



School Newsletter

Week 02, Term 1, 2024

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Upcoming Events

2024

Week 3

Monday 12th February to

Friday 17th February

Year One and Two Swimming Lessons

Monday 12th February

Year 5 Excursion to Desert Park

Friday 17th February

Interschool Volleyball

Week 4

Monday 19th February to

Friday 24th February

Year One and Two Swimming Lessons

Monday 19th February

Eco-Rangers Meeting

Friday 24th February

**Whole School Assembly
Imparja Cup Cricket Gala Day
Yr 5 & 6**

Interschool Volleyball

Week 5

Monday 26th February

School Council AGM

All Welcome

Friday 1st March

**Interschool Volleyball Carnival
Clean Up Australia Day-**

From the leadership team



Dear amazing Ross Park School Community,

Welcome to another exciting year at Ross Park Primary School. Whilst it is only Week 2, it feels like we have been back and hard at it for ages already!

Welcome back to all returning Ross Park families and a special welcome to all new families who have joined our community this year. It has been such a privilege to meet so many of our new students and families and to see how beautifully students have settled into their new learning environments. So many happy faces, and excited stories over the past two weeks, from students, staff and families. We are looking forward to all we will achieve together in 2024!

As always, there are lots of things happening and this will only increase as the year progresses. Please make sure you have an established line of communication with classroom teachers, so you are up to date with everything you need to know for your child. Most classes are using SeeSaw as their communication platform, so please make sure you are signed up, so you stay up to date with the class activities. QR Codes are available from class teachers.

Please join with me in welcoming our new staff to Ross Park, including:

- Nicola Venske – Year 1 (a returning staff member)
- Christy Su – Year 3
- Lachie van Dartel – Year 6
- Emma Lewis – Senior Teacher
- Steve McCarthy – Senior Teacher

We also have a number of new support staff in various roles across the school including:

- Grace – Year 1
- Natalie – Year 3
- Lexi – Year 6
- Simmon – Year 6
- Braydon – Various
- Ms Suzi (who is not new and is usually in the front office, is spending time in the Year 2 classroom)

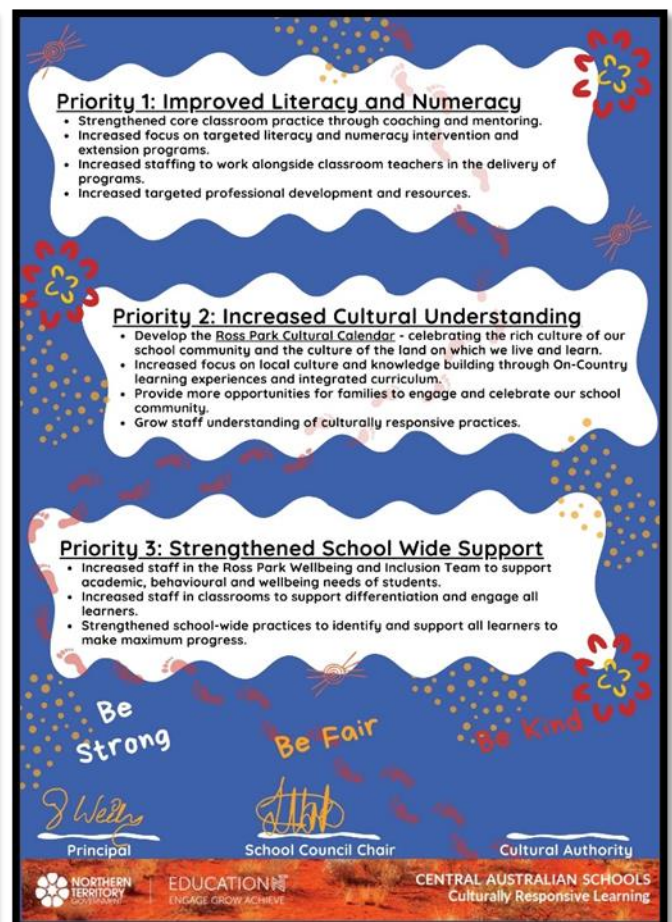
Whilst the only constant in schools is change, we are also farewelling two special staff very early on. Ms Jacqui, (our super front office admin officer) has won a promotional position for 6 months, and Ms Leah (our amazing Business Manager) is taking some time to explore other opportunities. Both positions are in the recruitment stage at this time.

Like every year, we have many exciting initiatives planned for 2024. We will strive to maintain high levels of communication with families at all times, and if there is ever anything you are unsure of, please do not hesitate to contact class teachers, or a member of the leadership team to help clarify any questions.

In 2024 our Annual School Improvement Plan is focused on 3 main initiatives:

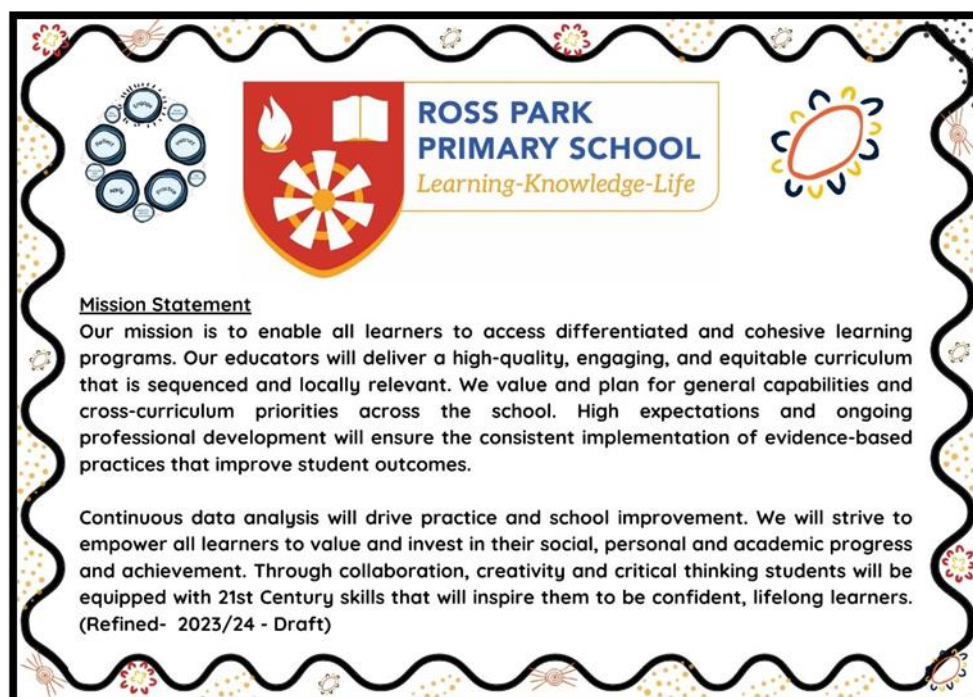
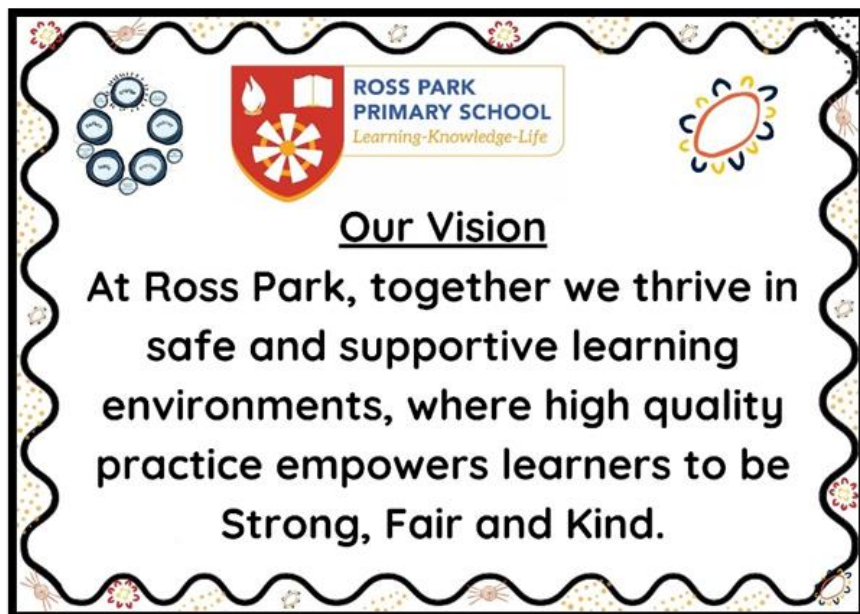
- **Priority 1: Improved Literacy and Numeracy outcomes with a focus on high quality instruction, intervention and extension programs.**
- **Priority 2: Improved engagement and wellbeing through fostering culturally responsive learning environments that celebrate our rich local and school culture.**
- **Priority 3: Strengthened school wide systems and support to meet the diverse academic, behavioural and wellbeing needs of all students.**

Resources, programs and initiatives will be implemented to support the successful journey towards achieving these goals. We have already invested in additional resources in Science, Maths, ICT and English, and we are very excited to see these resources in classrooms. Please see below for the ASIP visual document.



Vision and Mission Statements

Late last year staff began the process of refining the Vision and Mission statements for Ross Park. Below are the draft statements for Term 1, 2024. We are now seeking community input. If you wish to provide feedback, please feel free to email me on penny.weily@education.nt.gov.au .



Again, welcome to the new school year and we can't wait to work alongside our families to support all students to achieve their best.

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school for further information.

Warm regards



Penny Weily, Principal

Starting us off in 2024

Eating Times - We have changed our eating and bell times for Term 1. This is a trial, based on very successful introductions at many other schools.

- Students have “Brain Food” around 9-9:30 in the morning (during class time). They then go straight out to play at recess for 20mins.
- The music goes to remind students to go to the toilet, wash their hands and get a drink, before returning to class to eat.
- There is still 10mins of eating time (the same as previously).
- Students are encouraged to eat their “Main food” (Sandwich, pasta, etc) at this time. This then acts as fuel for the rest of the day. If a student is still eating when the bell goes to begin lessons, they may take the last part with them and finish it off as they settle ready for learning. This is most appropriate in the junior classes.
- The same process occurs at lunch time. Students play first, and then eat at the end, prior to resuming learning. The advantages are as follows:
 - Very calm re-entries back into class after breaks.
 - Significantly reduced rubbish in the playground.
 - Opportunities to resolve any playground issues while students sit and eat.Challenges all students to actually have some playtime during breaks rather than sit the entire time working their way through their lunchboxes.
- We will continue to collect feedback for Term 1 and then make a decision for the rest of the year. All new things take some time to get used to.

Healthy Eating – We ask that all students come to school with healthy options in their lunchboxes. What students eat throughout the day has a significant impact on their learning and engagement. As stated above, students will be encouraged to eat their ‘lunch’ at first break to help fuel their day.



IDEAS IN NUTRITION

Pack a Healthier Lunch Box

Children need fuel to help them learn. Packing a healthy lunchbox is like sending a bundle of energy and brainpower with your child to school. Here are some tips for you;

5 food groups: Include foods from the 5 food groups in your child's lunch, like fruits, vegetables, whole grains, dairy and proteins. Foods from these food groups provide essential nutrients for growth and keeps them full of energy.

Limit Processed Foods: Minimise packaged snacks and sugary drinks. Whole, unprocessed foods can help avoid energy crashes.

Hydration: Don't forget a water bottle! Staying hydrated is crucial for concentration and overall health.

A healthy lunch box not only fuels your child's body but also supports their focus and learning. By packing a nutritious meal, you're helping them succeed in and out of the classroom.

 **NORTHERN
TERRITORY
GOVERNMENT**

Starting us off in 2024

Birthday Celebrations – Birthday celebrations are always welcome at Ross Park. Please let classroom teachers know if you would like to bring in a special cake (or cupcakes) to celebrate your child’s birthday. If you wish to bring in something as an alternative to a cake, please discuss this with your child’s teacher. We are always mindful of students who have allergies, and those with different cultural or religious perspectives, so please let teachers know when these events might happen, so they can make any necessary adjustments. No lollies or party food should be brought to school. Thank you for your support.

Back to School Vouchers – Back to School Vouchers can be utilised at the front office. In 2024 these are \$200 and are designed to offset the cost of uniforms and other resources or activities on offer at the school. ALL vouchers must be assigned by the 5th of April (end of Term 1), otherwise the funds are returned to the Department. Please see our fabulous front office staff if you require any assistance.

Parent Help in classrooms – We welcome parent help in the classrooms. If you are able to support regularly, or only on an ad hoc basis, we still welcome any additional support in classrooms. We also encourage families to support excursions, gala days and camps etc, so we can allow for maximum student participation. Please see classroom teachers if you can help in any way.

School Council AGM – The School Council AGM and elections will be held on **Monday 26th of February at 5pm**, in the staffroom. We encourage families to attend, and we will be seeking new members to join our school council for 2024. Please see the front office for a nomination form if you are interested.

GET INVOLVED
Make a Difference!

ROSS PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
Learning-Knowledge-Life

ROSS PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL COUNCIL AGM

Monday 26th February 2024 5:00 pm School staffroom

Student Leadership – Our amazing student leaders will be announced next week. This year we have introduced School Captains to Ross Park. Interested Year 6 students have applied for the role of School Captain and the role of Team Leader, through a rigorous process. Once these positions are finalised, we will begin applications for SRC, ECO Ranger, Library monitor, and NTLC positions. It is so great to have so many different student leadership positions available. Watch this space.

Important information for Transition to Year2 Classes



Be Strong
Be Fair
Be Kind

NUT FREE



ZONE

TRANSITION - YEAR 2 CLASSES ONLY

Ms Roberts and Mrs Lawson are loving their new smart boards! Installed on Wednesday this week and up and running.



COMING SOON!

To your child's classroom!





Road Safety Message

Thank you and congratulations to all families for managing the lack of parking around Ross Park very well. This message comes as a reminder to returning families and information to new families about the pick-up and drop off zones in our school.

We have two. 🙌

The first one is directly out the front of the school where we encourage junior students and their siblings to be collected. The second one is across the soccer oval at the car park on the corner. Students from Years 3-6 can walk across the oval for pick up. This splits the traffic into different locations and saves large traffic jams.

Reminders for these areas are:

- Please arrive slightly after the bell, allowing time for your child to walk from the classroom to the meeting point.
- Be aware of other traffic, avoiding any overtaking, including when students are getting into their cars.
- ***If your child is not at the meeting point yet you will be asked to park or drive around the block and come back to keep the flow of traffic.***
- Take note of the 'No Right Turn' signs when leaving the kiss and go.
- Please be aware of students who are riding bikes and walking to cars through moving vehicles in the soccer car park. We are very concerned for their safety and will support them to cross safely and to make safe choices. Reminders at home would also be appreciated.

See photos to inform drivers of the recommended direction for pick up. The photo of the soccer oval car park shows in red the area where cars can pull in for a couple of minutes to pick up.

Thank you everyone for observing these simple requirements to ensure pick up is a safe place for everyone.





Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to represent Alice Springs in the U12 AFL squad who will travel to Darwin in March.

Well done to Darren, Hamish, Judd, Will and Ted; we are all proud of you!!



(They are really excited, just camera shy!!)



TOUCH FOOTBALL TRIALS

12 YEARS & UNDER BOYS & GIRLS

TUESDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2024
FLYNN DRIVE OVAL 4:30 - 5:30PM

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

Age dispensation may apply for students born between 1 July 2011 and 31 December 2011 (turning 13 in the last half of 2024)

These trials are for selection into the Inter-Region Touch Football Championships in Darwin 30 April - 2 May 2024

Please contact your school for permission forms, or contact School of Sport Education NT

centralsport.doe@education.nt.gov.au
0460 037 977
www.sporteducation.nt.edu.au



ALICE SPRINGS UNDER - 10 CRICKET COMPETITION

FRIDAY, 16 FEB 2024

5.00PM - 6.30PM

6/8 A SIDE COMP

5 WEEKS

4 GAMES EACH

\$17 INSURANCE FEE ONLY

JOIN NOW



MiniTillies, let's play!

Ross Park
Winnecke Avenue
East Side, Alice Springs

5:30pm - 6:30pm

Every Friday for 6 weeks starting 23rd Feb.

\$100.00 - includes participant pack

AGES 4-11

REGISTER NOW
miniroos.com.au/minitillies



2024 CHALLENGE SEASON



Looking to play Basketball in 2024. The Challenge Season starts on Mon Feb 5 2024

CONTACT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CLUBS TO FIND A TEAM

Wallabies Basketball Club - Kylie Preece
wallabies.basketballclub@gmail.com

Magic Basketball - Tina Booth or Chris Phillips
tinabooth71@outlook.com
chrisphillips71@outlook.com

Cruisers - Kirsty Bloomfield
kirsty.bloomfield84@yahoo.com

ASBA REGISTRATION COST
JUNIORS: \$130.50 (BNT \$60.50 ASBA \$70)
SENIORS: \$190.50 (BNT \$60.50 ASBA \$130)
CLUB FEES ALSO APPLY

Contact: Lanee Acres
asbasketball@bigpond.com



SIGN ON DAY
SATURDAY 10TH FEB 2024
GAP VIEW HOTEL 11-1PM
AGM 1PM



All past, present & new players, committee members, umpires, sponsors, coaches and supporters welcome to attend.

Mechandise on sale, sports vouchers accepted & EFTPOS available.

COME PREPARED & BRING A FRIEND

FEDDIES SIGN ON DAY

Saturday February 17th
 Club Eastside 2-3pm
 ALL AGES & GRADES
 Uniforms will be available to TRY ON.

TRIALS & JUNIORS FUN SESSION

Saturday February 24th
 Juniors (8's, 10's & 11's) 1:30-2:30pm

Dance & have fun with Charmaine.
Enjoy an icy pole after.

13's & 15's 2:30-3:30pm
 17's & Seniors 3:30-4:30pm
 Pat Gallagher Netball Courts

Seniors are invited for pizza and drinks at Club Eastside after.



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FACEBOOK

SEE YOU ALL THERE

