



School Newsletter

Week 8, Term 3, 2023

Issue No. 14/23

Upcoming Events

Term 3

Week 9

Tuesday 12th September
RPPS Band Rehearsal 7.30 am
Girls on Country – Movement
Day @ Sadadeen School 9-
2.30pm

Wednesday 13th September
Alice can Dance Evening
Performance

Friday 15th September
Combined Interschool
Ultimate Frisbee Carnival

Week 10

Tuesday 19th September
RPPS Band Rehearsal 7.30 am
2/3 Lawson and 3 Roberts
"The Twits" at Araluen 10am

Friday 22nd September
Whole School Assembly
8.40am
School Holidays begin 2.50pm

Term 4

Week 1

Monday 9th October
Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 10th October
Students Return

From the Leadership Team

Dear families,

Is it Week 8 already?! Time flies when there's so much learning happening around the school and our minds continue to grow with new wonderings and experiences. With two weeks to go let's keep the momentum going and finish Term 3 with a bang!

Father's Day Celebrations

It was such a treat to visit the junior side last Friday where Transition – Year 2 classes had hosted a special Father's Day breakfast. There were lots of satisfied tummies from the delicious breakfast spread that had been provided to all our significant father figures. I was lucky enough to taste test the bacon and egg sandwiches.... Full report.... DELICIOUS!

Thank you to Miss T's dad for cooking up a storm for all our special visitors. And a massive well done and thank you to the Junior Team for hosting breakfast and providing our students with opportunities to share such special moments with their loved ones.

To all our amazing father figures we hope you had a beautiful day with your loved ones last Sunday. May your sock drawers be full again and your fridges covered in Father's Day cards and craft!

Alice Can Dance

Our performers for Alice Can Dance have been working tirelessly each week with the very talented GUTs dancers. Our dancers always finish their rehearsals with beaming smiles on their faces ready to bust a move on their next learning task. Dance plays an important role as part of our curriculum. Students have the opportunity to represent, question and celebrate human experience by using their body as an instrument and movement. Dance allows us to communicate and tell stories which may represent social, emotional, personal, spiritual and physical aspects of our lives.

According to healthline.com whether you're 80 or 8, engaging in physical activities that involve dance changes you. From better physical and mental health to a boost in emotional and social well-being, moving your body to the sound of music can transform your life.

Here are the 8 benefits of dance:

1. Improves heart health
2. Improves balance and strength
3. Gentle on your body
4. Boost cognitive performance
5. Challenges your brain
6. It's inclusive

7. Can be a social activity
8. Helps to boost your mood

Personally, I am a huge fan of number 7 and 8, any opportunity to boogie with friends is good for the mind, heart and soul! Please remember the Alice Can Dance performance is Week 9, Wednesday 13th of September. Tickets are on sale now follow this link. [Alice Can Dance: How Stuff Works | Araluen Arts Centre](#) Always a spectacular community event, don't miss out!

Year 6 Transition Visits

2017 was their first year of Transition. Seven years later and we prepare to farewell our Year 6 students, as they spread their wings and begin new adventures at High School. It is important to keep in mind that your child may experience an onset of emotions ranging from...

I'm so excited! >>> I'm a little nervous >>> I'm worried I'll have no friends >>> How do I make new friends? >>> Will I be on time to my classes? >>> Where do I eat recess and lunch? How will I keep up with homework?

Learningpotential.gov.au recommends these tips when preparing your child for High School.

➤ **Show enthusiasm**

Start talking about high school with your child throughout the year leading up to the start of high school. Be positive and discuss the things about going to high school that you know they will be interested in—it could be an opportunity to try out for a school band, or to engage in experiments in science. Discuss the subjects they might learn and the friends they might meet.

➤ **Listen and acknowledge their concerns**

Discuss with your child what they think going to high school will be like. What do they think their classes will be like? What are they most looking forward to? How many kids do they know from their primary school who will be going to their high school? Listening to your child talk may give you some indication of their concerns. If they have concerns, let your child know that you take them seriously, and together work out ways to address them.

➤ **Get your child use to their new school**

If you can, drive or walk past the high school your child will attend occasionally, and comment on it. For instance, you might talk about the nice garden or the fact that it has a basketball court. This will familiarise your child with the school. Most high schools hold an orientation day to help new students and their parents become familiar with the school. This may include a school tour, meeting fellow students and teachers, and taking part in special lessons and activities. This is a great opportunity for your child to get to know their new school.

➤ **Introduce or enhance student routines**

Prepare your child for the likely increase in homework by establishing study routines and preparing a study area free from distractions.

➤ **Begin or increase focus on time management**

Help your child to start scheduling their study and extracurricular activities on a calendar or wall planner, so they appreciate the power of time management.

As part of their preparation for High School we offer familiarisation opportunities to our Year 6 students. Today our Year 6 students participated in a transition to High School excursion at Centralian Middle School (CMS). Students are given the opportunity to explore their new surroundings and familiarise themselves with prospective teachers and classrooms.

Although this morning's weather suggests otherwise, Spring has sprung! The chilly mornings are slowing fading as we begin to pack away our winter clothes. Please remember with these warmer days ahead of us to 'Slip Slop Slap', wear your hat and drink lots of water. Enjoy the warmer weather over the weekend and we will see you all next Monday, ready for Week 9.



Pip Mapstone
Senior Teacher, Inclusion



Interschool Cross Country

On Friday the 25th August students from Years 3-6 traveled to the stunning Desert Park to participate in the Interschool Cross Country Competition. Students in Years 3 and 4 ran 2km and students in Years 5 and 6 ran 3km.

A special thank you to:

- Mr Sheriff for his amazing organisational skills, getting the group together and covering all the paperwork
- Claudia, our magnificent student teacher, for coming along as our First Aid Officer
- Tegan for driving our students to the event and taking some great photos
- PJ for driving the bus
- Michael for driving the bus and taking some more great photos

Below are our results:

9 Year Girls

Ivy 2nd place
Bree 3rd place

9 Year Boys

Jack 1st place
Will 2nd place
Ted 3rd place

10 Year Girls

Madi 1st place
Lucy 2nd place
Alba 3rd place

10 Year Boys

Alexander 2nd place

11 Year Girls

Scarlett 1st place

11 Year Boys

Erik 2nd place
Jasper 3rd place

12 Year Girls

Olivia 1st place
Tilly 2nd place
An 3rd place



As always, the students demonstrated flawless sportsmanship, grit and determination.
Congratulations and well done to all!



In April, Miss Barnes put a call out to the Year 5 and 6 teachers for some students who love to read. The selected students needed to be able to devour multiple books, have critical conversations and conduct presentations for creative responses. These students were to become our 2023 Shadow Judges for the CBCA (Children’s Book Council Australia) book of the year awards.

The selected students were given 6 very special books to read written by Australian authors. These books were shortlisted by the CBCA, all in the running to win book of the year. The students had the immense job of reading, reviewing and judging each book.

Isbel, Harry, Alex, June, Jordan, Debra and Elea were selected by their teachers to join the program. They met with Miss Barnes and Author Renee McBryde every Friday for one hour to review and examine each book. They engaged in robust conversations and were each brave enough to offer their insightful thoughts and feelings regarding each book. In August, the CBCA invited the students to the Town Library to creatively present one book from the shortlist. Students planned, prepared and practised their presentations and delivered them to a very grateful audience.

The final task for the Shadow Judges was to make a decision regarding which of the 6 books they felt should be the overall winner for the People’s Choice Award. After many sleepless nights and much deliberation, the group selected *Runt* by David Silvey as their winner.

Last week, the CBCA announced the overall winner for book of the year. Funnily enough, the book awarded this prestigious title was *Runt*. This goes to show what incredible Shadow Judges we had because they too agreed with the professionals. The CBCA also announced the winner for the People’s Choice Award, this went to *August and Jones* by Pip Harry.

Both *Runt* and *August and Jones* are now available in our Library ready for students to borrow. We also have multiple copies of each of the 6 selected shortlisted books ready for teachers to dive into. If you would like to read some student reviews about each shortlisted book, please visit this website <https://shadowjudging.cbca.org.au/> and click on the Younger Readers category.

The Shadow Judges met one last time on Friday 1st September, alongside Miss Barnes and Renee to celebrate their success.

Kind regards,
Kristy and Renee



Year 3 Dragons

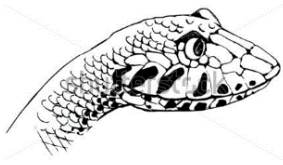


3 Roberts have been developing an understanding of democracy and laws and the different levels of government in Australia. Students made a 3D triarama to represent their learning.

Year 5 Spinifex Mice

and

Year 5 Taipans



In Term 3, the Year 5 students in Ms Hawker's and Miss Hogan's classes have been learning about and applying art techniques of some prominent artists from the late 1800s.

The artists we have been learning about are Vincent Van Gogh, Pablo Picasso, Henri Matisse and Gustav Klimt. Below are some photos and reflections from the students.

Patrycja – "I enjoyed the Picasso art because you had to use your imagination to make the piece look good."

Ollie - "My favourite was the Gustav Klimt one because it was fun playing around with shapes."

Debra – "I liked doing the Picasso art because we used different colours and everyone's designs were unique but similar."

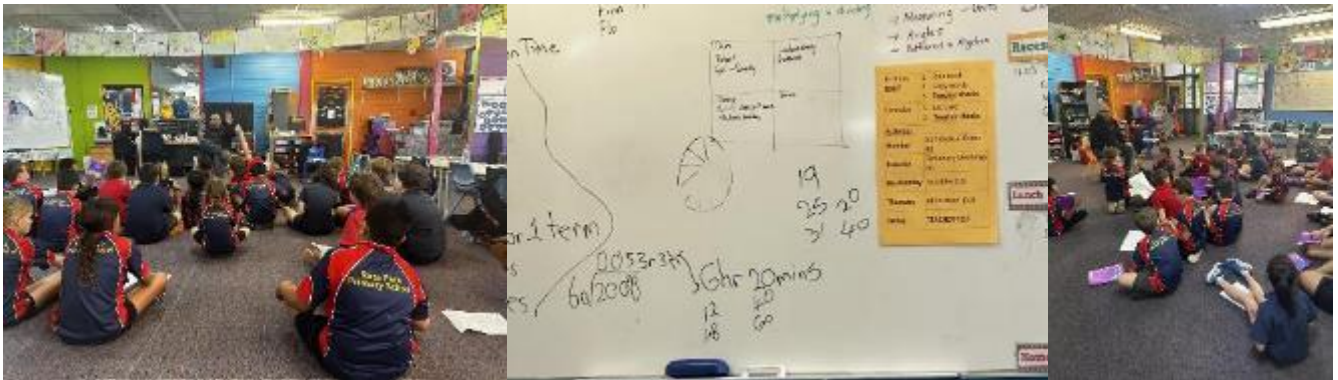
On Thursday afternoon, the Year 5 students hosted an art show where they were able to sell their art to raise funds for the World Wildlife Fund. The art show was very successful, with the students raising over \$700 for such a worthy cause, well done Year 5s!





Year 4 Panthers News

On Thursday the Panthers had a terrific lesson on the importance of being on time for class, which was part of a bigger unit covering SWPBE (school wide positive behaviour expectations). Mr Sherriff and Mrs Winwood-Smith had purposely arrived to class late after recess, Mrs Morton had been tee'd up to be there. As Mr Sherriff was 5 minutes late, the students then embarked on a very engaging lesson, making decisions on when it might be okay to be late for learning time, and then calculating that if a student is late to class by 5 min at recess and lunch- they would miss more than 5 days of learning a year! What a terrific lesson today in the Year 4 space!



The Panthers learned their science at the pathology lab in the hospital today. Looking forward to seeing their deeper understandings during the Year 4 Science Fair next term!



Community Consultation for School Improvement



Please join Mrs Weily and members of the leadership team to provide your thoughts and ideas regarding how we can continue to improve what we do at Ross Park, in 2024.

Key questions are:

- What improvements in learning would you like to see?
- What could we do to improve the wellbeing of students?
- How can we engage our families more effectively?
- How can we be more culturally responsive and inclusive at Ross Park?

There will be two consultation sessions before the end of term.

Thursday 14th of September – 8am – 8.45am

Wednesday 20th of September – 5pm – 6pm

Everyone's voice is valued, and we appreciate the perspectives our families bring to our improvement journey.

We really hope to see you at one of our sessions.



Monday 9th October

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY NO SCHOOL

Teachers return to
School on

Monday October 9.

There will be a
Professional
Development Day on
the first day of Term 4
so that teachers and
staff can prepare for the
end of 2023 and to start
planning for 2024.

Students return to
school on Tuesday
10th October.



Alice Can Dance 2023: HOW STUFF WORKS

Wednesday
13 September 2023
5pm & 7pm

tickets online
www.araluenartscentre.nt.gov.au



NEWLAND PARK ROAD SAFETY CENTRE

FREE EVENT

FAMILY FUN DAY

Saturday 16 September
9am - 1pm
36 Newland St Gillen

Free sausage sizzle

Lots of kids activities

Practise safe riding

Bring your bike & helmet or use ours

Hector the Road Safety Cat



roadsafety.nt.gov.au



ALICE SPRINGS BASEBALL ASSOCIATION



JUNIOR BASEBALL

COME AND TRY

- 🏆 ages 4-16 welcome
- 🏆 organised activities
- 🏆 equipment provided
- 🏆 canteen facilities

LYEL KEMPSTER BASEBALL PARK
SPEED STREET, THE GAP
10TH SEPT 2023 10-12PM



facebook.com/asbajuniors

TERM 3 & 4, 2023



WEDS-THURS-FRI

ROSCO'S CANTEN PRICE LIST

ORDERS ARE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED FOR ALL ITEMS.

IF PAYING BY CASH, PLEASE PROVIDE BROWN PAPER LUNCH BAG WITH ORDER, FULL NAME & CLASS TEACHER CLEARLY WRITTEN & MONEY PLACED INSIDE. PAPER BAGS CAN BE PURCHASED THROUGH THE CANTEN FOR 10C EACH.

OR ONLINE ORDERS CAN BE MADE THROUGH THE FLEXISCHOOLS APP OR WEBSITE. PLEASE SELECT ROSS PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL OR ROSCO'S CANTEN AND FOLLOW THE REGISTRATION PROCESS. PAPER LUNCH BAGS WILL NEED TO BE PURCHASED FOR 10C EACH.

SANDWICHES & WRAPS

PRE-ORDERS ONLY

Choose between Bread or Wrap	REGULAR	TOASTED
Cheese	\$ 2.00	2.50
Vegemite	\$ 2.00	-
Vegemite & Cheese	\$ 3.00	3.50
Salad (cheese/lettuce/tomato/avocado)	\$ 3.50	-
Ham & Cheese	\$ 4.00	4.50
Ham & Salad (cheese/lettuce/tomato/avocado)	\$ 5.00	-
Chicken & Cheese	\$ 4.00	4.50
Chicken & Salad (cheese/lettuce/tomato/avocado)	\$ 5.00	-
Add mayo	\$ FREE	FREE

SNACKS & TREATS

ORDERS & OVER THE COUNTER

Banana Bread (slice)	\$ 2.50
Muffin	\$ 1.50
Potato Chips GF	\$ 1.50
Popcorn	\$ 1.00
Cookie	\$.50
Jelly Cups	\$ 1.50
Zooper Dooper	\$ 1.00
Ice Cream (Flavours will vary)	\$ 2.00
Frozen Yoghurt (On stick)	\$ 2.00
Frozen Pineapple Ring	\$.50
Frozen Pineapple Cup	\$ 1.00
Slinky Apple	\$ 1.00
Fresh Banana	\$ 1.00
Dill Cucumber (Pickle)	\$.50



DRINKS

Smoothie Cups (Daily Flavours)	\$ 4.00
Flavoured Milk (Chocolate/Strawberry)	\$ 2.00
Plain Milk	\$ 2.00
Just Juice Popper (Orange/Apple/Tropical)	\$ 2.00

RECESS HOT FOOD

ORDERS & OVER THE COUNTER

Bacon & Cheese Sub	\$ 2.00
Dino Nuggets (3 for)	\$ 2.00
Dino Nuggets (6 for)	\$ 4.00
Party Pies	\$ 1.00
Party Sausage Rolls	\$ 1.00
Mini Chicken Nugget Wrap (Nugget, Cheese, Mayo, Lettuce)	\$ 3.00

LUNCH HOT FOOD

ORDERS ONLY

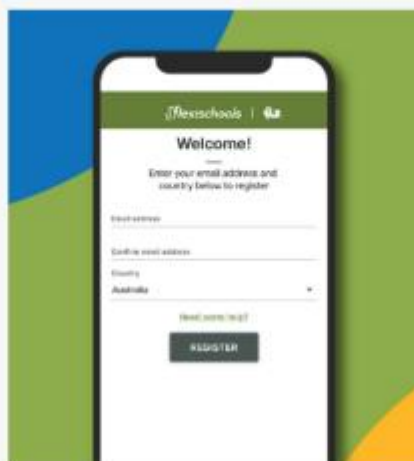
Inc. all recess items	
Chicken Salad	\$ 5.50
Fried Rice	\$ 4.50
Bolognese Pasta	\$ 6.50
Butter Chicken & Rice	\$ 6.50
Beef Pie	\$ 4.00
Sausage Roll	\$ 3.50
Sweet Chilli Chicken Strip	\$ 2.00
Or Chicken Tender	
Sweet Chilli Chicken Strip Wrap	\$ 4.50
Hot Dog w/sauce	\$ 4.50
+ Cheese or mustard (ea)	\$.50
Beef Burger	\$ 6.50
Chicken Burger	6.50
Vegie Burger	6.50

How to set up your Flexischools account



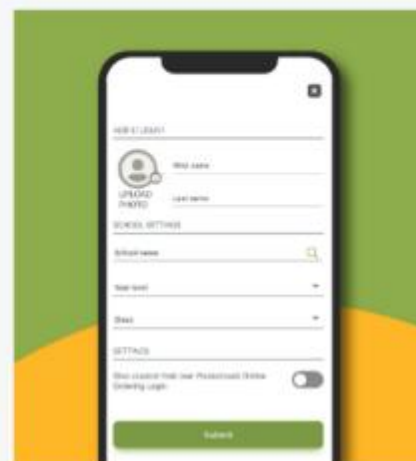
1. Download our app

The Flexischools app is the easiest way to place online lunch orders, buy school uniforms, and receive instant notifications from your school.



2. Register

- Open the Flexischools App and click 'Register'.
- Submit your email address to create an account.
- Go to your inbox and open the registration email from Flexischools. Click on the link and follow the registration process.



3. Log in to your Flexischools account and enter your child's details

- Once your account is set up, log into the Flexischools App
- Select the 'Profile' icon on the navigation bar. Under 'Students', click 'Add new'. Enter your child's name, school, year level, and class. Click 'submit'.



Semester two, July 2023 sport vouchers and learn to swim vouchers are now available.

You can apply online through GrantsNT. If you don't have an account, you will need to register.

Click on the link below to register and download your Semester 2 Sport Voucher.

<https://grantsnt.nt.gov.au/.../sport-voucher-scheme...>

Click here for the "How to" for Parents and carers.

<https://youtu.be/Id7VsdZhWhE>



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.

