



School Newsletter

Week 8, Term 4, 2023

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Upcoming Events

Week 9

Monday 4th December
Transition Orientation

Tuesday 5th December
Interschool Basketball
Carnival CMS

Wednesday 6th December
MTB 7am

Transition Orientation

Year 6 Graduation 5.30 pm

Friday 8th December
Junior Assembly – End of
year concert 8.30am

End of Year Music Concert
12 noon

Year 4 Wearable Arts 2pm on
the Softfall

Week 10

Tuesday 12th December
Year T – 2 Wet n Wild

Year 6 Pool Party at Alice
Springs Aquatic Centre

Bilbies visit Transition class
for 2024 meet the teacher

Wednesday 13th December
Echidna's visit Transition class
for 2024 meet the teacher

Class Christmas Parties

Year 3-6 Wet n Wild

Meet your teacher for 2024

Thursday 14th December
Whole School assembly 8.40

Farewell to Year 6 Class of
2023

From the leadership team



Dear families

This week saw our final official orientation sessions for our 2024 Transition and new school families. We also had the absolute pleasure of hosting incredible leavers' concerts for our preschool. Huge thanks must go to the preschool team who have nurtured confident, capable performers. We look forward to watching them continue to blossom when their 'big' school career starts in January.

There are many excited children ready to join us at Ross Park in 2024 and at the same time we are beginning the countdown to farewelling our Year 6 students at graduation next Wednesday, 6th December. As part of that preparation myself, Penny Weily and Jasmine Crea, our School Council Representative, faced the delightful and difficult task of interviewing shortlisted candidates for Ross Park Honour Student 2023. All Year 6 students write a resume and it is a joy to read them all. I reflected on how far they have come this week, looking at the photographs of them as Preschoolers and Transitions and comparing them to our current smallest students. Our shortlisted students are:

Ethan Moore- mature beyond his years and always happy to help
Mailee Adie- self-effacing and unassuming with a subtle sense of fun
Anna McArthur- always respectful, kind and quietly self-assured
Braddon Harvey- natural humility and courtesy in all his interactions
Mokshita Rani- a quiet achiever, with hidden talents and humour
Wattie Scholes- one of life's genuine good guys
Reuben Cawthorn- grown into an appreciative and valuable team player
Harry McBryde- reflective and grateful for opportunities offered and taken
Helava Wulf- servant leadership personified

Please join us in recognising the incredible talents and personal characteristics of all of our Year 6 students. During individual interviews we consider the personal achievements of each student, look at the service to the school and wider community throughout their time at primary school and the way that each candidate makes sense of the world we live in. We are in good hands with such young people leading the way. What a privilege to work every day with amazing ambassadors for the next generation.

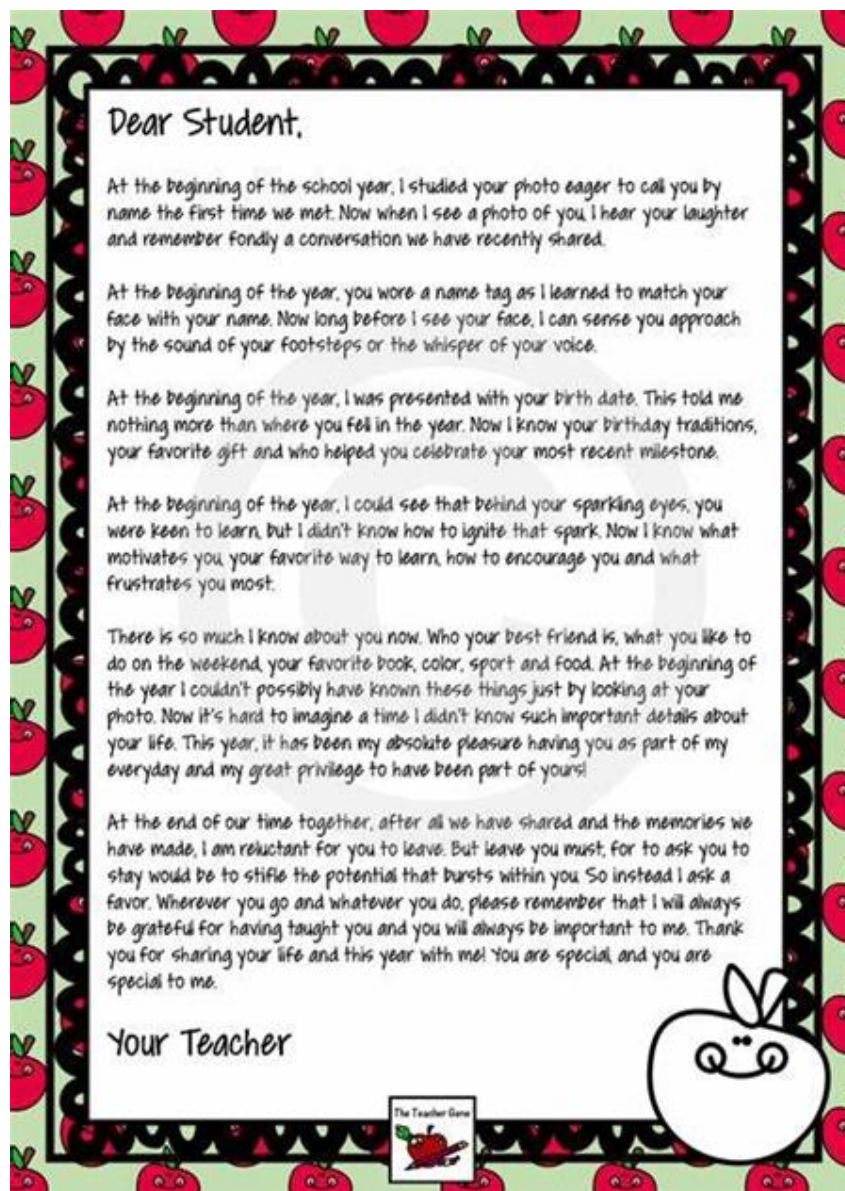
This week we have also thanked and recognised the service of students across the school who have held leadership positions as Eco Rangers, Student Representative Council members and Library Monitors. A pizza lunch was enjoyed by all on Wednesday.

Eco Rangers: Keira and Zelda, Ayla and Bernie, Alba and Finn M, Sasha and Maddi W, Phoenix and Wattie

Library Monitors: Lulu, Sasha, Debra and Beullah

SRC: Eshal and Vali, June, Jordan and Olivia, Dulcie and Finnbar, Summer and Amalia

As we reach the end of the year, teachers are finalising report comments. Take a few minutes to reflect on how much your child's report tells you about them- their academic progress and personal growth as a human being living in a complex society. Also however, consider how little the students' reports tell you and how much greater each child is than what can be written as a summative comment of a year's worth of learning.



Kate Worrall
Assistant Principal



5/6 Bearded Dragons

In Term 4 we got given the task of designing an advertising pitch for a product or service we created, which made us use our imagination. A good pitch consisted of confidence, knowledge of your product and the ability to answer questions that the audience would ask.

We financially backed each other's products with our class currency, which our class named Beardie Bucks. We would earn Beardie Bucks by listening in class and getting positive feedback from other teachers & SESAs. This was our income for the term!

We had some really interesting products that used technology, solved sustainability issues and some that were just cool products or services that people would really want. It combined our learning of persuasive writing and speaking, some business and economics and our knowledge of needs and wants (and how we can make people's wants become needs).

Also this term, we made a minute of noise!

On the 20th of November it was World Children's Day and the whole school gathered on the soft fall and made noise for climate change.

In class we made a mission statement about climate change and how to stop it, and how we were going to be affected in the future. On the soft fall the whole school gathered at 10:00, lots of noise was made by most students bringing in things that make noise.

The noise lasted for a minute and we hoped that we were heard making noise for our future. While we were in class we talked how we have to deal with the effect of climate change. We still bring chip packets to school most days, we can't really show up and blame the adults for things that we're still doing as well. After the event most people are trying not to bring rubbish to school additional to the rubbish free lunch days on Tuesdays & Thursdays.

Interschool Gymnastics Competition



Last Friday, November 24 Ross Park participated in the Interschool Gymnastics competition held at the Alice Springs Youth Hub gym. We are very proud of our young participants who not only had great fun performing cartwheels, balancing on the high beam and jumping off the mini tramp, they came away with the following results:-

Junior Results

Year 3 Emeralds – Winners 1st Place

Year 3 Team Power – Winners 2nd Place

Year 2 Diamond Girls – Winners 3rd Place



Senior Results

Year 4 Skittles – Winners 1st Place

Year 5 and 6 Gymnastics Girls - Winners 2nd Place

Year 5 and 6 Jolly Ranchers - Winners 3rd Place



Transition



Koalas



Kookaburras

and



Kangaroos

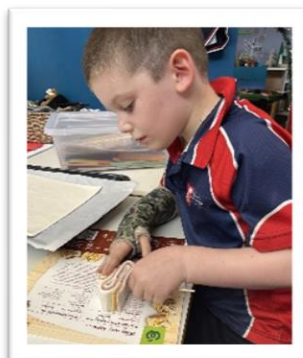
What a busy term we have had in Transition!! The last two weeks saw us doing our swimming lessons which meant our values were going to be tested as we were very tired little people so we needed to be **STRONG** when tired so we can continue to do our best in all other areas. **KIND** because when we are tired, we can get a little cranky and **FAIR** when we looked out for our friends and kept them safe in and out of the water.



Rex, Mahi, Harriet and Jacob helped Mrs Hildebrandt present at the junior assembly about Remembrance Day we discussed the things we are grateful for because of those that fought for us and what remembrance day is all about.



Cooking – Oh how we love to cook! We have been cooking all year and have made some fun and often crazy food. We theme our cooking to go with things we are celebrating. Most recently we've made some Halloween goodies, Diwali and Christmas treats.





So much fun Ross Park! Massive thanks to Sarah Tudor who has worked tirelessly for weeks, Kristy Barnes for her endless positivity and work with the SRC to pull everything together and Violet Hildebrandt who painted faces for over 2 hours on the night.

What a community! A great way to spend a Friday night with our Ross Park family. Thanks everyone for your support and efforts on the night to help everything run so smoothly. You're all superstars 🥳🥳🥳





These three amazing students recorded an interview with Lara from ABC Alice Springs on Friday 24th November following their shortlisting in the **Red Room Poetry** competition. They did themselves proud answering Lara's questions about the inspiration for their poems then reading them on air.



Jiki's Poem: <https://redroompoetry.org/student-poems/bush-6>

Finnbar's Poem: <https://redroompoetry.org/student-poems/the-heart-of-the-sea>

Abbie's Poem: <https://redroompoetry.org/student-poems/the-black-cockatoo-3>



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Transition, Year One and Year Two

END OF YEAR CONCERT

8:40am - Friday 8th December

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MONDAY 4 DECEMBER 2023
JIM MCCONVILLE OVAL 4:30 - 5:30PM

Students born in 2012, 2013 and 2014 are
encouraged to try for selection.

These trials are for selection into the Inter-Region Australia
Football Championships in Darwin 26 - 28 March 2024

Please contact your school for permission forms,
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Enrolments for After School Care 2024
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15 January 2024

Christmas Vacation Care Enrolments

open on

1 December 2023

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For Enrolment Information