Dear Parents,

**Working Bee**

There is a working bee planned for Sunday 23\(^{rd}\) March from 9am-12pm. The plan is to tidy up a few areas, prepare the vegetable patch for planting, spruce up the chook shed for new residents, remove some overhanging and dead branches from trees, rejuvenate the sand pit and volleyball pit areas, level out the bark chips in the playground and give a facelift to the gardens around the Appila room. Also, we plan to sand and undercoat the outdoor tables in preparation for the senior students to repaint them. The sheet on the back page of this newsletter provides more detail of the jobs, tools/equipment needed and how you can help. I would ask that you put this date in your diary. Would you also let me know if you have anything that will assist us with the jobs or whether you could take on responsibility for one of the jobs.

**Reading**

One of the challenges parents face is how to help my child with his/her reading. A really simple way of helping is to develop a culture of reading at home. Let reading become a ritual and a habit where there is a time where you read to your child and she/he reads to you. This models to your child that reading is valued by the family. Reading is a fun activity so when it becomes a chore, then it is time to rethink the strategy.

**RE Workshop**

On Tuesday, Helen Wurst (CPS worker) organised a pancake day in conjunction with our SRC. Thank you to the parents that helped in the cooking of the pancakes. The SRC raised $89 that will go to the MAC Rescue Helicopter. Next Tuesday is a Religious seminar to be held on the Easter story.

**CFS Thankyou**

Adorning the tennis court fence is a sign thanking the ‘firies’ for their support and protection of Laura, its residents and property. To the CFS and all the volunteers that provide support to the CFS, we say, ‘thank you’.

Mark Shadiac
Principal

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**WORKING BEE RETURN SLIP**

Name(s) _________________________

I/We will be attending the working bee. I can bring (circle items)
Chainsaw, ladder, sanders, extension cord, rotary hoe, compost, timber or C section, corrugated iron, shovel, rake, pick, drill, paint brush

I would like to help out on any job but might be best used in: (circle area)
Garden, chook shed, playground, tree lopping, painting/sanding, sandpit
Pancake Day was enjoyed by Parents, students and staff. This year there were 70+ pancakes to make. Thankyou to Elizabeth, Christie, Kim, Kylie, Tammie and Tanya for making the pancakes, enjoyed by all. The SRC did a great job serving the pancakes with honey, lemon and sugar, banana and strawberry jam. We even had enough for afternoon recess.

The Reception Year 1’s have been learning about healthy eating. We made posters and displayed them in Laura IGA. The students were really excited to see their posters on display. Today we went to have a look and a play at the playground.
**Tree appeal to help scorched land**

An estimated 450 bushfires engulfed parts of the State during the January heatwave, burning more than 445,000 hectares as well as destroying livestock and at least 15 homes.

You can help landholders affected by the recent bushfires re-establish their land - volunteer to grow and plant native seedlings for their properties; help fund tree growing lots ($20) and tree guards ($55) or make a cash or in-kind donations.

Register by phoning 8406 0500 or visit treesforlife.org.au

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**The Crystal Brook Hockey Club is recruiting new players and coaches for the 2014 season in grades ranging from Under 9's (mixed), right up to Senior Mens and Ladies teams. Games are on Saturdays in Port Pirie. Call or text Ali on 0407 308 571 with any enquiries.**

'Come and Try' and free sausage sizzle - Thursday March 6th ~ 3.30-5.00pm Crystal Brook Hockey fields, Bowman Street.

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**Southern Flinders Netball Club**

invite all **G and H grade** players (high school age and under 16 years of age from 1st January 2014) to attend training Thursday 6th March 5:30p.m. to 6:30p.m. at the Laura Netball Courts.

**I and J grade** training will commence on 13th March 2014 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m also at Laura Netball courts.
Remember those who ordered uniforms from the 2013 fitting are able to pay Marg and pick up from Liz Winter.
We are still seeking coaches for the junior grades (I and J )
any queries contact Bern 86684313 or Sandra 68822355

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**Rocky River Soccer Club**

Come and Try Registration Day Sunday 16th March 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm Gladstone High School Oval

**Under 8’s**
(must be 6 years old to play a game)

**Under 10’s**
Primary School
High School

If unable to attend but would like to register your name
Please contact Lisa Reynolds 0409 289 486

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**The Outback Ball 2014**

Saturday 15th March 2014
RFDH Hangar, Port Augusta
Headline Act Daryl Braithwaite and Support Act 'The Ethnic Cowboys'
Charity Auction
Enters 15th April 2014 to celebrate 15 years of RFDH Port Augusta
Dancers/Performers required within the week of the event.
Tickets available until 1st March unless sold out

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