



School Newsletter

Week 4, Term 4, 2023

Issue No. 17/23

Upcoming Events

Term 4

Week 5

Tuesday 7th November
Billbies visit Transition
Rothwell 10.30am – 12.00pm

Wednesday 8th November
MTB Riding 7am

Echidnas visit Transition
Emery & Hildebrandt
10.30am – 12.00 pm

Thursday 9th November
Australian Dance Academy
Incursion 11am – 12.30pm

Gymnastics 3-4 pm

Friday 10th November
Ross Park Swimming Carnival
9 am – 2.30 pm Years 3-6

Junior Assembly – hosted by
Ms Chisholm

Remembrance Day
Commemoration

Week 6

Monday 13th November
Scholastic Book Fair All week
Sales begin Wednesday 8 am

NTLC – Conference in Darwin
Mon-Wed

Wednesday 15th November
MTB Riding 7am

Thursday 16th November
Gymnastics 3-4 pm

Friday 17th November
Whole School Assembly
8.40am

Interschool Sport - Basketball

From the Leadership Team

Dear families

Welcome to the “almost” official middle of Term 4! With six weeks of school remaining, things are heating up, and I’m not just referring to the weather. Students are extremely busy with their work, finishing assessments, extra-curricular activities and more. Our youngest learners from preschool have been regularly visiting the “big school” and starting to learn the ropes for next year. I haven’t heard Mariah Carey belt out any tunes yet, but I know this won’t be far off either. There are 52 days until Christmas FYI!

Firstly, I would like to touch on last Friday, which was World Teachers’ Day. The staff came together for a lovely morning tea, with cakes donated by Josh Burgoyne, The Education Department, Lizzy Satour and Sarah Tudor from School Council and more from some truly wonderful parents. Thank you. Penny Weily also spoke to staff about how important their role is and how grateful we are to be part of this team together. Later that night, staff celebrated at the World Teachers’ Day Award Ceremony for the Central Region. Toni Hawker, Sarah George, Kate Worrall, Naomi Hayes and Penny Weily were all finalists in their categories. I’m sure this is no surprise to anyone, as each are truly terrific educators. Also not surprisingly, Sarah George and Kate Worrall took out the gong in their categories, Sarah winning **Early Childhood Educator of the Year** and Kate winning **Leader of the Year**. I know personally, that when I walk into the preschool, Sarah is a ray of sunshine. I asked someone in her team if she really speaks that kindly and softly in her “real life” and they confirmed that she DOES! Kate could also be referred to as the glue of the leadership team. With myself and Bec Hewitt job sharing, and Penny having many offsite meetings and appointments to attend that go with the principal job, Kate keeps everything and everyone on track. No task is too much or too hard for Kate who works enormous hours to ensure the best for our school. Thank you, Sarah and Kate. The final cherry on top was witnessing our school council chair, Tenneil Wark, take out Support Person of the Year for the whole of the NT!

Shout out to the Year 1 and 2 classes who held a full day of science activities on Wednesday. Students rotated around classrooms and engaged with a wide range of activities that focus on *Science as Human Endeavour*. Well done to our clever, inspiring students and thank you teachers for organising it.

On Wednesday evening, a number of Ross Park students had their graduation ceremony for Children’s University. We had a large group of students who were involved this year, and they graduated (with full caps and gowns) at the Marian Centre on Wednesday night looking very flash. We are very proud of all their hard work.

A massive thanks to Belinda Young for the incredible work she has done in driving the Alice Beat initiative and giving our students yet another chance to shine on stage. It is a lot of work, and Belinda has gone well above what was required of Ross Park, supporting so many other aspects of the preparation for this performance. Last night, several staff and families were able to witness a truly spectacular show. Mrs. Weily couldn’t stop commenting on how talented our student are and was blown away, as were many other audience members. Keep kicking goals Ross Park students!

With so many events still ahead this term, such as the swimming carnival, school disco, preschool art show, graduation etc. it’s important to check in to see if your child is getting enough sleep. Please have a glance at the table below from the Kids First website to see if your child is on track.



How much sleep does your child need?

wake-up time:

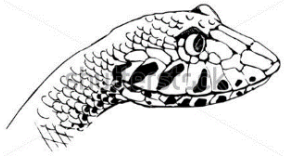
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Bed-time							
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13	8:45pm	9:00pm	9:15pm	9:30pm	9:45pm	10:pm	8:45pm

* Plus a daytime nap of between 1 and 3 hours’ duration

Thank you for another wonderful, challenging and inspiring couple of weeks at Ross Park.



Alex Morton
Assistant Principal



Year 5 Taipans & Year 5 Spinifex Mice News



In Year 5 maths this term, we collected data from year 5/6 students to see what things they liked. We looked at percentages and made graphs on the computer so that we could make posters. We then presented these to the class. I collected data on travelling, where students would live overseas and if they got to choose where would they travel too.

By Kaley





In Term 4, the Year 5 students have been participating in Electives without the Year 6 students as they are busy preparing for their graduation. We have 3 activities on offer for this term, Badminton/Basketball, Craft and Construction.

Construction is fun because each week is a brand-new challenge. We enjoy it because we can have a competition each week and we like to have a challenge. Construction is great because we have access to lots of Lego to create our structures.

By Leith and Joshua



Last week we travelled to Araluen College and we versed their students in Badminton, we had a great time. The following week we played against Sadadeen at our school and we won a lot of rounds. We had fun and we saw some of our friends from other schools.

By Michael and Kingsley



Hello, my name is Ayla and I have been teaching Year 5 students how to crochet. It was a great experience to have, I found it challenging to explain how to crochet when they didn't really understand.

Hi, my name is Debra and I have to say that learning to crochet has been a very fun experience. I made two tiny bags and am hoping to make a scarf next. Ayla was a really good teacher even though it was hard to teach everyone.

By Ayla and Debra



Junior Choir News

Our Junior Choir were invited to record some children's songs for local music producer, Andy Sorensen, and his company, Translator Records. Students loved singing the parts for these fun songs, which included one about a footy loving camel who loves to change the channel! They worked so hard and were so focused that Andy managed to record parts for four songs in the one afternoon. Mrs Young was proud of their efforts and how they all demonstrated the school value of being strong.

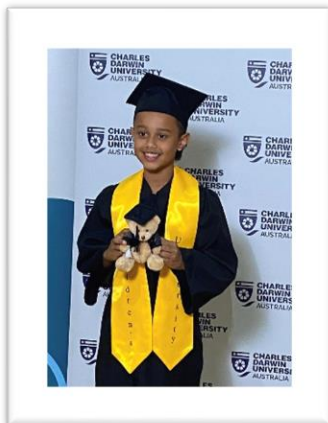
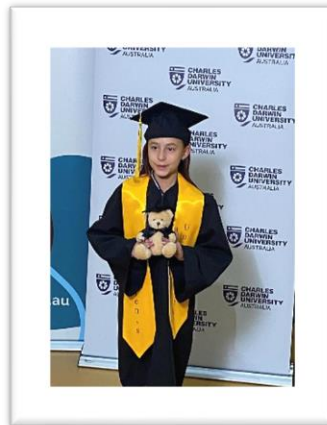
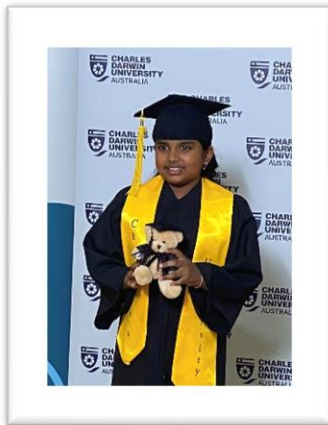


How amazing was the Children's University Graduation Monday night!

Massive thanks to Mr Sheriff, Mrs Winwood-Smith and Mrs Lawson for supporting our amazing students to strive in their learning beyond the classroom.

It was a great experience to see students dressed in formal graduation gowns and to be recognised for their achievements.

Lots more photos to come once we get the official ones from the photographer. Here are just a few!!



SCIENCE as HUMAN ENDEAVOUR

Year One Sea Turtles, Year One/Two Rock Wallabies, Year Two Dingos and Year Two Eagles.



Our Science as Human Endeavour Day was an exciting educational event that brought together actual scientists, students and teachers to explore scientific concepts. Throughout the day, students participated in a variety of hands-on activities and attended the following presentations:

Professor Craig from Uni SA quizzed and drilled students about mosquitoes. Did you know only the female mosquito bites? Did you know Coronavirus isn't spread by mosquitoes and some mosquitoes drink nectar?



The Northern Territory STEM Hero, Lachlan Hallet, had students don safety sunglasses to investigate UV light and how it penetrates into the atmosphere. He also shared his explorations around fossils. Students made a plaster mould from ammonites that were millions of years old.

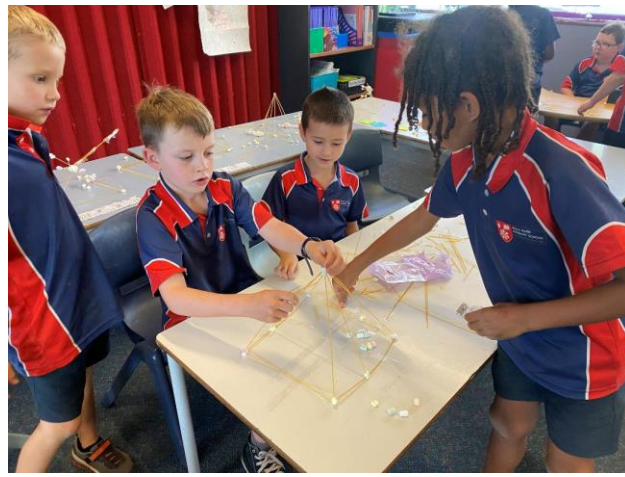


Students discovered that chemical science causes substances to change, sometimes in exciting ways and that there are different types of volcanoes due to the shape and force of the eruption.

For Physical Science, students learnt that Boomerangs can be made from sustainable materials and are aerodynamic in how they travel through the air. Boomerangs had value for hunting and ceremonies and they are designed to flatten out when they return, although some boomerangs are designed to not come back. Students decorated a boomerang in Indigenous designs.

In the final STEM activity students explored tension, bending and torsion when building towers from spaghetti and marshmallows. Have a look at the winners on the next page.





Some of the students' reflections:

- ❖ 'Sun has UV special light and has rainbow colours. We had fun with the rainbow glasses' Kasper, Saaket and Jack M (Year 2 Dingos).
- ❖ We used a special light to make the beads glow up' Grace and Iley. (Year 2 Dingos).
- ❖ Some clothes are not good to wear to stop UV light' Zelda and Bibek' (Year 2 Dingos).
- ❖ 'Proboscis is the name of the mozzie stinger' Ellie (Year 2 Dingos).
- ❖ We built towers and had to keep it stable and not break it. A marshmallow went on top' Zadie, Jack M. (Year 1 Sea Turtles, Year 2 Dingos).
- ❖ We learnt how to make a volcano and it exploded so much it was really good' Osin and Agnes (Year 1 Sea Turtles).



ROSS PARK PRIMARY
SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

FAMILY FRIENDLY



TIME TO PUT ON YOUR GROOVE AND GLOW AND
JOIN US FOR NEON NIGHTS

DJ, GAMES, PRIZES, FACE PAINTING

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH
5-7 PM IN THE HALL

TICKETS
\$5 PP

BBQ, DRINKS AND SWEET TREATS
AVAILABLE FOR
PURCHASE

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT:
[HTTPS://WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/1139991](https://www.trybooking.com/1139991)










ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

ROSS PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
2023 – Term 4 – Whole School Event Planner





9th October- 15th December

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 9-13 October				Alice Beat Rehearsal CSC 8.30 am – 2.15pm Gymnastics 3-4 pm	
Throughout Week 1					
Week 2 16-20 October	Eco-Rangers meeting		Year 4 Science Fair 	 Gymnastics 3-4 pm	Whole school assembly- 8.40am SRC meeting RDA Interschool Sport – Badminton
Throughout Week 2	Newsletter Front Page: Penny Class Items from: Year 4				
Week 3 23-27 October	Eco-Rangers meeting		MTB 7 am 	 Gymnastics 3-4 pm	Interschool Sport – Badminton SRC meeting RDA Junior Assembly – hosted by Miss T
Throughout Week 3					
Week 4 30-3 November	Eco-Rangers meeting Bilbies to visit T Emery/Hild 10.30 – 12:00pm 2/3 Lawson and 3Roberts <i>Cultural Celebration</i> 		MTB 7 am Echidnas to visit T Rothwell 10:30-12:00am Year 1/2 SHE Science day including Mozzie and Fossils incursion Children's University Graduation 6pm	Alice Beat Dress Rehearsal CSC 9am – 1pm Gymnastics 3-4 pm Alice Beat Performance (evening)	Whole school assembly- 8.40am SRC meeting RDA Interschool Sport – Badminton Preschool Art Show 5 pm
Throughout Week 4	Newsletter Front Page: Pip Class Items from: Year 3 and Year 5				
Week 5 6-10 November	Eco-Rangers meeting	Bilbies to visit T Rothwell 10:30-12:00pm	MTB 7 am Whole School Emu Parade clean up  Echidnas to visit T Emery/Hild 10.30 – 12:00pm Orientation and welcome- 2024 Transition students and new Ross Park families	Australian Dance Academy incursion- 11am -12.30pm  Gymnastics 3-4 pm	Ross Park Swimming Carnival 9 am to 2.30 pm (Year 3-6) SRC meeting RDA Junior Assembly – hosted by Ms Chisholm Remembrance Day Commemoration
Throughout Week 5					

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 6 13-17 November	NTLC Conference - Darwin Eco-Rangers meeting	NTLC Conference - Darwin Primary Interschool Swimming Carnival	MTB 7 am  NTLC Conference -Darwin	Gymnastics 3-4 pm	Whole school assembly- 8.40am SRC meeting RDA Whole School Disco 5- 7 pm  Interschool Sport – Basketball
Throughout Week 6	Newsletter Front Page: Pip Class Items from: Year 1 and Year 2 Transition Swimming Scholastic Book Fair 13-15th Nov – NTLC conference				
Week 7 20-24 November	UNICEF One Minute of Noise @ 10:00 am Eco-Rangers meeting 		MTB 7 am 	Gymnastics 3-4 pm	Interschool Sport – Basketball SRC meeting RDA Interschool Gymnastics Competition
Throughout Week 7	Transition Swimming				
Week 8 27-1 December	Eco-Rangers meeting	Preschool Concert and Graduation – Bilbies 2 pm Hall	MTB 7 am Eco-Rangers, SRC and Library monitors pizza 'thank you' lunch Preschool Concert and Graduation – Echidna's 2 pm Hall Orientation and welcome- 2024 Transition students and new Ross Park families <i>after school</i>		Whole school assembly- 8.40am SRC meeting RDA Interschool Sport - Basketball
Throughout Week 8	Newsletter Front Page: Kate Class Items from: 5/6 Kudrenko, Year 6 and Transition				
Week 9 4-8 December	Eco-Rangers meeting 11-12pm Transition Orientation		MTB 7 am 11-12pm Transition Orientation	Year 6 Graduation  You're graduating! Congratulations Year 6!	Interschool Sport – Basketball Carnival SRC meeting RDA Junior Assembly – End of Year Concert 
Throughout Week 9					
Week 10 11-15 December	Eco-Rangers meeting	Year T-2 Wet N Wild  Year 6 Pool Party Preschool visit Transition class for 2024 teacher	Meet your Teacher for 2024 Preschool visit Transition class for 2024 teacher  Christmas Parties Year 3-6 Wet N Wild	Whole school assembly- 8.40am Last Day for students	Professional Learning Day for staff  Enjoy Your Summer Holiday
Throughout Week 10	Newsletter Front Page: Penny Class Items from: Specialists				

SCHOLASTIC **Book Fairs**

You're invited to our Scholastic **BOOK FAIR**

THE SUPER SPEEDY SLOTH \$10
Ever since she was small, Spike wished she could be a Super Speedy Sloth.
100129206 | PICTURE BOOK | AGES 3+

BAA BAA BLACK BELT \$12
This sheep is a karate master! Or is he?
100126000 | PICTURE BOOK | AGES 3+

DOG MAN \$10
TWENTY THOUSAND FLEAS UNDER THE SEA
Piggy has a diabolical plan!
100123795 | GRAPHIC NOVELS | AGES 7+

NETBALL STAR \$10
LET'S PARTY
Liz is afraid her team members will think she stole her friend's missing bracelet.
100128169 | CHAPTER BOOK | AGES 7+

CAT ON THE RUN \$10
CAT OF DEATH!
The world's biggest Cat Video Star is accused of a crime she didn't commit!
100126400 | CHAPTER BOOK | AGES 7+

I KNOW YOU'RE LYING \$12
Sophie wants revenge, but first she needs to find the truth.
100124804 | PB NOVEL | AGES 10+

DRAGON DIARY PURPLE AND SILVER \$15
Keep your secrets safe in this lockable notebook.
100129927 | ACTIVITY | AGES 8+

STORM WARNING \$10
Jakob and his family get rescued by a luxury cruise ship.
100129968 | PB NOVEL | AGES 8+

FAMILY HOLIDAYS \$10
NATHAN LUFT
100129968 | PB NOVEL | AGES 8+

Find these books and more at the Fair!

Hats Off to Reading!

EVERY DOLLAR EQUALS RESOURCES FOR OUR SCHOOL

AUSTRALIAN MADE: AUSTRALIAN AUTHOR AUSTRALIAN PRINTED & PAPER AUSTRALIAN PRINTED

Date 13 - 17 November 2023 Time Wed - Fri 8am-9am and 3pm-4pm
Place Ross Park Primary School Library

Scholastic Book Fair Pre-Payment

Your child's school is having a Scholastic Book Fair. Your child will bring home their wish list of titles they have discovered at the Fair. We encourage you to discuss the Book Fair and their wish list choices with your child. Once you have agreed which items you will purchase you can pre-pay for those titles by completing the following steps.

- List the titles they are going to purchase from the Fair.

Title	Price

- Make a secure payment online by going to scholastic.com.au/payment or scanning the barcode below.

Book Fair Payment

- Complete the Payment Form including the receipt number and amount paid. This form needs to be returned to the school.

Receipt Number	Amount Paid
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First Name: _____
Surname: _____
School: _____
Suburb/State: _____
Daytime Tel: _____

THIS IS JUST A PRE-PAYMENT. THIS FORM MUST BE PRESENTED TO THE SCHOOL DURING THE FAIR TO COLLECT YOUR BOOKS.

Every BOOK equals RESOURCES for our school.

Books start at \$5

PIG THE PUG \$5
Pig is the rudest Pug in the world!
100125494 | PICTURE BOOK | AGES 3+

MINECRAFT WOLF \$8
PLAYER ATTACK
Winston is a Minecraft wolf on a mission: to become a Guard and protect Minecraft.
100129426 | PB NOVEL | AGES 8+

Hats Off to Reading!

Dear parents and families,

It's about books. It's about your children. It's about fun!

Ross Park is holding our Scholastic Book Fair this term in week 6, 13 – 17 November in our School Library.

Our Family Events are scheduled for sales:-

Wednesday	15th Nov	8:00 am – 9:00 am	and	3:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Thursday	16th Nov	8:00 am – 9:00 am	and	3:00 pm – 4:00 pm (12:50 pm - 1:20 pm Student cash sales only)
Friday	17th Nov	8:00 am – 9:00 am	and	3:00 pm – 4:00 pm (12:50 pm - 1:20 pm student cash sales only)

It's a perfect time to explore the affordable books and products with your children. Every purchase made benefits our school by earning reward money to be spent on new resources for our Library and classrooms.

A note will go home next week attached to a flyer from Scholastic Book Fairs. Please look out for these at the bottom of your child's school bag!

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!



A MINUTE OF LOUDNESS

Inviting every child to celebrate their rights this World Children's Day.

This year for World Children's Day, UNICEF is inviting every child to be heard by participating in A Minute of Loudness. This will be a moment of collective joy and celebration, bringing children from all over Australia together.

In the lead up to the day, our school will be showing the children a video about UNICEF, World Children's Day and this year's theme, climate change, and getting them to participate in a writing activity.

On the 20th of November, at 10am, our school will join the celebration. We are asking every child to think about how they want to make noise. They can bring in an instrument, make one, sing, clap, whistle, cheer, speak—make noise in whatever way they like—for a whole minute.

For any children who might find noise triggering, we will have a quiet room where they can participate in their own way – drawing, reading, thinking, sitting, relaxing.

If you have any questions about the day, don't hesitate to reach out.

For more information or to help us fundraise visit the school website.

THE *Alice Springs* CHRISTMAS SHOW



Adults - \$5
Children under 15 free

BLATHERSKITE PARK
18 NOVEMBER
SATURDAY | 2023 | 4PM - 8PM

Free Photos with Santa |
Duck Cup | Free Cookie decorating |
Free icy poles | Rumball Hall Competitions
Free Water Play | Giant Stocking Raffle
Mini Golf & MORE!

WWW.ALICESPRINGSSHOW.COM.AU

Duck Cup is back!
Supporting The
Butterfly
Connection




Repair Café

Sunday 5th November
9am - 1pm



Interested in volunteering as a repairer? We'd love to have you!

Don't chuck it, repair it!
Expert repairers will be available to teach you how to fix your bikes, clothes, jewels, blunt knives, light furnitures, wooden items and electronics... for FREE!

50+ Community Centre
11 Wills Terrace (opp Todd Tavern)

Arid Lands Environment Centre
More info 0490 817 587
<https://www.alec.org.au/>

Alice Springs Community Bank®
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CRAFTERNOON TEA FUNDRAISER

- Sunday 5th November 2-5pm
Blatherskite Park Board Room
- Bring absolutely ANY art or craft that you enjoy doing & be part of a relaxing & fun environment as we get creative over afternoon tea & raise funds for our RDA Centre at the same time!
- \$25 a Ticket, Afternoon Tea included
- email rda.alice@gmail.com to purchase your ticket.
- Everyone welcome! Can't wait to see you there!




NAFA TRIALS
MALES & FEMALES 9'S/10'S/12'S/14'S
2024

TRIAL DATES
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11 AND 18
AGES 9'S/10'S - 4.30PM TO 5.30PM
AGES 12'S/14'S - 5.30PM TO 6.30PM
ROSS PARK, ALICE SPRINGS

FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL paula.dacosta@footballnt.com.au

NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT
FOOTBALL AUSTRALIA