Dear Parents,

School Leaders 2015

Congratulations to the three school leaders for 2015. The Year 6 students went to each class and addressed the students and stated their case for being school captain. The school captains for 2015 are:

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Thanks to Laura Community

Well the year has finally come to a close. It only seems like a few weeks ago that I started at Laura PS. We had a harrowing first month of school with the bushfires and heat and Christmas is only a little over 2 weeks away. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, the parent community for your support over the last year. I have really enjoyed my time working at the school. It is my first experience of working in a country school and it has reinforced my view about the value of small schools and country schools. Children in the country have strong values, lived out by their families. Maybe it is the circumstances they find themselves but there is incredible support for one another, particularly when the chips are down. I realise it is a generalisation but country children have a straightforward honesty about them, more evident than what I have seen in children brought up in the city. As we all know, the values of children are often the values of their parents. I would like to thank the staff for their help and support throughout the year, the parents and particularly the Governing Council for their energy and governance. The school is in good hands with the Governing Council but I would encourage parents to stand for Governing Council next year at the Annual General Meeting. Finally, I would like to thank the students for their acceptance and the enjoyment I’ve had as Principal of the school. I would like to wish all families the very best for Christmas and New Year.

Big Day Out

The weather looks perfect for a day at the beach on Thursday for the Big Day Out. There is plenty of shade, grassed areas, playground and the beach. If you are free on Thursday, please come along and join in the activities or just relax.

School Reports

School reports will be going home tomorrow Wednesday 10th December.

Early Dismissal – Friday 2.30pm

CAN ALL LIBRARY BOOKS BE RETURNED TOMORROW PLEASE FOR THE ANNUAL STOCKTAKE TO BE COMPLETED BY FRIDAY. THIS INCLUDES ANY READERS THE STUDENTS MAY STILL HAVE. THANKYOU

Mark Shadiac
Principal
Recognition Awards

Week 7

Gary Smith – for an excellent effort with his swimming lessons.
Lillie Shepherdson – for being a helpful class member.
Angus McCallum – for a great effort in learning the Italian Xmas Song.
Adam Wegner – for enthusiastic, entertaining story writing.
Lucy Clogg – for good effort and results on IXL maths.
Liam Wooley – for an exceptional Science Report.
Sharni Windsor – for excellent improvement in Spelling.
Dylan Davenport – for an excellent catapult in design and tech.
Clay Adams & Jackson Fudge – for neat bookwork & great spelling.
Tait Johnson – for great reading.

Week 8

Charlie Winter – for his entertaining story about a Runaway Hotdog.
Kohen Ross – for working well with others.
Cooper Nayda-Carter – for trying new things and working well.
Casey Cleggett – for excellent results in English.
Georgia Wegner – for outstanding work in Science.
Shavana Gronemyer – for an excellent Science report.
Isabelle Jackson – for great work on Christmas Activities.
Kathryn Zanker – for thoughtful & helpful behaviour.
Jobe Stevens – for outstanding spelling.

BEE ATTITUDE AWARD

Is an award recognizing students who use our school values of respect, responsibility, honesty, care and compassion.

This encouragement award is awarded to:

JOEL ZANKER

For developing good leadership skills and demonstrating our school values while being a good role model at Laura Primary School

Sending everyone greetings for a Blessed and Happy Christmas and New Year.

If you and your family would like to come along to a children’s Christmas presentation, it will be held at Appila Lutheran Church on Sunday 21st Dec. beginning at 7pm.

Christmas celebrations are in churches in our area:
Anglican – 21st at 9.30am
Baptist – 21st at 10am
Catholic – Christmas Day 9am Laura
Lutheran – Christmas Eve – 7pm Christmas Day at Appila at 10am
Uniting - at Gladstone - Christmas Eve by candle light at 9pm.
Southern Flinders Netball Club:
We are seeking coaching positions for 2015 season.
All new or past coaches can contact
Bern Schmidt on 0439864330
Vanessa Watson 0439755108
for application forms.
***Uniform won’t fit next year, need to change sizes please contact us if you require a new one so we can place orders with the company. We need to fill order by January.***

The Laura Literary Awards are now accepting entries for the 2015 judging.

Entry forms are available from www.rockyriverriters.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
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 15\textsuperscript{th} 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.

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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