Dear Parents,

**Local Partnerships**

The Department of Education and Child Development restructured the way services are delivered to schools/preschools (sites). Sites have been organised into groups of near geographical location, called partnerships. Laura PS is part of the Upper Mid North Partnership. Last Thursday-Friday I attended a two day seminar on local partnerships and how DECD plans to develop them. We joined with the 5 other partnership groups in the Mid-North, Yorke areas.

It is expected that each partnership will develop a Partnership Improvement Plan that will address:

1. Child/student learning achievement setting targets in the priority areas of Numeracy, Literacy and SACE completion based on priority groups.
2. Priorities for addressing wellbeing & engagement, including attendance.
4. Capacity building of leaders, teachers and staff across the partnership.
5. Each site leader would be committed to the work of the partnership as part of their own individual performance plan.

Through my experience, the most effective way to accelerate student achievement is through teacher support and development and there are a number of other Principals in our partnership of like mind. The Pupil Free Day on Friday is one way school leaders can enrich the delivery of the curriculum for students through their teachers. The provision of quality professional support remains a challenge in country areas and it is through the collaboration of schools that we are able to attract quality speakers to our conferences.

Laura PS is committed to the Partnership priorities and looks forward to the continued support of this wonderful community.

**Staffing 2015**

I have received notification from DECD (Dept. Edn. & Child Dev.) that Robyn Staker has been appointed to Laura PS for 2015. Robyn is a successful and highly regarded teacher in the area and we look forward to Robyn joining the school next year. Robyn is also a parent, member of the Governing Council and is on the Education and Finance sub committees. She also holds the position of treasurer on the School Council.

Mark Shadiac
Principal

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**Cosy Day** on Friday 13th June, 2014.

Students can wear casual or cosy clothing on this day for a gold coin donation. Hotdogs will be on sale at lunch time and hot chocolate with a biscuit will be on sale at recess time. An order form for the hotdogs has been sent home and needs to be returned as soon as possible. Between lunch and afternoon recess, students will be able to choose a range of activities to participate in. Students will be able to do art, technology, games, dance or watch a movie. Money raised will go towards this terms nominated charity - Rescue Helicopter.

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**Calendar Dates**

- Fri. 6th June – Student Free Day
- Mon. 9th June – Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday
- Fri. 13th June – Cosy Day
- Mon. 16th June – Writing Competition
- Tues. 17th June – Spelling Competition
- Fri. 20th June – Assembly 3pm
- Fri. 4th July – Last day of term – early dismissal

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**Scholastic Book Club**

Orders due back Friday 13th June
Another successful Café was held this week. A huge thankyou to Mel Fudge who helped with preparation (Multi-tasking with Elsie on one arm!)