Dear Parents,

Feedback for Planning

At the Governing Council meeting on Monday night, we discussed the most effective way of feeding back information to the school. Issues or concerns can be of a general or specific nature. Most concerns from parents are generated through their care and concern for their children and the school as a whole. The time is right to feed back any of this information to the school. You can do this by coming to see me to discuss or you can write me a letter. Laura PS is a great little school and it can get better but we need your help to make it better. Your return of the parent survey is a valuable start for general feedback. If you have some feedback and are unsure about what to say or how to go about it, please just come and see me. Everyone is welcome.

Parent Surveys

We are up to 68% return rate for the parent surveys. This information once collated will be made available for parents to view. Keep them coming!

IT

A major goal for this year in IT is to improve the access and connectivity to the information and communication technologies. Earlier in the year, we joined forces with Vectra (IT Support Company) to support Charlotte Burmester (IT support) to investigate ways of improving the performance of the network and extending its capabilities. One of the hitches with the network performance has been its log in time. In the computer room, when a class of students log on, it takes the last 3 or 4 students as long as 10 minutes to log on. Yes, this is unbelievable but it is an example of the frustrations experienced. Anyway, the good news is we have reduced the slowest log in on the network to about 20 seconds with most students being able to log on, in about 1-5 seconds. We have also installed wireless in the library to enable students to access the internet on iPads or laptops in the library.

Well done to Paul (Vectra) and Charlotte for solving a frustrating problem that has bugged me all year and others for even longer.

Performance Shake Rhubarb’n Roll

The students attended the second of the Rocky River Performances for 2014 Shake Rhubarb’n Roll at Laura Civic Centre on Monday. The students enjoyed the performance and understood the message of eating a balanced diet and exercising regularly.

Remembrance Day

All students, R-7, have been invited, and will attend, the Remembrance Day service at 11am next Tuesday, November 11th. Classes will be learning about the significance of the day and Australia’s involvement in war. Students and staff will leave school at 10.30am, participate in the service and then visit the R.S.L. clubrooms, where a sausage sizzle and drinks will be provided by R.S.L. members. Parents and caregivers are very welcome to attend the service with the children and staff. Please talk to your children about the event and reinforce the importance of demonstrating respect by removing hats, standing still and silence during the service. If students do not choose to eat a sausage they will need to provide their own lunch. Permission slips are attached to this newsletter, please return as soon as possible.

Book Fair and Fundraising

A very successful Bookfair was held in the Library last week and thankyou to all families who supported this. We were able to purchase approx. $400 books for our library with the commission of what was sold. The Fundraising Committee have organised Billi G’s Cookie Dough Fundraiser for this term. Attached is a catalogue and it would be appreciated if orders could be returned to school by Wednesday 19th November for collection of orders by end of term.

Mark Shadiac
Principal

NATIONAL BANDANNA DAY
FRIDAY 7TH NOVEMBER
Bandannas can be purchased for $4 from the front office and worn on this day. Proceeds support young people living with cancer.
This week our Reception students made mini quiches and herb and cheese shapes with herbs from the garden. NEXT WEEK: The Year 1,2,3’s will get their turn with interesting recipes using beetroot! There are a few surprises of what can be made with this vegetable. We are in need of **EGGS** as our hens are nesting at the moment. Any donations of **EGGS** would be greatly appreciated.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

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  At the Gladstone Swimming Pool
  For swimmers of all levels
  School starters 2015 and older
  Jayne Potter: 86622338

**SUMMER SWIMMING LESSONS**

**GLADSTONE SWIMMING POOL**

(FORMERLY KNOWN AS VACSWIM)

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**GLADSTONE PRIMARY SCHOOL DISCO**

at the Southern Flinders Stadium
Friday 7th November - 6.30pm - 9pm
Gold coin donation. Snacks and drinks for sale on the night.
All welcome!

**CREDIT UNION CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**

Well done Robyn Staker and Kylie Clogg for organising this.