Dear Parents,

**PUPIL FREE DAY – MONDAY 4TH AUGUST**

National Recognition Week for School Support Officers (SSO’s)

Next week is National Recognition Week for School Support Officers. At Laura PS, without the SSO’s, we would struggle to keep the ship afloat. They provide the support for teachers to teach and add value to the teaching process in working with students, especially those with special needs. In preparation for next week, I would like to highlight the SSO staff and their roles.

Bernadette Geddes – Admin/Library
Emma Grossman – Finance/Admin
Catherine Burton – Classroom support
Kelly Burton – Classroom support
Judith Millington – Classroom support
Karen Atkinson – Classroom support
Helen Wurst – Christian Pastoral Worker
Paul Slattery – Grounds

When you see any of these people around the school, tell them, ‘You’re the best!’

Staffing

Bern Geddes is taking some long service leave from Monday 4th August to Wednesday 13th August. Bern’s time is being picked up by some additional hours by other SSO staff and through some reallocation of duties. Make sure you tell Mrs Geddes that she is the best tomorrow!

Country Music Festival

The Country Music Festival seemed to go off very well and at the Sunday morning BBQ, we were exposed to some of the talent while we barbequed. There were many compliments about the students art work on display at the Civic Centre. The judges made their decisions and prizes have been earmarked for the winners and will be presented to the successful entrants at this week’s assembly. Many thanks to the BBQ helpers on the morning: Koby Nettle, Andrew Zanker, Matt McCallum, Paul Hoskin and to Liz Winter and Bianca Schultz for food and money organisation. The barbeque raised approx. $180-00.

Mark Shadiac
Principal

REMINDERS

Years 4-7
Camp/Health Forms to be returned a.s.a.p.

Scholastic Bookclub
Due Friday 1st August.

Just a reminder to have a look through the lost property box for any of your child’s belongings. Could all parents please label their children’s clothing, lunch boxes, water bottles etc. We seem to have an abundance of unlabelled items which the children are not claiming.
Café Tuesday 29\textsuperscript{th} August, 2014
The Receptions and Year 1 ‘Laddies’ and ‘Lasses” are learning about Scotland and the Commonwealth Games, from The Loch Ness Monster to events, medal tallies etc.
Years 4,5,6,7 have been learning about the countries which are part of the Commonwealth and where they are located on a map. They learnt - to be part of the Commonwealth, the leader of your country is called a Prime Minister, and if not part of the Commonwealth your leader is a President. Also the Queen has visited every Commonwealth country except Rwanda and Cameroon.

The 1, 2, & 3 class have been learning Long Jump and Shotput in P.E. as part of Commonwealth Games study. They are also making Scots wearing kilts, and Year 1’s are making a graph of medals won.