Creating an Engaging and Powerful Learning Environment

During this term, the staff have been working with Kath Ireland (Aust. Curriculum Implementation Officer) planning a unit of work in History. The staff plan to implement this unit in term 1 next year. In the planning process, we have been looking at different ways to engage students and to extend them intellectually. The real challenge for the teacher is to critically evaluate the way we teach or our methods of teaching, commonly referred to as ‘pedagogy’. For the teacher, we are endeavouring to become more enterprising than less enterprising. The emphasis is more on capability and less on knowledge. The delivery is more process driven than content driven. The control is more student directed or negotiated and less teacher directed. The teacher role is more a facilitator/colleague and less an expert. The student role is more active and inquisitive and less passive or receptive. The student expectation is more on independence and less on dependence. Mistakes are to be learned from and rather than be avoided. Assessment is more a collaborative process and with less emphasis on reporting and credentialing (bit of a challenge here!). The outcomes are more about lifelong learning than short term. By shifting emphasis, we are trying to develop powerful, engaged learners.

Fathers Day Stall

A very successful Father’s Day Stall was held last Friday. Thank you to all parents who helped and I hope all Fathers had a great day and enjoyed their gifts.

From the Governing Council

We have new hats being implemented during term 4 2014 and term 1 2015. At the meeting, there was debate about whether hats should be compulsory, worn all year round or during terms 1 and 4 only, or during Summer, Autumn and Spring (not in winter). There are other options as well linked to wearing hats when the UV rating is predicted to reach anything above a low level on a given day. The Governing Council seeks your view on this policy. Please fill in the return slip below and return as.s.a.p. Thanks.

Saturday Sport

Saturday is the Northern Areas Grand Final at Crystal Brook. Good luck to Southern Flinders Junior Colts and to the E Grade Netball Team (some mothers of our students) who will be playing. The Rangers Soccer Team that played in the Grand Final last Friday were unsuccessful but must be commended on their achievement in making the Grand Final.

Mark Shadiac
Principal

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**Calendar Dates**

- Mon.15\(^{th}\) Sept. – SAPSASA Athletics training Jamestown
- Mon.15\(^{th}\)-18\(^{th}\) Sept. - Parent/Teacher Discussions
- Mon.22\(^{nd}\) Sept. – SAPSASA Athletics Carnival Adelaide
- Fri. Sept. 26\(^{th}\) – Last Day of Term, early dismissal
- Mon.13\(^{th}\) Oct.: First Day of Term 4

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**Hats should be compulsory worn:**

- Option 1 – Terms 1 & 4 (existing policy)
- Option 2 – Summer, Autumn, Spring (not winter)
- Option 3 – All year round
- Option 4 – When UV rating is greater than 3

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I liked the Bearded Dragon. By Connor

I liked patting the Bearded Dragon. By Tyler

I have learnt about new animals. By Jaxon

I liked the Parrot because he is colourful. By Jezzy

I like watching the Squirrel Glider fly from Shavana tree to the lady. By Lillie

I liked the Frogmouth. By Elijah
**Southern Flinders Junior Football & Netball Windup**
To be held at the Wirrabara Oval Sunday 14th September 11.00am. Please bring a salad and a sweet for pooled luncheon. Gold coin donation.

**“Love people …………do stuff”**
This week is Schools Ministry Week which is part of the Christian Pastoral Support Program.
“In appreciation to the Staff
Of Laura Primary School
for all that you continue to do that makes a difference to the young people in our community”.
From Redeemer Lutheran Church on behalf of the Christian community of Laura.

**September 29 & 30th**
Laura Tennis Club

**Beginners Clinic & Intermediate Clinic**
Coaching on all strokes, games and match play & some tactical work.
Similar breakdown as Intermediate group only some more advanced exercises.

**Cost $75 per person**
Further Information: Martin Richards 0412 099 030 (professional Coach) 2005 Club coach of the year and former ATP ranked player
Or contact Catherine Combe 0429866322

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO HOST AN OVERSEAS EXCHANGE STUDENT**
Learn about another culture, learn a new language or perhaps improve your culinary skills

Hosting - An Experience for Life
Student Exchange is looking for host families across New Zealand to welcome overseas students into their home

Visit [www.studentexchange.org.au/host-a-student](http://www.studentexchange.org.au/host-a-student) or call 1300 135 331 for more information

**Basketball at Gladstone Registration**
WHERE: GLADSTONE STADIUM
WHEN: TUESDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER
TIME: 4pm – 6pm
EVERYONE WELCOME
START DATE TUESDAY 7th OCTOBER
If you would like any information please call Isa on 0419-199-871

The Staff of Laura Primary School sincerely thank the Redeemer Lutheran Church for the delicious morning tea you served us this morning.
Want to make some cash for yourself or your business?

There will be a fundraiser fair day held in the school holidays!

Where: Mid North Education Centre Grounds (Special School, David Street Port Pirie)
When: Saturday 11th October from 9:30am—2:30pm
Purpose: To help Sophie Porcelli raise money to undertake a volunteer project in South Africa that aims to address major issues faced and teach hygiene to children.

How can YOU get involved?:

Set up a stall!
There is vacancies for a range of stalls to be set up where vendors can sell their products, goods or merchandise. (Community members and businesses welcome). $30 for a stall and you take the earnings for the sales!

Run a car-boot sale!
Want to have a garage sale but don’t have enough things to sell for a full garage sale? Why not have a mini sale from your boot? $10 entry and you take the earnings for the sales!

How will the event be advertised?
Social media, flyers, the Recorder, Southern Cross cash classifieds, Magic FM radio station, and school newsletters/notices.

Contact
Sophie on 0437 084 136 to organise a stall or sale.

Please get involved to help Sophie make a difference in a country that URGENTLY needs our support!

Bank SA – Little Savers

Bank SA is offering all students who open a new Incentive Saver Account via the School a $10 Gift Voucher, which will be deposited into your child’s account once opened. All children 12 years and under, who open an account with BankSA will also receive a Digger the Wombat Money Box, Little Savers Calculator, Little Savers Library Bag and a School Bank Wallet. Little Savers is BankSa’s special saving club for kids and it’s all about having fun and learning how to save! Take a look at the LittleSavers website littlesavers.com.au

This offer is available until 26th September, 2014 and is for new customers only. For more details or to collect a BankSA Application Pack, please call into the school office.