Dear Parents,

Information and Communication Technologies

One of the drivers of change in the global world is technology. Like it or hate it, it is here to stay and we use it in everyday life and at times we forget we are even using it. I recently had a car without central locking. I remember having to get out of the chair to change the TV channels (yes, I'm getting old). When I first started working in schools, the typewriter was the favourite medium for publication, coupled with the ‘gestetner’, a printing machine we used to produce newsletters. I used the ‘fordigraph’ printing machine for classroom printing and all productions were done in handwriting. How things have changed. Technology today is integral to the world we live in – work, education, government, business, recreation, the economy, socialisation and so on. It is integral to a child’s success at school. At the moment, the students at Laura PS are underdone in this area, meaning they have inadequate access and connectivity to the Information and Communication Technologies and explicit teaching. The staff recognise this is a problem and are frustrated with the inadequacy of the existing set up.

This has been discussed at Governing Council and they are in full support of us addressing this problem. For us to formulate a vision about where we are heading, we first of all have to face the brutal facts. We plan to address this problem on a few different fronts. We are in the process of undertaking a complete audit of the technology infrastructure, hardware and software. We are planning to get out and see what the potential is for us to achieve by looking at other examples of schools in action. In the short term, we want to get the IT working properly. We are constantly having problems with the system. These actions will support us in developing a vision and a plan.

The Governing Council has given provisional support for a Pupil Free Day next term for the staff to visit a school which is stretching the boundaries in its use of Information and Communication Technologies. We will keep you posted on the developments as the plans take shape.

Rachel Yates

Rachel (student teacher) has been working in the Reception class for the past month. She finished her practice teaching earlier this week. Rachel was a real asset to the class and on behalf of the staff; I would like to thank her for her contribution to the school community.

Cosy Day

Cosy Day was a resounding success. Our thanks go to Morgan, the prime mover behind the day, Helen Wurst for her help in making the cookies for sale, staff and parents for assistance on the day and last but not least, the students for their participation. We raised $370.00 to go to this terms allocated fundraiser -The Rescue Helicopter.

Late Arrivals

Just a reminder, when a student arrives late to school, parents have a responsibility to sign them in at the front office.

Pick up and Drop off

Please keep speed limit to 25 around the school. We have had some near misses of recent times.
Thank you for your support in all of these matters.

Mark Shadiac
Principal
I would like to thank Robyn Staker for coming earlier to Café this week. Parent support is appreciated in the preparation time and valued by the students. Looking back over the program there is an eagerness for students to be involved in their Café. The lessons learned, together with the experience and leadership of older students, is wonderful to be part of. Thanks to Mackenzie and Dylan for their leadership. Jackson and Jake did exceptionally well in giving up their lunch breaks. Their leadership skills were evident as they worked with the younger students. Well done.

Helen Wurst
C.P.S.W
Cosy Day was great fun!

we painted ...

we danced...

we played games ...

we created.....

All for a good cause
AUS CONDON MEMORIAL GOLF DAY
TUESDAY 15TH JULY
LAURA GOLF COURSE
10.00AM START

AMBROSE COMPETITION $80/TEAM
INCLUDES MORNING AND AFTERNOON TEA & LUNCH

ALL PROCEEDS TO
LAURA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM
ASSOCIATION
ENTRIES TO VAL THOMSON
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Laura Folk Fair Inc.

QUIZ NIGHT

Entertainment Funding
Fund-Raiser
Saturday 28th June 2014 at 7.30pm
Laura Memorial Civic Centre
Table of 6 Brains $10 per Brain
(per head)
Children Welcome No Charge
Great Prizes Great Games Great Fun
BYO Drinks & Food Platter, Tea & Coffee facilities available
BOOK YOUR TABLE
Singles & Couples come along & join a table
Bookings: Barry 86632187 Julie 86632387 Sue 0418844935

Laura Folk Fair Inc.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
8.00pm Monday 7th July 2014
Laura Memorial Civic Centre Supper Room
Positions Vacant – Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Committee Members
Expressions of Interest to Chairman Barry Harvie
An honorarium is to be paid for the position of Secretary
Volunteer Pool
As there are so many small projects leading up to the Folk Fair event perhaps you are able to assist for short periods during the 12 months lead-up
(Laura Folk Fair Inc. holds a Centrelink Volunteer Workers’s Permit)

Kidsflix
Port Augusta

Kidsflix Port Augusta – Sunday 10th August 2014
Cinema Augusta – 9 Carlton Parade, Port Augusta

The Arthritis Foundation of South Australia is hosting a Kidsflix event in Port Augusta on Sunday 10th August, 2014. Kidsflix is a free event for children and young people living with a chronic illness, disability, or in a disadvantaged situation and their family.

The morning consists of an hour of children’s entertainment from 10-11am including face painting, balloon twisting and a jumping castle, followed by the movie Rio 2. Each person attending is provided with a drink and popcorn to complete their movie experience. The best part is that it is all free. The invited child’s immediate family (ie sibling, parent, carers) are also part of the experience at no cost.

Application forms are available from the front office Laura Primary School and must be returned by Friday 25th July. As numbers are limited it is advisable to respond early to this invitation.