PRINCIPAL’S COMMENTS

R.E. SEMINAR

Next Tuesday students will be involved in a R.E. Seminar which is being supported by the Australian Lutheran World Service for Awareness Week 2013. The focus is on health and life in Nepal. The program will run from 9am until 2pm. Students will be divided into two groups R-4 and Yr 5-7 and will work through a range of activities. The activities are directly linked to many aspects of the new Australian Curriculum.

During the program students will have an opportunity to taste Roti (an Asian wheat based flatbread) and two food samples from Nepal - Rajma Curry and Vegetable Curry – both served with rice. Students will still need to bring their own recess and lunch on that day as the food will be in sample tasting quantity only.

We will be joined by Wirrabara & Gladstone Primary School students for the seminar.

END OF SEMESTER 1 REPORTS

Teachers are currently preparing written reports that cover student progress made in Terms 1 & 2 this year. These reports will be sent home on the last day of term – Friday 5th July.

DEADLY AUSTRALIANS VISIT

On Friday 14th June from 1.30-2.30pm the Deadly Australians Group will visit our school and present information to the students about

- Australia’s most venomous wildlife e.g. snakes, spiders & marine creatures. This includes how they are classified, interesting facts, curious habits and little known secrets.
- The role of these creatures in our ecosystem and conservation issues.
- How to avoid stings and bites.
- First Aid for each bite and sting situation.

Viewing & question time are also provided. Parents are invited to attend the session – The session is covered by our Excursion fund.

Please note: The program promotes education, safety and caution. Venomous creatures will not be handled in front of the students.

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How children learn how to read.

We will be having an informal meeting of

• how children learn to read
• ways you can help your child at home
• the purpose of levelled reading books

On Wednesday 19th June at 1.30 – 2.30 (we will have coffee and biscuits afterwards) at Laura Primary School in the Junior Primary Classroom.

All Welcome!
TRANSITION VISIT

Yesterday morning, as part of the transition process, the R/1 class visited the Preschool for an hour. This gave all children an opportunity to play together in readiness for our 5 new Receptions who are starting school next term.

ARTS PERFORMANCE

An Arts Performance for Rocky River schools will be held on Tuesday 25th June at 1pm at Wirrabara Town Hall. Students will travel by bus – leaving the school at 12.35pm and returning at approx. 2.20pm. A consent note and more information will be sent home next week.

HAND, FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE

There has been a reported case of HFM in the area. The following is for your information.

Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease - symptoms, treatment and prevention
A viral infection usually caused by the coxsackie A virus; occasionally it is caused by other viruses such as an echovirus or enterovirus.

Symptoms
Symptoms include a slight fever, tiredness, loss of appetite, blisters in the mouth and on the hands and feet) and a sore mouth for a few days before the ulcers or blisters appear. Affected young children may refuse to eat or drink.

Diagnosis is usually made by clinical examination.

Spread takes place through contact with the fluid in the blisters. This is most likely to occur when the virus becomes airborne during coughing and talking. Contact with faeces can also spread the infection.

Incubation period
(time between becoming infected and developing symptoms) 3 – 5 days.

Infectious period
(time during which an infected person can infect others)
As long as there is fluid in the blisters. The faeces can remain infectious for several weeks.

Treatment
Usually none is required. Use of paracetamol for the fever and any discomfort may be indicated. Aspirin should not be given to children under 12 years of age unless specifically recommended by a doctor.

Control of spread
Exclude from child care, preschool and school until all blisters have dried.
The blisters should not be deliberately pierced or broken because the fluid within the blisters is infectious. The blisters will dry naturally.

Follow good hand washing techniques and keeping areas clean procedures.

Kathy Arthur,
Principal.
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An award recognizing students who use our school values of respect, responsibility, honesty, care and compassion. This encouragement award is awarded to:

**LILLIE SHEPHERDSION**

for her attitude in being kind and helpful and inclusive to others at Laura Primary School.

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Another successful Café was held this past Tuesday. It is a wonderful opportunity for community members not associated with the school, to visit. This happened this week when a parent was not able to attend and the students invited their neighbours. Well done to all students. I was particularly impressed when I returned to the kitchen to do the dishes and found them almost done. Wonderful leadership skills Scott, Mackenzie and Sharnie.

*Helen Wurst*
*C.P.S. Worker*
LPS Cosy Day

Date: Friday 21st of June
SRC Fundraiser

Dress in your PJ’s or trackies and be cosy!

Indoor Games 2:00—3:00pm
Followed by a 3:15 Assembly
Parents Invited to join in with games

Games— Indoor Golf, Skittles, Quoits,
Computers, Big Chess and more

Available for sale throughout the day...
Food/Drinks:
Large Biscuit 50¢
Bag of small biscuits $1
Popcorn 50¢
Milk Drink (Milo/Nesquick) $1

Proceeds go to Laura Hospital
FOR SALE
Top quality Mt. Compass GARDEN LOAM
$110.00 per tonne
Laura Bowling Club- contact Todd 86632423 or Val 86632472
Laura Events Incorporated presents

THE AWARD WINNING

LAURA COUNTRY
2013

PROGRAMME

FRIDAY, 26th at LAURA CIVIC CENTRE
1.30 to 3.30pm GOLDEN OLDIES
With Ian List, Trevor Philbey, Fischers & Ernie Schulz
Entry $7.00 including afternoon tea

8.00pm to 11pm CABARET/WALK UP NIGHT
with The Black Hats & 6 Walk Up Artists Entry $10.00
FOOD AND BAR AVAILABLE.

SATURDAY 27th at LAURA CIVIC CENTRE
9.30 to 3.00pm COME & TRY COUNTRY TALENT QUEST
with The Blackhats Entry $5.00
FOOD AVAILABLE

12.30 to 1.30pm Lunch Interval

7.30pm AWARDS PRESENTATION CONCERT
Entry $15.00

7.30 to 8.00pm Awards presentations with the Bandicutes
8.00 to 10.15pm Sandra Humphries & Band with special
guest Amber Joy Poulton
FOOD & BAR AVAILABLE

SUNDAY 28th
8.00am BREAKFAST in LAURA CARAVAN PARK
with Chooka

9.00 to 10.30am WORKSHOP at the RSL HALL
‘Singing Harmony’ with The Sherrahs
Entry $5.00

11.00 to 12.30pm COUNTRY GOSPEL SHOW
The Sherrahs & guest artists
FOOD AVAILABLE Entry $5.00

12.30 to 1.15pm Lunch Interval

1.15pm to 4.00pm OPEN HOUSE COUNTRY
The Sherrahs with special guest Charlie McCracken
FOOD & BAR AVAILABLE Entry $15.00

4.00pm Close