



School Newsletter

Week 2, Term 2, 2024

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Upcoming Events

TERM 2, 2024
Week 3

Wednesday 1st May
Primary Interschool Tennis Carnival
Musica Viva Performances
9:00 am and 11:15 am

Thursday 2nd May
Writers/Illustrators Workshops T-2

Friday 3rd May
Interschool Hockey

Week 4

Monday 6th May
May Day Public Holiday
Preschool Bangtail Muster

Wednesday 8th May
NAPLAN – Civics and Citizenship Trial 20 Students from Year 6

Thursday 9th May
Mothers' Day Morning Tea
Safe Strangers presentation to Transition Classes

Friday 10th May
Ross Park Sports Day
Interschool Hockey

Week 5

Tuesday 14th May
Combined Interschool Cross Country and Orienteering

Wednesday 15th May
International Day of Families Picnic 4 pm to 6 pm

Friday 17th May
Interschool Hockey Carnival

From the leadership team



Dear families

The beginning of Term 2 started with teachers and support staff engaging in new learning that will feed into the School's social and emotional literacy program later in the year. We trained all staff to deliver a Social and Emotional Learning program, Keeping Safe, considering, for example, issues such as how we can better empower our children to develop the language they need to manage situations where they might not feel safe, such as in an online gaming scenario. We always enjoy working together and prioritising the time to think collectively about how to improve our teaching and the learning experiences of all our students. So often our conversations about learning are as we pass one another in the photocopying room, when we debrief with our teaching partners at the end of the day or when a lesson we had planned didn't go as we had expected it would. The opportunity to learn together, with time to converse and develop new perspectives and strategies is immeasurably valuable. Our learning continues weekly and this term all teachers will be working in professional learning communities to improve their practice. A key focus area for our teachers this term is the use of a variety of data to inform teaching. You can be reminded of the goals of our Annual School Improvement Plan by going onto our website <https://rossparkprimary.nt.edu.au/> and see how our professional learning aligns with the longer term outcomes we have set ourselves for school improvement.

Students settled well into the new term with over 85% attendance across the whole school. Many classes reached over 90% attendance and were celebrated for this achievement last Friday with extra playtime. New social learning occurs every time we ask classes from junior and senior sides to play together in a restricted playground area and it is wonderful observing the interactions between the children as they play with different people, push smaller children on swings or the flying fox, and ensure that their playmates are enjoying their reward. We randomly selected 15 names from across the classes who had achieved 100% attendance at school in Week 1 and they received a book to thank them (and you) for their commitment to their education.

Our Facebook page is filled with photographs from last week, including many images of our school community dressed as a 'look-a-like'; there were many Mr McCarthys and so many beautiful Miss Ts.



We use our Facebook page regularly to keep you updated with the day to day of our school.

This week we held our Anzac commemorative service where the School band accompanied the singing of the national anthem and our Year 6 leaders ably led us as we gathered together to remember those who have served to defend Australia and those who continue to serve us today. As always, our students represented you proudly, with dignity and an awareness of the solemnity of the occasion. On Thursday, members of the leadership team walked alongside school leaders and families to attend the Anzac Service at the cenotaph where our school leaders, Alex and Elea, laid a wreath on behalf of our school community to give thanks and remembrance to those who continue to serve and those who have lost their lives in conflict.



Warm regards



Kate Worrall
Assistant Principal

Ross Park Satellite Class

The Sports Inclusion Team from the Town Council will be coming to Ross Park every Tuesday during recess time to work with our Satellite class and students around this school. This week they ran Frisbee Golf with the Team Leaders and students from the Satellite class.





What a beautiful ANZAC Day Ceremony we had at Ross Park today. Our school captains and student leaders facilitated the ceremony and we were so privileged to have our very own school band play the National Anthem.



It was also amazing to have the awesome Hamish play the Last Post. How incredibly confident he was!





Another very proud occasion for our Ross Park team. Students gathered to participate in the ANZAC Day March and many made the long trek up ANZAC Hill to participate in the mid-morning ceremony. Our School Captains, Alex and Elea, did us proud as usual, laying a wreath as part of the ceremony.

All students were impeccable in their behaviour and respect and we are very proud of them all. Thank you to families for supporting this event.





THE COLOURED DIGGER

BY SAPPER BERT BEROS



He came and joined the colours, when the war God's anvil rang,
He took up modern weapons to replace his boomerang,
He waited for no call-up, he didn't need a push,
He came in from the stations, and the townships of the bush.
He helped when help was wanting, just because he wasn't deaf;
He is right amongst the columns of the fighting AIF
He is always there when wanted, with his Owen gun or Bren,
He is in the forward area, the place where men are men.
He proved he's still a warrior, in action not afraid,
He faced the blasting red hot fire from mortar and grenade;
He didn't mind when food was low, or we were getting thin,
He didn't growl or worry then, he'd cheer us with his grin.
He'd heard us talk democracy – They preach it to his face –
Yet knows that in our Federal House there's no one of his race.
He feels we push his kinsmen out, where cities do not reach,
And Parliament has yet to hear the Abo's maiden speech.
One day he'll leave the Army, then join the League he shall,
And he hopes we'll give a better deal to the Aboriginal.



Dreamtime Kullilla-Art
The Culture Cave

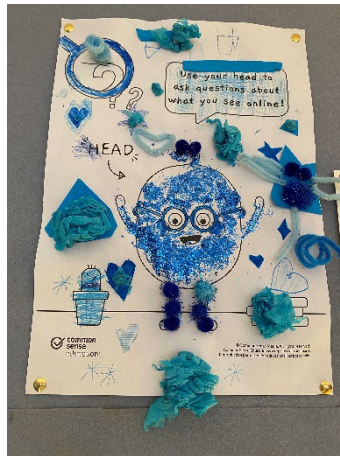
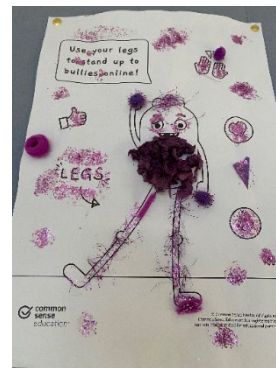




Year 1 Murray River Turtles

Term Two has been off to an exciting start with lots of learning for the Murray River Turtles.

We have started our Digital Technologies learning for Term Two, all about staying safe online and how to balance our online and offline worlds. Here is the amazing team work present within our classroom during a group art activity we did to meet the Digital Citizens, who will be helping us explore the topics this term. Look at the incredible results!!



One Murray River Turtles have also made a start on their learning around weather! We will be exploring weather in English when we read the text 'Dry to Dry', in Science through our Earth and Space Science unit and through Visual Arts. To start, the students made these beautiful painting to represent their favourite season!

Looking forward to an amazing term, filled with learning!



Ms Chisholm



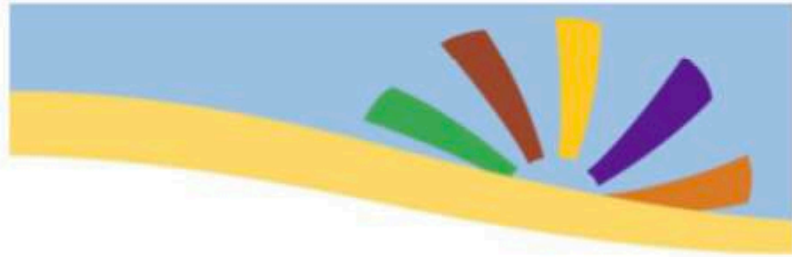
Join us for the celebration of Ross Park's remarkable mothers by treating yourself to a light morning tea as well as meeting with some of our wonderful Ross Park staff.



Our morning tea will take place on Thursday the 9th of May at 9:00am in the Ross Park staff room.

HAVE A HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!





Children's University Information Session

**Congratulations your child has been accepted into the
Children's University Program.**

We invite you to come along to an information session to help you find out more about the program and how your children can expand their learning opportunities.

When: Tuesday 30 April

Time: 5:00 pm

**Where: 2 Raja – Blue Door on Junior Side
Ross Park Primary School**



Ross Park Buddy Festival

Expressions of Interest are now open for
our 2024 Buddy Festival!



Our Buddy Festival will run on the 18th and 19th of June. We are looking for organisations to provide 1-1.5 hour sessions that would engage approximately 50-60 students of mixed year levels.

The festival allows us to provide a full day of release to our teachers to collaborate and prepare for Semester 2, while providing our students with a day of fun and skill building with their Buddy class, before everyone heads off on a well-earned break in the middle of the year.

In 2023, we offered BMX, BluEarth, Arts, Drama and even the Reptile Centre (to name a few).

If you think your organisation may be able to support our great festival, please send an email to penny.weily@education.nt.gov.au, or call to discuss any details further - 89552000.



MUSICA VIVA PRESENT



RHYTHM WORKS

DISCOVER HOW MUSIC CAN BE USED TO CONJURE UP
STRONG VISUAL IMAGES WITH THIS DYNAMIC
PERCUSSION DUO.

PERFORMING LIVE
AT ROSS PARK PS

*Families
Welcome*

Wednesday 1 May

Junior School 9-10am

Senior School 11.15-12.15

BANNED



Due to continued issues around trading/losing/stealing of cards, all Pokémon cards must stay at home for out of school hours play.

No Pokémon cards are to be brought to school at this time.

Any Pokémon cards at school will be kept on the teachers desk and handed back at home time.



2024 WA Virtual Maths Conference

Friday May 3, 2024 / 01:15PM - 02:15PM

“*Subitising Strategies in the Early Years*”

- Vijaya Raja



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