Dear Parents,

Enjoy your break from school and we look forward to seeing you next term.

**Farewell to Pauleen Thomas**

Today is Pauleen’s last day after 26 years at the school. The current and former staff held a farewell dinner for her last night in the Multipurpose room. Pauleen may return in January next year. Pauleen is going to be missed for her friendship and support of students, staff and parents. Her unbelievable knowledge of all aspects of the school will create a big hole to fill. We all wish Pauleen the very best for the future.

**NAPLAN TESTS**

NAPLAN tests will be conducted for all Year 3, 5, & 7 students next term on 13th-15th May. During this week students sit a variety of literacy and numeracy tests which assess their competency in Reading, Spelling, Grammar, Writing and Mathematics. This year the students will respond to *either* a narrative *or* a persuasive writing prompt.

All students are encouraged to participate in the tests.

Parents are able to withdraw their children from the test on the grounds of religious or philosophical objections. To do this parents or caregivers must apply for a form from the school and this must be lodged by Friday 11th April, (tomorrow).

**End of Term Assembly 2pm – Anzac Tribute**

All parents welcome. Buses will be coming one hour earlier for students catching buses.

**Folk Fair**

Last weekend was my first experience of the Folk Fair and what a weekend. Thank you to all the parents for cutting up the onions and to the many parents that assisted on the BBQ stall. The Governing Council did a sterling job organising the food, setting up the stall, cleaning up after and returning the equipment to school. Guess what, we made a record profit for the Fair. It is around $4,400 and it beats our previous record by around $400 and beat last year by over $2,000. We still have a few packs of sausages to sell so rush in and buy a kilo of sausages for the holidays, only $5.00.

I would also like to thank the staff for their support and presence at the Fair and a special mention to Pauleen and Bern for their extra organisational assistance in getting things organised for the Fair.

**Folk Fair Art Show**

A number of students entered the Folk Fair art show. Laura Primary School students that featured in the winner circle include: Beatriz Termure and Makayla Fennell (R-2 Winners), Samuel Shepherdson (Yr. 3-4 Commendation) Tyler Davenport (Yr. 3-4 Winner) and Sharni Windsor (Yr. 5-7 Commendation). Congratulations to all students for their participation and especially the students recognised for their outstanding artworks.

**Parent – Teacher Discussions**

Parent Teacher discussions are completed. If you were unable to make it to them and still would like to make an appointment, please contact your class teacher.

**Class Structure Change**

On Wednesday students moving class in term 2 spent the morning in their new class. I visited the students in their new class and they all seemed to be enjoying the experience. I’m sure they will look forward to their new classes next term.

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**Student of the Week**

Shavana Gronemyer received this award for a great attitude and effort in all aspects of schooling. **Well done Shavana!**

**Ali Cowin** received this award for an exceptional work ethic, upholding the school values & excellent leadership skills. **Well done Ali!**
Attendance Rates

One of the performance criteria for schools is attendance rates. Laura PS has always had very good attendance rates. Research shows that students who regularly attend school are more likely to achieve success in their education. It’s not rocket science but we need to be vigilant in keeping attendance on the agenda. A child absent 5 days a term misses a year of schooling. It adds up quickly and when a child struggles with his/her learning, being absent or late for school makes a huge difference to them grasping new concepts, consolidating and reinforcing existing learning. Being late also puts a child’s routines out of sequence and makes learning more difficult for them. Children need every chance they can get and school difficult for them. Children need every chance they can get and school attendance and being on time is a simple way for a parent to support their child’s learning.

Mark Shadiac
Principal

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Recognition Awards

Tess Cleggett – for being a great role model.
Angus Kleinig – for finishing tasks well.
Shanayla Bransden – for an excellent attitude towards all learning tasks.
Tom Winter – for a great effort and performance on sportstday.
Elijah Byron – for a great effort in tabloid events on sportstday.

Makayla Fennell – for showing improvement in all areas of work.
Eddie McCallum – for excellent Maths work.
Samuel Byron – for an improved attitude towards English.
Daisy Wooley – for outstanding leadership skills.
Josh Moreton and Will Griffin – for excellent work on place value in maths.
George Klemm – for being a helpful class member.
Jez Hartmann – for excellent handwriting.

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The BUZZ Award

Is an award recognizing students who use our school values of respect, responsibility, honesty, care and compassion.

This encouragement award

Is awarded to:

Asia Brand

For her attitude in being a kind and responsible student at Laura Primary School.
CONGRATULATIONS to Puzzle Higgins for winning the Yrs 5-7 Easter Raffle. Also to Michael Lynch for second prize and Pauleen Thomas 3rd. Thankyou to everyone for their support and we wish you all a happy Easter.

Well done everybody on another successful Folk Fair. All students looked great.
SOUTHERN FLINDERS NETBALL CLUB
FUN NET will be starting after the school holidays on Thursday May the 1st at 4:30 pm start and be held at Gladstone netball courts. Fun net is a great way for ages 5 to 8 years to learn basic ball skills and the game of netball while having fun.
Any queries contact Sandra 86622355 Bern 86684313