GOVERNING COUNCIL 2013

At the Annual General Meeting held on Monday night the 2013 Governing Council was formed. It consists of continuing members Scott Watson (Chairperson), Fraser Smith (Deputy Chairperson), Matthew McCallum, Koby Nettle and Bernadette Byron, with newly nominated members Sarah Laurie, (Treasurer), Bianca Schultz and Elizabeth Winter. The position of Secretary has not yet been finalised. I would like to thank all retiring members for their contribution to Governing Council. If you are interested in becoming a Governing Council member please let the school know as soon as possible. The LPS Governing Council standing orders provide the option for families to be co-members of council. Either parent or both may attend meetings with one vote. Another option is to be a co-opted member of one of the sub-committees such as the Fundraising, Grounds or the Education committee. Please let us know if you would like to be a member of one of the sub committees.

CODE OF CONDUCT & CYBERSAFE AGREEMENTS

This week teachers have discussed with students the meaning the Student Code of Conduct and Cyber safety agreements. These are being sent home for parents to sign and return to school. The “Permission to Publish Student Images or Work” form is also being sent home to be filled out and returned.

COMMUNITY CHEST PROGRAMME

I would like to thank the Laura IGA for their generous donation of $166.51 to the school, as part of the Community Chest program. The funds will be put towards buying strategy board games for student use in the Multi Purpose Room.

HEAD LICE

We have had reported a case of head lice so please check your child’s hair on a regular basis.

PANCAKE TUESDAY

On Tuesday morning students enjoyed delicious pancakes at recess time. Special thanks to Helen Wurst, and parent helpers Sarah Laurie, Merrilyn Zanker, Elizabeth Winter, Kristen Cleggett, Robyn Staker and Bernadette Byron for cooking and serving the pancakes. $80.00 was raised and SRC will decide to whom the money will be given.

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Late last year the school purchased a new ride on mower with a catcher. The previous mower is now available for sale by tender. Details of the mower include – John Deere LT 155 with a 36ins cut. School purchased this mower new in 2000 and is in very good working order. If you would like to inspect the mower please contact the school (86632543) to arrange a time.

Tenders close on Friday 1st March 4pm. Tenders to be addressed to the Principal, Laura Primary School, and marked “Confidential tender”. Please include your name and contact details on the tender. No tender necessarily accepted.
The school is participating in the OPAL Breakfast Survey from 11th Feb until Fri 22nd Feb. Each morning students who wish to participate fill out a breakfast survey form and place the form in the supplied container. No names are required on the forms and students are not expected to share their daily survey details with others. The surveys are being conducted across several local council areas. The information that OPAL gains from the surveys will provide baseline data on children’s current breakfast patterns. The OPAL focus for this year is on increasing breakfast consumption and increasing the nutritional value of breakfast options. Last year the focus was on increasing daily exercise.

School fees are now due and payable to the school. You may have noticed on the invoices sent out that you are now able to transfer the fees to our bank account. The pink 2013 consent forms need to returned as soon as possible please. The student details for verification by parents information needs to be returned with any corrections to telephone numbers, emergency contacts etc. etc. If you have any questions or queries regarding any of the above please contact Pauleen.

On Tuesday 19th February we will be holding a Garage (Shed) Sale from 3-6pm. at the school. It will be cash on the day only and for any further information please contact the school.

On Wednesday 13th of February, Joe, Georgia, Joel, Tyson, Riley, Ali, Hannah and Nikala went to the Gladstone High School Swimming Carnival. They started at 3.30 with the backstroke. Joe came second and Hannah came first in this event. Hannah won the 6/7 trophy for the girls. Laura Primary School came third overall. Miss Slattery was impressed with everyone’s participation and how the students represented the school.

Kathy Arthur
Principal
Thank you to the parents who participated in the Pancake Day on Tuesday. It was a beautiful day and we had our morning recess outside with the S.R.C. and Mums serving delicious pancakes with a variety of toppings. The Mums were kept busy in the kitchen and around 80-90 pancakes were made within the hour. A great effort and a special Thank you goes to the S.R.C. students who carried out their new role in an excellent manner.

Helen Wurst

Jake Schultz – for a responsible start to the year.
Adam Wegner – for excellent spelling.
Skye Welchman – for trying hard at all tasks.
Lillie Shepherdson – for an enthusiastic start to her storywriting.
Connor Hoskin – for a great start to the year.
Jez Hartmann – for a great start to the year.
Paige Johnson – for always willing to have a go and furthering her reading ability.
Tyson Amey – for demonstrating good leadership skills.

Jackson Staker – for excellent reading of poetry.
Miriam Byron – for great storywriting.
Tate Nettle – for a responsible start to the year.
Samuel Byron – for a great job painting his portrait.
Daisy Wooley – for being a reliable role model.
Noah Zwar – for demonstrating exceptional research skills and an enthusiasm to share his research.
Maggie Gambling – for always being thoughtful and accepting others.

Some of the items for sale at next week’s Garage Sale (Tuesday 19th February) 3-6pm include:
- Piano, Old Windows, Filing Cabinet,
- various chairs, desks, steel shelving, fluro lights, gas heater, vertical drapes,
- bookshelf, large blackboard, old freezer etc.
Come and Try Cricket
For people with a vision impairment
Bupa Sheffield Shield – South Australian Redbacks vs NSW Speedblitz blues Wednesday 20\textsuperscript{th} February 2013 Adelaide Oval.
The match starts at 11am and the on ground activities will take place during the lunch break (1-1.30pm). The meeting time for all children participating in the activities is 12.30pm.
For boys and girls aged 5-15 years
Free entry into the game and giveaways on the day.
Register your interest with Kent Dredge (Blind Sports SA) on 8359 2728 or kent.dredge@blindsportssa.org.au

ADVANCE NOTICE - A date for your social diary!
Saturday 23 February 2013 @ Ewart Oval, Gladstone from 6:30pm - come and enjoy a great meal and light entertainment.
The menu will be - Chicken or Beef schnitzel with chips, salad and a selection of sauces. Chicken nuggets and chips for the kids.
Entertainment options are being considered - so stay tuned for details!

RISDON HOCKEY CLUB
REGISTRATION NIGHT & SAUSAGE SIZZLE
Wednesday 20\textsuperscript{th} February 6.00pm at Turf.
$20 deposit required by all players towards 2013 Fees.

TRAINING
Commences Monday 25\textsuperscript{th} February at Turf.
4.30pm U9 & U15 Girls/Boys
New & old players welcome!
5.00pm U12 Girls/Boys & U 18 boys
5.15pm U18 Girls
6.30pm Seniors

ZEN DO KAI
MARTIAL ARTS
Our club in Port Pirie is at the “John Pirie Secondary School” (Drama Room/old gym). Classes are held on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6.50pm till 7.30pm. Cost is only $50.00 per month, approx $3 per class, the first 2 classes are free trial lessons. 50% off the joining fee for this year. I have been a student of ZenDo Kai since 1984, and represent a very ethical and reputable organisation. If you have any concerns at all regarding the promotion of our club, please feel free to contact me, and I will be pleased to put your concerns to rest.
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