



# School Newsletter

Week 4, Term 4, 2024

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## Upcoming Events

### TERM 4, 2024

#### Week Five

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November

**Bilbies Transition to School Visit**

**Transition Swimming Lessons**

#### ALL WEEK

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November

**Mountain Biking**

7:00 – 8:00 am

**After School Gymnastics**

3:00 – 4:00 pm

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November

**2025 Bilbies Orientation**

1:30 pm

**Interschool Basketball**

#### Week Six

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November

**Remembrance Day**

**Bilbies Transition to School**

**Visit Lesson 2**

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November

**Interschool Swimming**

**Carnival**

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November

**Mountain Biking**

7:00 – 8:00 am

**2025 Transition Info Evening**

**Steve Irwin Day - Wear Your**

**Crocs To School Day**

**After School Gymnastics**

3:00 – 4:00 pm

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November

**Science Fair Year 4**

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November

**NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**

**STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY**

**Alice Can Dance Evening Performance**

## From the leadership team



Dear Families,

What an exciting start to the term we've had at Ross Park! The energy and enthusiasm are evident as students dive into their learning. Our recent testing shows significant growth, especially in place value, and students can see their progress displayed on graphs—something we're all ecstatic about!

The past two weeks have been filled with celebrations across all year levels, and I'd love to share some highlights:

Children's University Graduation - Last Wednesday, we celebrated our graduating students from the Children's University. This program recognizes extracurricular learning activities, with parents and staff signing off on each achievement. Congratulations to the students, families, and teachers involved in this wonderful celebration!

World Teachers' Day (Friday, Week 3) - We took the time to honor our educators and thank them for their dedication. Several Ross Park staff members were finalists for awards, including:

Jess Adami – Primary School Educator of the Year

Lauren Brown – Early Childhood Educator of the Year

Kate Worrall – Leader in Education

Violet Hildebrandt – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Educator of the Year

We're thrilled to announce that Violet was awarded her category!



Congratulations to all our dedicated educators. Here's what some students shared about their teachers:

"They always make sure learning is fun for everyone."

"They help us when we need it and challenge us to grow."

"They make sure everything is fair."

"They are always kind and helpful."

"They represent the school values in their everyday personalities."

"They give us hard work, but they are ok if we don't get it right"

"They always try and make sure everyone learns, not just one person."

"They help us learn and if they didn't exist, we wouldn't learn."

Transition Swimming Program - This week marked the start of swimming lessons for our Transition students. Managing a class of little ones at the pool every day is no small feat, and our team is handling it with great care and enthusiasm. Transition families, be prepared for some tired kids—they'll be back at it again next week!

Year 6 High School Orientation - Our Year 6 students have started orientation visits to high schools, with staff from Centralian Middle School coming to Ross Park to connect with students preparing for Year 7. It's hard to believe this amazing group will soon embark on new adventures!

Alice Beat Performance - Last night, our students performed beautifully in Alice Beat, showcasing their musical and theatrical talents. Thank you to Belinda Young and the NT Music School for preparing students for this event over several months. It was a fantastic evening!

Senior Swimming Carnival - Today, our senior students participated in the swimming carnival. A big thank you to Kristy Barnes, Alastair Sherriff, and everyone who helped make the day a success.

Preschool Art Show - Tonight is my favorite event of the year—the preschool Art Show. This evening, our preschoolers will showcase their artwork in a beautifully transformed classroom. Parents are always amazed by what their children create, and our staff work tirelessly to make the event perfect. If you attend, please thank the educators for their fantastic work.

Reminders:

Friday, Week 6 (15th November) is a student-free day for staff professional development.

Tuesday, Week 7 (19th November) is Crazy Hair Day—details to come from the SRC.

This term is flying by, and we're having a great time. For a bit of fun, check out our dancing unicorns on Facebook from Halloween! 😊

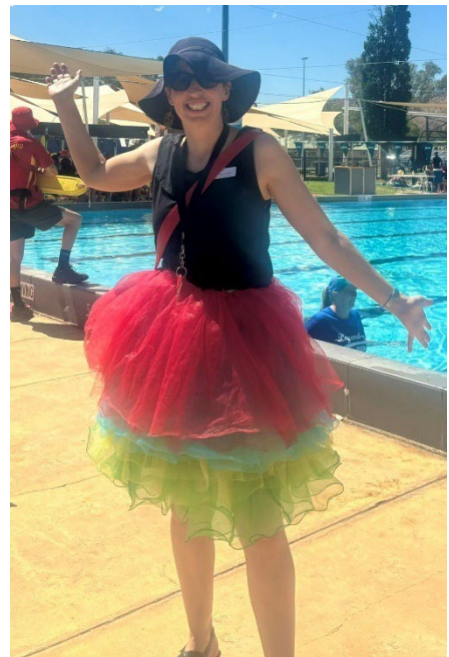


Bec Hewitt  
Assistant Principal

A large, colorful graphic for 'PUPIL FREE DAY FRIDAY 15TH NOVEMBER'. The text is centered in a white oval with a thick orange border. The background is decorated with blue and yellow curved shapes, a red and yellow flower-like shape, and a blue and yellow wave-like shape. To the right of the graphic is the Ross Park Primary School logo, which includes a shield with a book and a sun, and the text 'ROSS PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL Learning-Knowledge-Life'. Below the logo is a text box that reads: 'No school for our students but a big day of learning for our wonderful staff who will be joining with Larapinta Primary School and Centralian Senior College in a joint professional development day "The 8 Ways Roadmap"'. At the bottom right of the graphic is a small image of a book cover titled 'THE 8 WAYS ROADMAP AN EDUCATORS' GUIDE TO CULTURAL INCLUSIVITY' by TIMAC.

# YEAR 3 -6 SWIMMING CARNIVAL FUN!

To finish week four off, we have had our funtastic swimming carnival. Happy faces, excited students, and lots of participation. Thank you again to Ms Barnes and Mr Sheriff for all the preparation in the lead up to ensure today was a great success!





# Rona Glynn Bake Sale



The end of week two saw Rona Glynn's bake sale which was a roaring success with hundreds of cakes and goodies sold.

A huge congratulations to the Rona Glynn team who organized and put it all together, you guys are champions!

A special thanks to Betti's bakes for all the delicious baked goods and all the bread that was donated to the BBQ, Rohan Barwick from ABC radio for the promotion and Joshua Burgoyne for the time and pancakes donated.

Absolutely tremendous effort.

Thanks to everyone who came down to support!



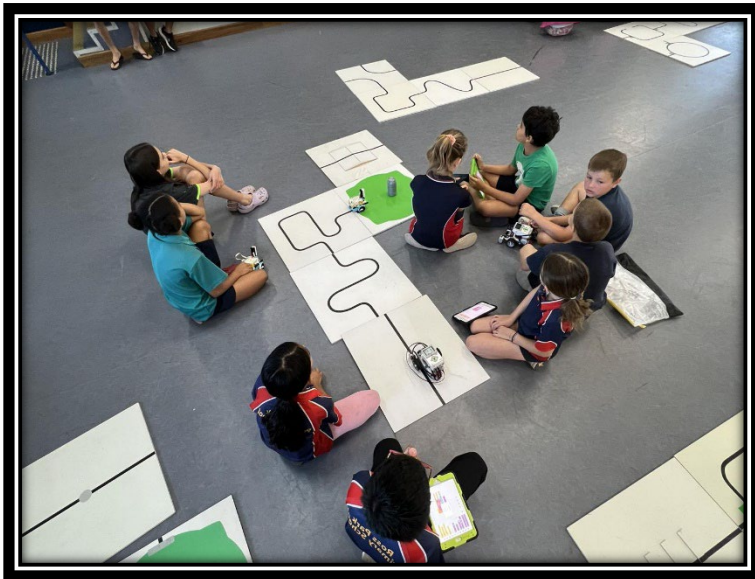
Children's University graduation was on Wednesday October 23<sup>rd</sup> at St Phillips College. Lots of schools from around Alice Springs participated in the ceremony including Yipirinya, Bradshaw, OLSH and Alice Springs Public Library. Ross Park had approximately 120 students from Years 2-6 graduating on the night.

Students had to document what activities they did outside school hours and record it to gain their certificates. On the night students dressed up in a formal gown and cap. They received their certificate and had to move the tassel on their cap to demonstrate that they had graduated.

**By Liz**



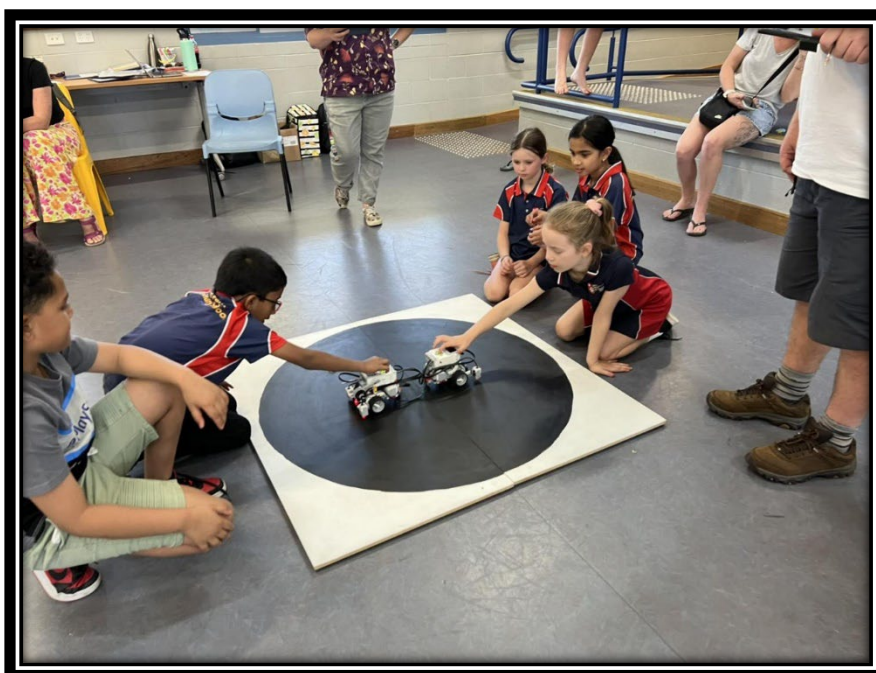
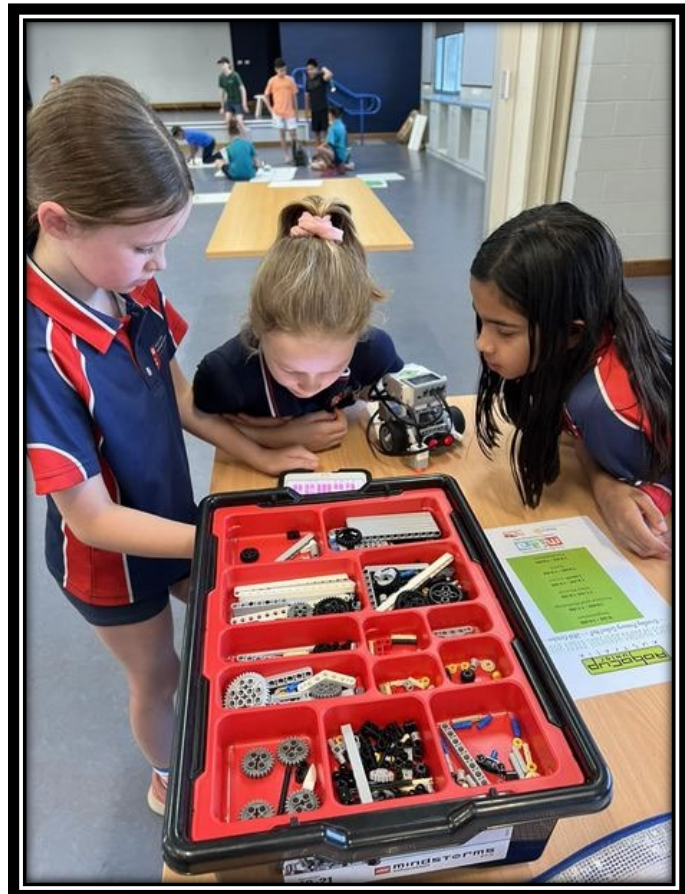
# ROBOCUP JUNIOR AUSTRALIA



A group of our STEM inspired primary school students competed last Sunday in the RoboCup Junior competition! Encouraged by their dedicated teachers Mrs Lawson and Miss Roberts, these young innovators worked tirelessly to perfect their robots.

Well done to the Ross Park team who won Sumo and other Ross Park teams who came second and third in the Riley Rescue.

Let's celebrate their creativity, teamwork and problem-solving skills showcased on the big stage.



# Shared Reading



This week Ross Park celebrated national shared reading week. With help from the street library and the story box our SRC's ran reading groups for some of the younger students who loved being read to.



Thanks Miss Bronnie for hosting!!

# Transition swimming lessons



*Transition swimming started this week with a splash!*



All of our classes jumping in headfirst with Gusto. Thanks to all the teachers for facilitating such a fun two weeks and thank you to Michael and Teresa for doing all the bus runs.

*We can't wait to see what awesome swimmers you all become!*





# Happy Halloween!

It was such a fun atmosphere here at school yesterday. Lots of students we can't recognise and so many with smiles on their faces.

Thank you to SRC for organising such a fun day!





We understand that all families have very busy lives and packing healthy lunches can be a challenge at times. We also recognise that we do not have a canteen operating at Ross Park. In a world where running a canteen using volunteers and abiding by the Healthy Eating Guidelines has proven to be very challenging, we have worked hard to try to provide an alternative. We do have Subway once a week and Sushi once a week to try to alleviate the need to pack lunches every day.

We ask that no Junk food is delivered to school for students for their lunch. If a student does not have lunch on any given day we will provide muesli bars, fruit and a sandwich so they will not go hungry.

Please keep all treats such as McDonalds, Red Rooster or KFC (etc) to outside of school hours, as this can cause a range of issues for staff and students and does not meet the eating guidelines for schools.

If you would like to discuss further, please contact the front office.

Thank you for your support.



# SAFETY



## 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.



# SAFETY



Dear families,

The Staff carpark is for staff and families that need to access the disabled parking. Please DO NOT park or sit with your motor running in the staff carpark before AND after school. It is unsafe for our children and blocks the carpark for entry or exit by our staff. You may park in the side street across the road and come across the crossing to collect your child, there is ample parking in the soccer carpark or use the Kiss'n'Go.

We also ask that you DO NOT park in the Kiss'n' Go in the afternoons. The bell goes at 2:50 pm and your child will likely not be at the Kiss 'n Go at 2:50 pm. The Transition classes are currently doing their swimming lessons and the last bus run arrives at 2:45 pm. Mr Michael has not been able to drop the children at the Kiss 'n Go due to families being parked there at that time. Please help us out and only enter the Kiss 'n Go after 2:50 pm.

We thank you for your support in keeping everyone safe.

# Whooping cough alert

## Whooping cough (pertussis) -School

Parents/carers, students and teachers are reminded that pertussis (whooping cough) continues to spread in the NT.

Whooping cough usually starts with a snuffle or a cold and within a few days develops into bouts of coughing which can last for many weeks, sometimes vomiting or shortness of breath can occur. There is sometimes a noise or "whoop" when the person breathes in between coughs. It can be a very serious infection in young babies.

It is important to make sure all children and adults who work or care for infants are vaccinated. Children should have whooping cough vaccines at 2, 4, 6 months; 4 years and 12 years (Year 7). Catch up vaccine for children who have missed their school vaccine is available from your GP, pharmacy, health centre or Community care centre

Pregnant women should also be vaccinated during each and every pregnancy,

Those working with children are encouraged to receive an adult diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis vaccine every 10 years (self or employer funded).

If you are unwell, please see your doctor for early testing and treatment and children should not attend school until they have completed at least 5 days of recommended antibiotics or 21 days after the onset of coughing.

For more information see

[Whooping cough \(pertussis\) | NT Health](#) or contact CDC on 89228044



CENTRALIAN SENIOR COLLEGE  
2024

# TWILIGHT ARTS Festival

LIVE MUSIC

CULTURAL  
FOODS

Thurs 14 Nov

6pm - 9pm

ART  
EXHIBITS

FILMS

DANCE

CRAFTS

RAFFLE

AAAC ART

GAMES



WORKSHOP

# Life



All Welcome

CentralianSC Front Lawn  
10 Grevillea Drive

*ALICE SPRINGS TOWN COUNCIL*

# NIGHT MARKETS

# DIWALI

Festival of Lights

DEEPAVALI

DIVALI

BANDI  
BHHOR  
CHHOR  
DIVAS

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7 NOV

TODD MALL

5PM - 8.30 PM






7 October - 13 December

|  | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday   |
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| <b>Week 1</b><br>7 -11 October           | Students and teachers back to school  | Olympian Athletes to give a talk to yrs 3-6 at 1.30-2.30 |   | SRC meeting 8.30am   |  |
| <b>Throughout Week 1</b>                 | Alice Can Dance rehearsals begin this week Tuesday 8.45-9.45am<br>PAT testing   |  |   |  |  |
| <b>Week 2</b><br>14 -18 October          | Eco-Rangers meeting-lunchtime<br><br>Bilbies – Transition to School Visit Lesson 2  |  | Book Fair<br><br>Mountain Biking 7am-8am<br><br>Transitions gymnastics with Year 4<br><br>After school Gymnastics   | SRC meeting 8.30am<br><br>Book Fair<br><br>RWI training<br><br>Transitions gymnastics with Year 4                            | Whole School Assembly Interschool Basketball<br><br>Book Fair<br><br>RWI training  |
| <b>Throughout Week 2</b>                 | Newsletter Front Page: Joy Class items from: Year 1 and 2<br>PAT testing, Rona Glynn Bake Sale Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> October in the Ross Park carpark |  |   |  |  |
| <b>Week 3</b><br>21 -25 October          | Eco-Rangers meeting-lunchtime   |  | Mountain Biking 7am-8am<br><br>Transitions gymnastics with Year 4<br><br>After school Gymnastics<br><br>Children’s university Graduation 5.30pm St Philips Hall                       | SRC meeting 8.30am<br><br>Echidnas – Transition to School Visit Lesson 2<br><br>Transitions gymnastics with Year 4           | World Teachers’ Day  |
| <b>Throughout Week 3</b>                 | PAT testing<br>Robo Cup Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> Oct   |  |   |  |  |
| <b>Week 4</b><br>28 October – 1 November | Eco-Rangers meeting-lunchtime<br><br>St Philips orientation for half our students   |  | Mountain Biking 7am-8am<br><br>Alice Beat rehearsal 11-1<br><br>St Philips orientation for half our students<br><br>After school Gymnastics   | SRC meeting 8.30am<br>Halloween Dress Up Coordinator Kristy and SRC<br><br>Alice Beat 9-12<br>Alice Beat evening performance | Ross Park Swimming Carnival<br><br>Assembly for the junior school only – 1C performing<br><br>Diwali<br>Art Show - Preschool |
| <b>Throughout Week 4</b>                 | Alice Beat date TBC<br>Newsletter Front Page: Bec Class items from: Transition<br>Transition Swimming lessons   |  |   |  |  |
| <b>Week 5</b><br>4 – 8 November          | Eco-Rangers meeting-lunchtime   |  | Mountain Biking 7am-8am<br><br>Whole School Emu Parade<br><br>After school Gymnastics   | SRC meeting 8.30am   | Interschool Basketball Carnival<br><br>2025 Bilbies Orientation 1:30pm   |
| <b>Throughout Week 5</b>                 | Invite your Grown Up to School Week<br>Transition Swimming lessons  |  |   |  |  |
| <b>Week 6</b><br>11 – 15 November        | Remembrance Day Coordinator- Jess and Team Leaders<br>Eco-Rangers meeting-lunchtime<br><br>Bilbies – Transition to School Visit Lesson 2                  | Interschool Swimming Carnival                            | Mountain Biking 7am-8am<br><br>Transition Info evening<br><br>Steve Irwin Day Wear Your Crocs to School Day Coordinator- Kristy and SRC<br>After school Gymnastics<br><br>NTLC Darwin | SRC meeting 8.30am<br><br>Science Fair Year 4, 11-1<br><br>NTLC Darwin   | STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY.<br>Alice Can Dance performance – evening<br>NTLC Darwin   |
| <b>Throughout Week 6</b>                 | Newsletter Front Page: Emma Class items from: Preschool? Specialists  |  |   |  |  |





7 October - 13 December

|                                   | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday  |
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| <b>Week 7</b><br>18 – 22 November | Eco-Rangers meeting-lunchtime                                   | Crazy Hair Day   | Mountain Biking 7am-8am<br><br>After school Gymnastics            | SRC meeting 8.30am<br><br>Echidnas – Transition to School Visit Lesson 2<br><br>Transition Info evening<br>Year 4 Excursion     | Year 3 HASS excursion<br><br>2025 Echidnas Orientation 1:30pm                                     |
| <b>Throughout Week 7</b>          |   |  |   |   |   |
| <b>Week 8</b><br>25 – 29 November | Eco-Rangers meeting-lunchtime                                   |  | Mountain Biking 7am-8am   | SRC meeting 8.30am  | Whole School Assembly<br>Thank you morning tea after assembly<br><br>Interscholar Gymnastics Comp |
| <b>Throughout Week 8</b>          | Newsletter Front Page: Lachie Class items from: Year 3 and 4    |  |   |   |   |
| <b>Week 9</b><br>2 – 6 December   | Eco-Rangers meeting-lunchtime                                   | International Day of People with a Disability<br><br>Preschool Concert (Bilbies) | Preschool Concert (Echidna's)                                     | SRC meeting 8.30am<br>Year 6 Graduation<br> | End of year fun assembly for participating classes  |
| <b>Throughout Week 9</b>          | Career Day SPC date TBC   |  |   |   |   |
| <b>Week 10</b><br>9 – 13 December | Eco-Rangers meeting-lunchtime<br><br>Year 5 excursion to cinema | Year 6 Pool Party<br>Junior Wet n Wild   | Meet the Teacher 9.30-10.30<br>Class parties<br>Senior Wet n Wild | Last Day of Term 4 for students<br>Whole School Assembly<br>Graduation Assembly 2.20pm  |   |
| <b>Throughout Week 10</b>         | Newsletter Front Page: Penny Class items from: Year 5 and 6     |  |   |   |   |