Dear Parents,

**Folk Fair**

The Folk Fair is just over a month away and I gather it is ‘the event’ for Laura for the year. For those new to the Laura community, it is worth knowing. It is also an event where the whole school community gets involved. More details will follow in the weeks leading up to the Fair.

**Sub-Committees**

The sub committees (Finance, Education, Grounds, Fundraising) are now formed and will be meeting in the next few weeks to formulate a plan for the year. Last week I advertised for expressions of interest to join these committees. Should you still have an interest in joining, please contact me or leave a note in the front office.

**Change of School Times**

The change of school times to finish at 3.25pm commenced this week and seems to have gone off without a hitch. On Monday the first bus arrived at 3.28pm so it was fortunate we did finish at 3.25pm. Normally, the first bus arrives between 3.30 – 3.35pm.

**Gladstone High School Swimming Carnival**

Well done to all students who competed in the Gladstone High School Swimming Carnival Monday night. Congratulations to Crystal Brook Primary School on winning the 6/7 shield and also to Hannah Watson who was the 6/7 Cup Winner.

Mark Shadiac  
Principal

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**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

*Adam Wegner* received this award for a positive, hardworking attitude toward all tasks.

*Well done Adam!*

*Maggie Gambling* received this award for exceptional leadership skills, outstanding role modelling and a willingness to include others.

*Well done Maggie!*
**Recognition Awards**

**Week 3**
- Madison Clogg – for fantastic pattern work in Maths.
- Tess Cleggett – for great listening skills.
- Max Smith – for adopting a positive attitude towards English.
- Asia Brand – for a good effort in coming up with 3 wishes.
- Shavana Gronemyer – for pleasing work on Calendar maths.

**Week 4**
- Lucy Clogg – for good work in Word Knowledge.
- Jackson Fudge – for good organisational skills.
- Casey Cleggett – for an outstanding improvement in spelling.
- Liam Wooley – for demonstrating persistence in all tasks.
- Lillie Shepherdson – for a great job with her sunflower art.
- Kohen Ross – for a good job explaining the items in Mrs. Zander’s bag in writing.
- Jackson Staker – for writing a good narrative about a giraffe.

In week 1 the 5/6/7 class and R/1 class, together with Mrs Slattery and Mrs. Smallacombe met in the multi-purpose room for a combined activity. They formed two circles and the older class met a younger class member and introduced themselves and remembered something about the person they were talking to. This involved getting to know each other as a buddy. This week Mackenzie asked me if he could do a lunch-time activity with his buddy, Koby. It was encouraging to see Mackenzie’s attitude and leadership.

Mackenzie said that having a buddy meant that he could check on Koby at times like recess and see if he is OK and has someone to play with. Koby said that Mackenzie helped him put the bits into place and that he liked gluing bits and having help putting his aircraft together. “It felt good”.

**Helen Wurst**
*CPS Worker*

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### Pancake Day

Traditionally Pancake Day is held on the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, which is the beginning of the Christian Festival of Lent.

**Why do we have Pancake Day?**

It is a custom of using up ingredients such as flour, eggs, butter and sugar which people would often give up during the season of Lent. Today we use this day as an opportunity to create an awareness of people in need and raise funds for charity. This semester we raise funds for the MAC Rescue Helicopter. Students are asked to bring along a gold coin donation. Parents are invited to help cook the pancakes from 9.30 onwards. If you would like to participate please return the tear off slip below.

Name ............................................................... would like to assist making pancakes on Tuesday 4th March.

Signed .................................
Laura Community Gym

Community Meeting

Your support, ideas and help are needed to show a strong community commitment.

Please come to a community meeting

At: The Laura Sporting Reserve

On: Wednesday 5th March

At: 7.30pm

We need everyone's support to make "Laura Community Gym" a reality

Community Gyms provide an excellent opportunity for people of all ages to lead a healthier lifestyle. Laura and surrounding locals have responded very positively to the idea.

For more information or to give apologies for the meeting contact:

Deb Palmer  0408 082 614
waanddjpalmers@bigpond.com

Southern Flinders Football Club

Junior and Senior Colts players

Pre-season training commences Thursday 6th March
At Laura Oval
Starting at 5:00pm
John Hennessy 0409 723 622
Leonie Harris 0400 267 152

Minis & Sub minis training will be advised at a later date.

SOUTHERN FLINDERS NETBALL CLUB:

Preseason training has started for senior grades. We invite all players A to F grade, those from last year’s G grade, and if you are 16 yrs old from the 1st January 2014 to come to Laura netball courts at 6:30p.m. start on Thursday nights. Those who ordered their dresses from the 2013 fitting are able to pick them up from Liz Winter and payment to Marg. Any queries ring Sandra on 86622355 Or Bern 86684313.
Saturday 15th March 2014
RFDS Hangar, Port Augusta

Headline Act Daryl Braithwaite
and Support Act ‘The Ethnic Cowboys’

Charity Auction
Tickets $165 PP include a sumptuous 3 course meal prepared by
Brian O’Donnell of “The Gourmet Chef”, complimented by fine wines, spirits & beer

Proceeds Support:
The RFDS, REVISE, The Sam Climpson-Stewart Fund
Southern Flinders, (Bangor) bush fire victims

Complimentary Shuttle Bus Service to and from the event  Tables of 10 are available  No under age

Enquiries: Heidi McCallum  0427 438 958
Tickets available until 1st March unless sold out

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