END OF TERM EARLY DISMISSAL

Tomorrow, Friday 5th July, is the last day of Term 2. Students will be dismissed one hour earlier at 2.30pm. There will be a short assembly at 2.20pm in the Multi Purpose building. Term 3 starts on Monday 22nd July.

END OF SEMESTER REPORTS

Students will take home their reports tomorrow afternoon. The reports cover student progress in Terms 1 & 2. If you want to follow up anything from the reports please catch up with the teacher/s in the first week of Term 3.

NEW S.R.C. REPS FOR TERMS 3 & 4

Classes are electing new S.R.C. reps for Terms 3 & 4. The names of the new reps will be announced at tomorrow’s assembly. School Captains and Vice-Captains Nikala, Noah, Joe & Steven will continue on for the rest of the year. A special thank you to Will, Asia, Tom, Bella, Georgia Wegner and Maggie for the great way they have represented their classes as S.R.C. reps in Terms 1 & 2.

Kathy Arthur
Principal

MY TRIP TO ADELAIDE

In Week 8, Mrs. Lines, Mama and I went to Adelaide. We left early Monday morning and visited the Guide Dogs. Then we headed to SASVI (South Australian Vision Impaired School). We had lunch, played goal ball and played in the playground. In the afternoon we headed off to Marion to look at Zebra crossings and traffic lights. We also saw the new aquatics centre, which is very big. That night we had tea with Felicity Johnson (Paralympic Tandem Cyclist).

On Tuesday we visited the Zoo and saw pandas, lions, turtles, meerkats, sun bears, parrots and snakes. My favourite part was seeing the lion and lioness being fed.

By Jez Hartmann

HELPERS FOR LAURA MUSIC FESTIVAL BREAKFAST

On Sunday 28th July (end of first week of Term 3) the school Fundraising committee are cooking breakfast at the Caravan Park – as part of the Laura Country Music Festival activities. Helpers are required between 7.30 & 9.30am that morning. If you can help out, or donate eggs, please contact Scott Watson. 0407619147 or Liz Winter 0419844150
Could parents please check the lost property box regularly as it always seems to be full. Most of the articles of clothing that come to the lost property box are not named. It would be greatly appreciated if children could have their clothing labelled with their names. Thankyou.

It was great to welcome grandparents along to our Café again this week. We tried a few gluten and egg free recipes. Thanks to Sarah Laurie and Brad Winter for their help.

The Crystal Brook Show is coming up early next term. Students can exhibit items and we do this as part of lunchtime activities. Pom poms and scrap booking pages can be started during the holidays. This is a photo of a pom pom Echidna made last year.
OPEN LETTER TO PARENTS AND STAFF

In December 2010, a child was abused in a western suburbs school. This was reported to the police, the perpetrator was removed from contact with children and he was charged, convicted and put in jail.

Other parents should be informed when incidents like this occur in their school, but that did not happen.

The Government accepts responsibility for parents not being told earlier and we are sorry for the distress this caused.

On 1 November 2012, we appointed retired Supreme Court Justice, the Honourable Bruce Debelle AO QC, to investigate what happened and to provide recommendations about how to ensure this does not happen again.

Keeping our children safe is something this Government takes extremely seriously.

The Government has now received the Debelle Report and supports all of the recommendations in principle and we will begin work immediately on their implementation.

During Mr Debelle’s Inquiry, the Government took a number of steps to strengthen protections and keep children safe within schools. These included announcing tougher screening procedures for teachers and others working with children, appointing a Deputy Chief Executive for Child Safety within the Department for Education and Child Development, more staff in the Government’s background screening unit and more staff in the Special Investigations Unit.

Further information about all of these matters, including a copy of the Royal Commission Report, can be found at: www.decd.sa.gov.au/educationinquiry.

As we continue to examine and respond to the report, be assured the welfare of children is our first priority.

Yours sincerely

Jay Weatherill
PREMIER

Jennifer Rankine
MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

17/12/2013
Making Music Time a Success workshops are for community workers, parents and carers, and are aimed at building confidence in using music with young children. This hands-on workshop is based on the Sing & Grow resource book “Making Music Time A Success: A Guide for Using Music to Engage Families with Young Children”. Each participant will receive a copy of this resource.

A total of 15 adults can participate in this program. To confirm your attendance please contact:

Kerry Thomas (Kindergarten Director, Peterborough) on 8651 2550

Where: Peterborough Kindergarten and Rural care site

76-80 Victoria Street Peterborough When: Friday July 26th 2013 At: 12-2pm NO COST