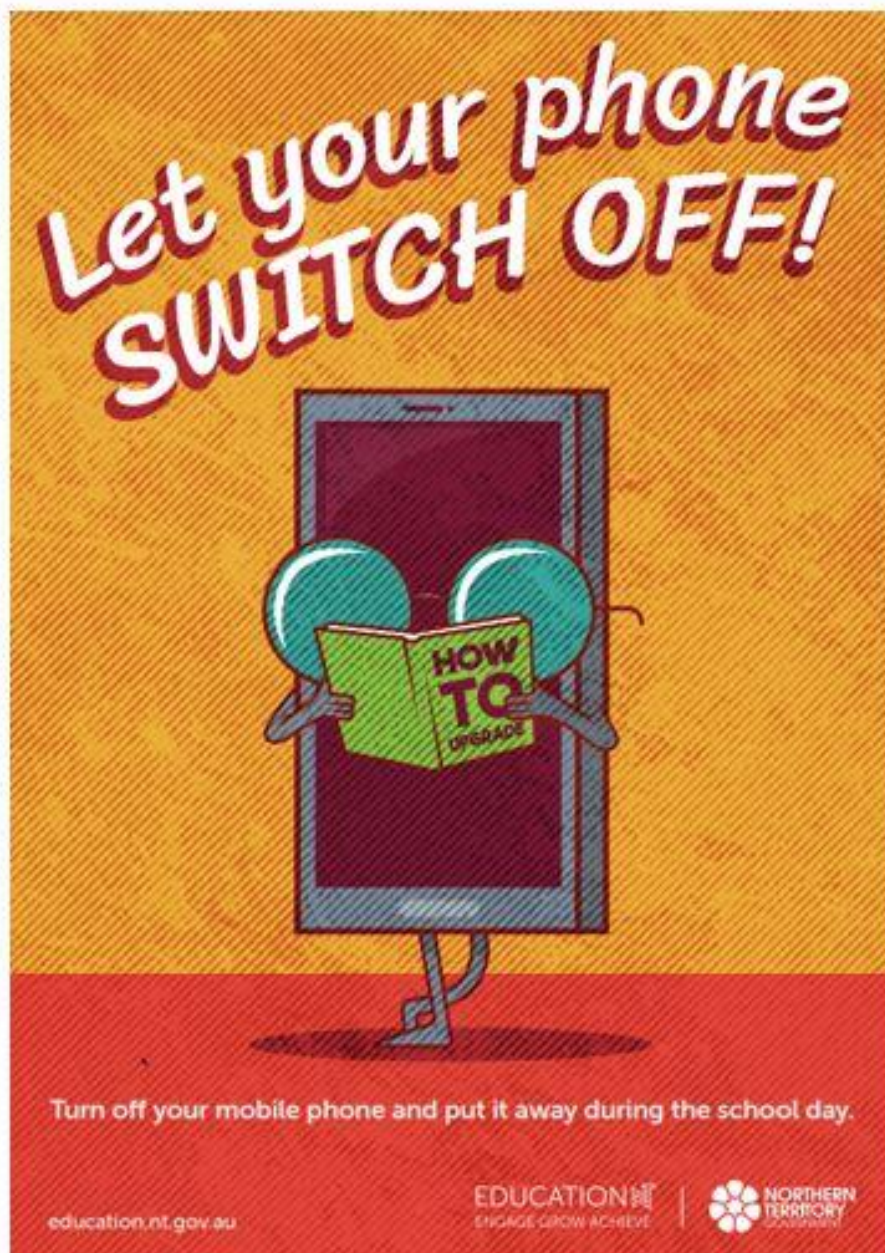
Thank you

NT Mobile Phone Policy

All Mobile Phones **MUST** be handed in to the front office before school and collected at home time. No mobile phones to be stored in bags during the day. All Smart watches **MUST** be set to flight mode during the day.

All contact with families during the day is to be done through either class teachers or office staff.

Thank you for your support.





Year 2 Dingoes

We have been writing poetry this last week, here are some samples.

School

Big noisy
writing Reading colouring
in School is fun
fantastic

by Arusha

BOOKS

Fuh! Super!
reading, looking, listening
reading is magical.

WORDS

by Dey

25/7/2023

or Library
quiet

good

reading playing seeing

the Library is Fantastic

books

by Lalalala

PLAY GROUND

PLAY, FUN
Strong, Kind, Fair
it is very fun.
friends

By Grace

☆ School ☆

♥ writing Reading ☆
☆ Reading Fitness maths ♥

I like to Read Books.

Learning

BY NANA TERES

ALICESPTINGS SHOW

Exciting! noisy!

Gaming, riding, Shopping
it was fantastic!

Til'ing

by Ral'sa

by Ral'sa

Bmx

Dangerous! Scary!

Jumping crashing
Pumping
Riding with friends

Bike by Macy

Year One/Two Rock Wallabies



Year One Sea Turtles



The Magic of Possum Magic

The Transition, Year One and Year Two students have been reading and learning about Australia, possums and being visible and invisible in anticipation for their visit to Araluen Theatre to see the Monkey Baa's children's theatre production of Possum Magic. The show featured exciting live action, stage magic and puppetry. It was awesome!

For their learning, the Transition students discovered what makes a ring-tailed possum unique for biological science. The Year One and Two students mapped the journey Hush and Grandma Poss took and learnt about capital cities and states and territories as they travelled around Australia, exploring how to use proper nouns in the process.



"In Possum Magic I liked that he turned visible. A proper noun starts with a capital letter, it can be a place and a person." – Tzuriel, Year One.

"I liked when Grandma Poss and Hush were eating lamingtons and then they danced" - Sam G, Year One.

I liked the story it was exciting, they had adventures. I like the party because there was food. A proper noun has a capital letter, it's a place or a person." – Liam, Year Two.

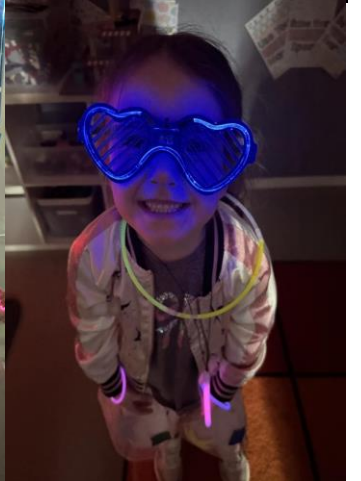
"I liked when they ate the lamingtons and my Auntie's city (Darwin) was in the book". – Jailahni, Year Two.

The Year One Sea Turtles and Year One/Two Rock Wallabies celebrated the story on Wednesday by coating lamingtons in chocolate sauce and coconut from Hobart, making vegemite sandwiches in Darwin, eating an Anzac biscuit from Adelaide and chewing a Mintie from Melbourne. Jackson (Year Two) beat Mrs Pedrotti in tearing the Mintie wrapper into the longest piece. She's waiting for battle No. 2, Jackson.



100 DAYS OF SHINING BRIGHT!

Our Transition team had the best day yesterday! What an amazing 100 day journey they have had. Here's to the next 100 superstars 🥳🥳🥳🥳





RONA GLYNN BAKE SALE

**SATURDAY 12TH OF AUGUST
FROM 8:30AM IN THE ROSS PARK
GROUNDS NEXT TO THE SOCCER OVAL**

raising funds for our outdoor learning area

**-BBQ -DRINKS -CAKES -SLICES
PRESERVES AND MUCH MORE!**



On Monday the junior school had a couple of inspirational visitors. Students were lucky to learn from Kate and Jol Temple, authors of funny picture books and engaging graphic novels. They read their picture books with passion and funny voices. Bringing them to life with an enormous Ibis (Bin Chicken).

Afterwards they took the Year 2 students aside and shared their words of encouragement for writing stories.

1. Perfect is the enemy of awesome.
2. Be weird, your strangeness is your magic.
3. Read for fun.



" Kate & Jol Temple ·

Thanks Ross Park! We loved visiting! Lots of fun!"

Glitter, tinsel, sparkles and Christmas tunes today as the SRC raised funds for charity. Thanks to all those who supported their KINDNESS in thinking of others less fortunate.

Jingle in July






ROSS PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

2023 – Term 3 – Whole School Event Planner



July 17- September 22

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 17-21 July	Eco Rangers Meeting SRC Meeting Student meeting-N TLC (Yr.5-6 1.45pm)				Student Free Day Learning Through Doing Professional Development
Throughout Week 1					
Week 2 24-28 July	Eco Rangers Meeting Student meeting-N TLC (Yr.5-6 1.45pm) School Council meeting 5pm	Bush Preschool Simpson's Gap RPPS Concert Band Rehearsal 7.30am 	Preschool Family Committee Meeting	Preschool Community Garden Excursion Transition Glow Party- 100 days brighter	SRC Meeting RDA (Yr.2 9.30) SJ (Yr.5-6 9.30) Whole School Assembly 8.40am Interschool Sport- Soccer NED show 1:45 – 2:30 Yr. 3-6 'Ned's Mindset Mission' Yr. T-2 Possum Magic 1pm
Throughout Week 2	Newsletter Front Page: Kate Class Items from: Year 1 and 2				
Week 3 31-4 August	Eco Rangers Meeting Student meeting-N TLC (Yr.5-6 1.45pm) Alice Can Dance (ACD) rehearsal 8.45-9.45am	Preschool Advocate Art Awards Excursion RPPS Concert Band Rehearsal 7.30am	Australian Maths Competition (AMC) Yr. 3-6	AMC Yr. 3-6 Bush Preschool Simpson's Gap Alice Beat Cluster rehearsal 9.30-2.15pm	SRC Meeting RDA (Yr.2 9.30) SJ (Yr.5-6 9.30) AMC Yr. 3-6 Junior School Assembly 8.40am Interschool Sport – Soccer Combined Interschool Orienteering Carnival
Throughout Week 3					
Week 4 7-11 August	Picnic Day 	Bush Preschool Simpson's Gap ACD rehearsal 1:40- 2:40pm Yr. 5/6 Velodrome RPPS Concert Band Rehearsal 7.30am	ACD rehearsal 11:40am- 12:40pm Yr. 5Hawker Velodrome	Preschool Advocate Art Awards Excursion	SRC Meeting RDA (Yr.2 9.30) SJ (Yr.5-6 9.30) Whole School Assembly 8.40am Interschool Sport – Soccer Ross Park Cross Country
Throughout Week 4	Newsletter Front Page: Bec Class Items from: Year 3 and 4				
Week 5 14-18 August	Eco Rangers Meeting Student meeting N TLC (Yr.5-6 1.45pm) Preschool Community Garden Excursion Alice Can Dance (ACD) rehearsal 8.45-9.45am	Yr. 4 Velodrome RPPS Concert Band Rehearsal 7.30am	Yr. 4 Velodrome Yr.5 and 5/6K Telegraph Station Eco Rangers- Whole School Emu Parade	Bush Preschool Simpson's Gap ACD rehearsal 8:45- 9:45am	SRC Meeting RDA (Yr.2 9.30) SJ (Yr.5-6 9.30) Junior School Assembly 8.40am hosted by T Emery Combined Interschool Soccer Carnival Girls On Country Song writing workshop @ Ross Park
Throughout Week 5	Penny out				
Week 6 21-25 August	Eco Rangers Meeting Teacher meeting N TLC (Yr.5-6 1.45pm) Alice Can Dance (ACD) rehearsal 8.45-9.45am	Preschool Book Week Dress Up Day RPPS Concert Band Rehearsal 7.30am	Yr.5 Hogan Velodrome	Preschool Book Week Dress Up Day ACD rehearsal 8:45- 9:45am	SRC Meeting RDA (Yr.2 9.30) SJ (Yr.5-6 9.30) Whole School Assembly 8.40am  CHARACTER PARADE Combined Interschool Cross Country Carnival Interschool Sport – Ultimate Frisbee

Throughout Week 6	Newsletter Front Page: Alex Class Items from: Specialists Children's Book Council Book Week- Activities to be advertised throughout the week				
Week 7 28-1 September	Eco Rangers Meeting Student meeting NTL (Yr.5-6 1.45pm) Desert Park Yr. 1 Alice Can Dance (ACD) rehearsal 8.45-9.45am	Preschool Father's Day Celebration RPPS Concert Band Rehearsal 7.30am		Preschool Father's Day Celebration ACD rehearsal 8:45- 9:45am	SRC Meeting RDA (Yr.2 9.30) SJ (Yr.5-6 9.30) Junior School Assembly 8.40am hosted by 2 Garwood Interscholar Sport – Ultimate Frisbee
Throughout Week 7	Father's Day Sunday 3 rd September Penny out				
Week 8 4- 8th September	Eco Rangers Meeting Teacher meeting NTL (Yr.5-6 1.45pm) Preschool Photos (TBC) Alice Can Dance (ACD) rehearsal 8.45-9.45am	RPPS Concert Band Rehearsal 7.30am		Preschool Photos (TBC) ACD rehearsal 8:45- 9:45am	SRC Meeting RDA (Yr.2 9.30) SJ (Yr.5-6 9.30) Whole School Assembly 8.40am Interscholar Sport – Ultimate Frisbee
Throughout Week 8	Newsletter Front Page: Pip Class Items from: Year 5 and 6				
Week 9 11-15 September	Eco Rangers Meeting Student meeting NTL (Yr.5-6 1.45pm)	Girls On Country – Movement Day @ Sadadeen school 9- 2.30pm RPPS Concert Band Rehearsal 7.30am	Alice Can Dance Evening Performance		SRC Meeting RDA (Yr.2 9.30) SJ (Yr.5-6 9.30) Junior School Assembly 8.40am Combined Interscholar Ultimate Frisbee Carnival
Throughout Week 9	Alice can Dance final rehearsals times and venues TBA				
Week 10 18-22 September	Eco Rangers Meeting	'The Twits' @ Araluen theatre 2/3 Lawson and 3 Roberts – 10am RPPS Concert Band Rehearsal 7.30am	Yr. 4 Science Fair		SRC Meeting RDA (Yr.2 9.30) SJ (Yr.5-6 9.30) Whole School Assembly 8.40am
Throughout Week 10	Newsletter Front Page: Penny Class Items from: Transition				



We are a Bronze Eco-School

Our school is committed to long term environmental projects and entrenching sustainability into the school culture, through democratic youth led eco-councils, curriculum built around sustainability and working closely with the local community.

eco-schools.org.au



Ross Park Eco Rangers working to keep our community clean!

If you are at Ross Park Oval after school or on the weekend for sport, keep an eye out for Eco Ranger baskets for rubbish and container recycling.

A great way that the Eco Rangers are working to keep our shared spaces clean and recycling waste for visitors to Ross Park Oval.





Pool Lifesaving @ Your Local Pool

Fortnightly on Wednesday
Next session 9th of August
3:30-5:00pm
Alice Springs Aquatic Centre



- * Make new friends
- * Lifesaving skills
- * Work towards Bronze Star
- * Fun & Challenging

A fantastic opportunity to further develop swimming skills at the same time developing new and challenging lifesaving skills.

Further Details Contact - Naomi – 0408 857 331 or
alicesprings@rlssa.org.au

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FRIDAY 21 JULY
3.15PM

Our first ever Thai Storytime! Listen to a fascinating story about the Rat King and the Cheeky Cat. Arts and craft activities included.

All families welcome! Ages 0-8



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FREE
NO BOOKINGS
REQUIRED



SUNNY SCIENCE & satellites



SESSION 1 SOLAR!
3.45-4.45PM
WED 16 AUGUST
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PRECINCT**

SUITABLE FOR AGES 8+

BUILD YOUR OWN MINI SOLAR CAR!



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Precinct



Green Lunchbox Challenge

In Term 3, the Eco-Rangers are running a rubbish free lunch box competition. Every Tuesday and Thursday, the Eco-Rangers will be visiting the classes to find out who is rubbish free.

At each Whole School Assembly, the Eco-Rangers will announce who the winning class is for the fortnight and award them the Green Lunchbox Award!!

These classes will then go into the draw to win an end of term prize. If you have any questions about the competition, please ask your friendly Eco-Ranger representatives.



GRAPPLING FOR KIDS AGED 3-5

TRILEMMA
GRAPPLING

Tuesday 5:00pm and Saturday 11:30am

Scan the QR code
for more
information



Seriously beneficial physical activity:

We're burning off energy, releasing aggression, fostering bonding and trust, teaching children around boundaries and consent, increasing resilience and grittiness, and even making your kid smarter! Have a read of some of the benefits:

- Positive touch during play fighting nurtures children, decreases stress hormones and boosts the immune system. It's important to the development of language, physicality, and social and emotional skills.
- When you're playing these games you're bonding with your kid. When you throw them in the air and catch them, or swing them upside down, or have them balance on you, when you undertake any somewhat risky activity, you're building your child's trust in you that you will keep them safe.
- Grappling Einstein?! Psychologists have discovered that the extent to which children engage in rough and tumble play is a stronger predictor of their first-grade academic performance than their kindergarten test scores. The reason behind this relationship is twofold. First, roughhousing builds resilience, enabling children to view failures as opportunities for growth. This intellectual toughness helps them recover from setbacks as they progress through school. Second, research by neuroscientists on both animal and human brains shows that rough-and-tumble play leads to elevated levels of a chemical called brain-derived neurotrophic factor (BDNF). BDNF stimulates the growth of neurons in the parts of the brain responsible for memory, reasoning, and advanced learning – key skills for academic success.
- When adults wrestle with kids and occasionally let the children win, they learn a central, moral principle of life: that we protect those who are smaller and weaker.
- We use a timer to enforce consistent breaks. This allows kids to rev up and cool down repeatedly, which helps children learn to control their impulses.
- When we play competitive elimination games we are teaching kids to win, but more importantly teaching kids to lose with grace, and follow the rules.
- The entire class is a training ground for managing conflicts and emotional regulation. Physical play creates fun, exciting situations in which children have to apply self-regulation. Even though they're smaller than you, kids will still have to control their strength and learn when things have gone too far.
- The unpredictability of our sport actually rewires the brain, contributing to behavioural flexibility - in short, our sessions will help your little ones cope with unexpected hurdles in their day to day lives.

GP's Kate Lloyd, Monica Theron and Health Coach George Landy
present:

STRENGTHS-BASED PERI - & MENOPAUSE WORKSHOP

- What is normal
- Medical and lifestyle management
- Take away your strength tailored approach



TUES 1 AUG 6-8PM

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BOOK WEEK®

#CBCA2023

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Inspire

**Come for afternoon
tea and hear about the
2023 Book of The Year
Award shortlist.**

**Sunday 13 August
2pm to 4.30pm
@ The Library**

- Free Event
- Hot & Cold Drinks
- Sweet Treats
- Raffles
- Lucky Door Prize

Register at aspl.eventbrite.com.au

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