Dear Parents,

Big Day Out

Next Thursday is the big day out at Solomontown beach. Parents are welcome to join us at the beach but will need to travel by car. Students interested in fishing may bring their fishing gear along and will be responsible for looking after it. I can arrange a bag of bait for those interested in fishing. Please make sure students are sun screened before leaving home and we will endeavour to make sure they keep the sunscreen on during the day. Students need to wear a rash vest (or t shirt) and hat. The area has plenty of opportunities for non-water activities as well. There is a grassed area, shelter and playground. We will be holding a sand sculpture competition during the day. Students can work individually or in teams.

HOT WEATHER POLICY – we will adapt activities to suit the weather but if the estimated temperature is greater than 36 degrees, we will cancel the trip. At this stage, the estimated temperature looks to be in the high 20’s.

School Concert – Tuesday 9th December

Next Tuesday is the school concert and at the moment classes are busy doing their rehearsals. On Friday, Monday and Tuesday, students will be walking to the Civic Centre for rehearsals. Should you have a problem with this arrangement, please notify your class teacher. Otherwise the consent given at the beginning of the year for students to attend local excursions will apply.

The pre-concert entertainment will commence at 7.15pm and we would ask that parents arrive by 7.00pm to take up their seating. A copy of the program will go home on Tuesday together with the last newsletter for the term.

Year 7 Graduation

Last Tuesday evening was the Graduation dinner for the Year 7 students, held at the North Laura hotel. Congratulations to the ten graduates: Ali Cowin, Maggie Gambling, Paige Johnson, Mackenzie Meaney, Georgia Nettle, Nicholas Palmer, Max Smith, Chelsea Tobin, Hannah Watson and Joel Zanker. For 8 of the families, this is their youngest sibling, meaning they will be leaving the school altogether. Many of the families have had a history with the school that stretches over 2 decades. I would like to thank all the families leaving the school for their contribution and support over the years. You will be sorely missed. I would also like to thank Morgan Wallis for her organisation of the evening, surely to be remembered by the graduates.

Early Dismissal

Next week, we will have a short assembly at 2.10pm prior to an early dismissal at 2.25pm.

Staffing and Changes

A separate letter is going home with the newsletter that outlines the staffing changes and classes for next year.

Mark Shadiac
Principal
The Junior Primary Class are getting into the spirit of Christmas with some fantastic story writing.

Great work Madison Clogg!

Well done Makayla Fennell!

Santa went for a ride on a motorbike. He didn't know how to stop so he fell off and his elves cried. And Santa cried please lets go back to the North Pole. And when they got back there was snow everywhere.

An angel went for a ride in a sleigh. She was going to the zoo. It's been very fun. She likes the zoo very much. She is very happy.
The Laura Literary Awards are now accepting entries for the 2015 judging.
Entry forms are available from www.rockriverriters.webs.com.
Entries close 20th February 2015
This competition is open to entrants from all over Australia but we would particularly like to encourage our many talented local writers to participate. Writings produced during the school year can be entered or work written specifically for the competition.

Prose
Open - short story up to 1500 words $200 prize
Young adult – short story up to 1000 words $50
Junior (8-12) – story up to 500 words $25
Junior Primary (5-7) story up to 500 words $15

Poetry
All sections – poem up to 60 lines
Open $200
Young adult $50
Junior $25
Junior Primary $15
Rural Care Commencing at Laura Preschool in 2015

The Department for Education and Child Development (DECD) is committed to providing sustainable Early Childhood Services within country areas. Rural Care is a model which provides long day care services and will be operating in Laura Preschool in 2015. The program offers long day care and after school hours care services for children 0-12 years of age. Services are established to care for up to seven children of whom no more than four children are of non-school age. If you wish to use the Rural Care service in 2015 please complete the "DECD Rural Care Program Child Care Waiting List Application Form" and return to Laura Preschool ASAP. The priority of placement process has already commenced and placements offered, but there are still some sessions available. The forms are available from your school or preschool. Alternatively contact the Laura Preschool by phone 8663 2252 or fax 86632692, or email june.cowin635@schools.sa.edu.au

PORT PIRIE COMBINED SOCCER JUNIOR TRIALS (for 2015 season)

Junior Soccer players are invited to attend trials for the 2015 State and Country trials to be held in Adelaide and Berri respectively next year.
***To be eligible for the relevant Championships players MUST be registered and competing in the PPJSA league in the 2015 season. ***

Date       Monday 15th December 2014

Times
2004 born      1230-130 p.m.
2003 born      130-230
2002 born      230-330
2001 born      330-430
1999 / 2000 born 430-530

Where       Junior Soccer Grounds, Senate Road
PORT PIRIE

Enquiries to Phil Amato on 0418 855 587 – Port Pirie Junior Soccer Association.