We were very fortunate to have members of the Telopea Park School Band visit Ross Park on Tuesday. Eight members of the 48 piece band demonstrated their various instruments to a very enthusiastic and engaged audience. I am always amazed at how well our students listen and observe in such a big group. They asked some very relevant questions, showing their obvious delight in having students from another part of Australia share some great music learning with them. The Telopea Park Band were on a mission to link Vignacourt in France to Alice Springs and Uluru, all places they have visited as part of the centennial commemorations of World War 1. They presented a plaque at Centralian Senior College to honour unidentified Aboriginal soldiers, who were part of an Australian offensive, defending and ultimately liberating Villers-Bretonneaux.

Another music opportunity we had today was a performance by the Waratah Girls Choir, who were also touring through Alice Springs. Our students heard some very accomplished and talented singers, who have performed locally and on the international stage. Our students certainly get the chance to experience a wide variety of inspirational visitors in Alice Springs.

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LEAVING?
If you know your children will not be attending our school next year, please let us know now. Planning for 2016 has begun!

SWIMMING
(for Transition, Year 1 and 2 students only) - the swimming program will commence on Monday 12th October and conclude on Friday 23rd October. Children must have bathers/swim shirt and towel (labelled), sunscreen applied at home and a plastic bag for wet clothing. There is a charge of $60 per student - some families have used Back to School credit to cover part of the swimming cost—please telephone the school office to check.

HAVE YOUR SAY!
A meeting to discuss proposed changes to school term dates and holiday breaks has been scheduled for TONIGHT at our school, from 6.00pm. Families are encouraged to attend.

TERRIFIC KIDS
Every student nominated by classes, one per class, will receive a special certificate, a bumper sticker and a free movie pass at assembly tomorrow! Congratulations to:


A big thank you to Alice Springs Cinema for generously donating the movie passes.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS
At the meeting earlier this week, your School Council discussed:
- Students wearing long sleeved shirts during summer—shop-purchased shirts, in the school colours, are acceptable, and new iron-on school logs will be available soon
- Plans for our playground renovation - exciting new equipment has been ordered!
- Our canteen, Rosco’s, is no longer viable and Council agreed to close it for this year.

If you would like your School Council to consider any issues of interest to you, please chat with Council Chairperson, Anthea, our Principal, Karen or our Assistant Principal, Lizzy.

REMINDER: Miniroos - Thursday afternoon after school on 13th October and 27th October (NOT 6th and 20th October).

WHITE RIBBON FUN RUN
‘On Saturday there was a big run to stop violence again women. This run was 3.5 kilometers. In the U16 girls category, there were two winners: myself and Daisy from T/1H. There were free pancakes and they were selling hot dogs. The running was awesome!’ By Kaitlin, 4/5F

WELL DONE: ‘Ross Park Primary School was asked to sing the National Anthem at the opening ceremony of the NT Link Netball Competition. So last Friday some of the Junior and Senior Choir singers sang at the netball courts. Everyone was excited and scared at the same time. We enjoyed it because we just love singing.’

By Chloe and Delaney, 4 Dingoes

Can you solve this week’s Rebus puzzle?

FAREDCE

MUSICAL PERFORMANCE: Our students were treated to a demonstration of musical instruments by a visiting band from Telopea School, Canberra, this week.

IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD...

Mrs Thomas’ Transition students walked to the Eastside Supermarket this week, to look at the bush tucker drawings on the wall. Classroom Assistant Kate is completing a unit on Indigenous Studies as part of her Certificate IV in Classroom Support and planned this activity for the students.

Does your child want to learn how to play guitar? Lessons are available in Term 4 for Year 4, 5 and 6 students. Contact Nic Hempel for details—nichempel@hotmail.com or phone 0401634644.

Alice Springs Basketball Association come’n’try 1st October at 5.30pm. Email asbasketball@bigpond.com for details. Make-A-Wish Australia’s Tiaras, Ties, Wings and Wands Gala is on 3rd October. Email david_ruffing_24@yahoo.com for information.

YMCA Out of School Hours Care has vacancies in a fun filled plan of activities over the holiday. Call 89523511 for details.