PRINCIPAL’S COMMENTS

Staffing and Classes for 2014

Next year the anticipated enrolment is 69. With the beginning of the “Same First Day” policy there will only be one intake of reception students and this will be on the first day of Term 1.

Classes for 2014 are:
- Reception and Year 1 - 27 (18 Receptions, 9 Year 1’s)
- Year 2/3/4 - 24 (10 Year 2’s, 9 Year 3’s, 5 Year 4’s)
- Year 5/6/7 – 18 (5 Year 5’s, 3 Year 6’s, 10 Year 7’s)

Lyn Moore, Josie Smallacombe and Sandra Zander will continue on in their teaching positions next year, but Morgan Slattery’s contract position concludes at the end of this year. A full time teaching vacancy for 12 months for the Year 5/6/7 class has been submitted.

Swimming

Students in all classes have swimming lessons at the Gladstone Pool next week. Let’s hope the weather stays warmer especially for the morning swimmers. Year 6/7 students can come to school next week already wearing their bathers, shorts and a top, but all other students will be given time to change at school before they leave for the pool. Students can bring thongs to wear to the pool and back but are expected to wear normal school footwear to/from school and at all other times. Year 6/7 will need to have their lunch each day at 12pm so they will need to have a packed lunch – not ordered. For other students, if ordered and due to staggered lunchtimes, cold food is preferred.

Student Free Day

This Friday, 22nd November, is a Student Free Day. Students do not attend school on this day. Teaching Staff will be working on data analysis and planning for 2014.

Work Experience

Leah Zanker, a year 12 student, is spending several days in the Year 5/6/7 class on work experience, to become familiar with a teacher’s role in a school. We welcome Leah to Laura PS.

Materials and Services Charges Notice

Please find attached the proposed 2014 Materials and Services Charges ‘Notice’ which has been watermarked to verify that the composition of the Charge complies with the Materials and Services Charges Policy and Guidelines. School community members are invited to attend the next Governing Council Meeting, which will be held on Monday 2nd December at 8pm, to discuss the charges notice before approval is sought. In lieu of attendance at the meeting, parents/caregivers/students can express their views in writing to the Chairperson of the Governing Council prior to the meeting.

R.E. SEMINAR

Today Students learned the origins of the Christmas Story. “The Christmas Story Lego Style” (www.youtube.com/watch?v=D0IIsJzb7Q) is the site which we watched. Thankyou to Wendy Smith, Merrilyn and Lyn Zanker for their presentation of the Christmas Seminar today.

Helen Wurst
PRE-CHRISTMAS BAKE OFF-

On Thursday 28th November there is a planned activity for Mums to come along to school to be involved in making gingerbread houses and honey biscuits as a pre-Christmas activity. This will be held after lunch at 1.30pm to 3.30pm in the Multi-purpose room.

The mixtures will be pre-prepared so all you need to bring is a rolling pin and a cookies jar to take home some honey biscuits. This activity will be a chance for Mums to get together and bring along their babies/younger children and have some time to bake together.

If you are interested in joining in this activity could you please register on the form below.

I........................................................................................................................................................................ would like to come along to the Christmas baking day on Tues. 26th November.

Signed.................................................................................................................................................................
On the 13th of November, the 5/6/7 class went on camp to Adare at Port Elliot. Some of us went by bus and some people went in cars. We stopped in Port Wakefield for recess and a play. When we got to Adare we went for a walk around Granite Island. On the first night we played a nose game which is where you balance a glow stick on your nose. Then we played spotlight. On the next day after breakfast we went to the beach and played beach games. The sand was really soft. We got divided into two teams. One was the Sand Crabs and other was The Ferals.

We got back to the camp and we did brain twisters and a treasure hunt under the Adare house. That night we watched Despicable Me 2. On the way home we got food and went to the St. Kilda Playground. We got back to Laura Primary at 4.30.

A BIG thankyou to parents and Ms Slattery for taking us on camp.
Yr 5/6/7 class
SOUTHERN FLINDERS TABLE TENNIS

Expression of interest to form a table tennis club from your town. Meeting Wednesday 4th December 7:30pm. Southern Flinders Sporting Complex. All interested people welcome

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