



# ALICE SPRINGS DESERT PARK 2011 LOCAL SCHOOL PROGRAM

## TERM ONE

### WEEK 5 – KNOW YOUR REPTILES

**Monday 21 February to Friday 25 February 2011**

9.30am – 10.20am or 10.30am – 11.20am • Free activity

Spend some time in the Nocturnal House with a Park Guide to learn the basics of reptiles and where they can be found in Central Australia. Activity sheet available.

*Program suited to: early to late primary school*

### WEEK 9 – DESERT ART

**Monday 14 March to Thursday 17 March 2011**

9.30am – 10.45am or 1.00pm – 2.15pm • \$5 per student

With a Park Guide gain an appreciation and understanding of the ancient art symbols used in story telling. Transfer this knowledge to paper with your own piece of artwork. Art supplies provided.

*Program suited to: early primary to middle school*

### WEEK 10 – DESERT FARM

**Monday 21 March to Friday 25 March 2011**

9.30am – 10.30am • Free activity

Head out with a Park Guide for a tour of the Desert Farm to learn about sustainable living, the differences between traditional farming and contemporary farming and the desert food chain.

*Program suited to: late primary to senior*

## TERM TWO

### WEEK 6 – ARRENTE LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

**Monday 16 to Friday 20 May 2011**

9.30am – 10.20am or 11am – 11.50am • Free activity

Arrente has been spoken in Central Australia for tens of thousands of years. With an Aboriginal Park Guide learn the basics of Arrente language and culture.

*Program suited to: late primary to middle school. Can be adapted for early primary.*

### WEEK 8 – DESERT FARM

**Monday 30 May to Friday 3 June 2011**

9.30am – 10.30am • Free activity

Help the Desert Park reduce its 'food miles' and carbon footprint by working in the Desert Farm. Work with the botany team to plant native foods, seed collection or removal of weeds while learning how to reduce your carbon footprint.

*Program suited to: late primary to secondary school*

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### WEEK 4 – SCIENCE WEEK: BANANAS, BULBS & GRASSES

Monday 15 August to Friday 19 August 2011

10.15am – 10.50am • Free activity

How do Aboriginal people survive in the desert? Students will find out about the varied uses of local bush foods and medicines found in the desert.

*Program suited to: late primary to secondary school*

### WEEK 6 – SUSTAINABILITY

Monday 29 August to Friday 2 September 2011

9.30am – 10.30am • Free activity

Students will learn how to reduce their ecological foot print at home in their garden while improving their quality of life. Learn techniques such as mulching and composting to implement at home or school.

*Program suited to: middle to secondary school*

### WEEK 7 – THREATENED SPECIES DAY

Wednesday 7 September 2011

Help raise money for our endangered and threatened species for Threatened Species Day. In return for raising over \$50 for 'Lands for Wildlife,' Alice Springs Desert Park will provide your class with a free exclusive 20 minute educational presentation with a senior specialist zookeeper where students will get an insight into the world of endangered species.

*Program suited to: early to late primary school*

## TERM FOUR

### WEEK 5 – NUTRITION IN THE DESERT

Monday 31 October to Friday 4 November 2011

1.00pm – 1.45pm • Free activity

Have you ever wondered how much vitamin C is in a quandong? Students will learn about the nutritional value of bush food found in Central Australia.

*Program suited to: middle to secondary school*

**Bookings are required for all programs and numbers are limited. If your class would like to participate please contact the Desert Park to request a booking form, phone 8951 8788 or email [asdp@nt.gov.au](mailto:asdp@nt.gov.au)**

**Booking forms with program details will also be sent at the start of each term.**

Presentations will be tailored to the age group of your class. School groups visiting the Desert Park remain the responsibility of the classroom teacher and should be adequately supervised at all times. To assist with this the Park offers free entry for one adult per 5 students. Other accompanying adults will be charged at group rates of \$15 per adult. A minimum of one adult per 10 students is required.

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