This week is School Support Officer’s (SSO) week. It is a time for us to vocalise our appreciation for the excellent work our SSO’s do to support our students and us. At Laura Primary School we are truly blessed with our SSOs who work above and beyond what is expected of their roles. I know we often think our thanks and this week we say it aloud. THANKYOU!

Reading Comprehension is a priority on our 2015 site learning plan. There are 6 important aspects in developing reading comprehension:

1. Oral Language
2. Phonological awareness
3. Phonics
4. Vocabulary
5. Fluency
6. Comprehension

While in the Early Years, children concentrate on Learning to Read by developing their oral language skills, their knowledge of the sounds (phonograms) in our language and how they go together to make words. Gradually they build the skills so that they use Reading to Learn.

Fluency is the key to developing reading comprehension and this comes from practice. In the words of Dr. Suess: “The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go”. It is good that our children read a lot at Laura and it is important that we all work together to continue to build the opportunities for our children, by encouraging them to read often.

NAPLAN results have been received by the school. These will be posted home today. Teachers are looking at the results and are available to discuss them with you. Please make an appointment with your child’s teacher if you have any questions.

We have had some cases of hand, foot and mouth disease. Symptoms include a slight fever, tiredness, loss of appetite, blisters in the mouth and on the hands and feet and a sore mouth for a few days before the ulcers or blisters appear. Students need to stay at home until all blisters have dried.

Prue
Monday 24th – 1.25pm Whole School & Kindy shared reading. Family & Community members invited to join us to share their favourite book.

Tuesday 25th: Cross-Age groups sharing Shortlisted books.


Thursday 27th: Cross Age groups sharing Shortlisted books.

Friday 28th: DRESS-UP as your favourite book character. Parade at 9am – Parents welcome!

Congratulations Jez!
Jez won First Prize for the pictured owl that she had hand sewn for the Crystal Brook Show. Lillie and Georgia also entered some great craft and thankyou to Mrs Wurst for organising this.

Café Students prepared and served gluten/egg free biscuits and mini pizzas as part of their menu, last Friday. Thankyou to Sarah Laurie for her assistance with the food preparation. Well done to all the students involved.

Pastoral Care Times have been increased, so that I will be at school on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10.30am to 3.30pm, until the end of the year. I am also available for lunch time activities on Monday along with my weekly Kindy visit. Helen Wurst
The R/1 class has been learning about weather conditions and recording the weather as it changes throughout the day on our classroom weather chart. What a great day Tuesday was, as we experienced almost every weather condition! From a calm, sunny morning through to a windy and rainy afternoon, we were able to make lots of observations and predictions. We learnt about wind direction and created a windsock which was a perfect activity for a windy afternoon!

**Sarah Lines**

What a wonderful surprise awaited us at recess this morning. The teaching staff supplied a beautiful homemade assortment of treats, including a box of chocolates for us all. Thankyou and Laura Primary is a great place to work!

Pauleen,
Bern,
Judith,
Kelly
Catherine
Bruce
LAURA TENNIS CLUB
ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING
Monday 24th August, 7.30pm
Laura Tennis Clubrooms.
All welcome, please come and support your club.

St Joseph’s Parish School, Gladstone
“Minute to Win it”

DATE: Saturday 22nd August
TIME: 7:00pm till 12:00pm
LOCATION: Southern Flinders Sports Stadium (Gladstone)
COST: $1.00 per head (tickets to be purchased from the school)
CONTACT: School number 86632016

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:
Make two 10
BYO nibbles to share at your table
There will be a mystery bottle auction
Come prepared to participate
Bar will be opened (Not BYO)
All money raised goes to St Joseph’s P&F

Here are some of the challenges we MAY be doing. Please note that activities on the night will be of varying degrees of difficulty, challenges for all “skill levels”;
Contestants place a mask on their forehead. They then 1 minute to get the blocks from their forehead to their mouth without using their hands
Put Vaseline on contestants nose. Each contestant has 1 minute to transfer cotton balls from one plate to another without using their hands

Jamestown and Areas Basketball Association are pleased to announce that we have teamed up Aussie Hoops this year! We will be offering a 6 week programme for 5-10 year old children beginning on September 6th. The programme will be split into 2 groups, 5-7 year olds and 8-10 year olds. Week one the younger group will start at 9:00am and the older group will start at 9:45am. The remaining 5 weeks will be a 10:00am start for 5-7’s and 11:00am start for 8-10’s.

Registrations are required by August 27th to ensure your child will receive their participant pack which includes a backpack, reversible singlet and basketball. The cost of the programme is $35.00 per child.

To register please visit www.aussiehoops.com.au and follow through the search to Jamestown where you will find the registration link.

If you have any questions or issues registering please phone Steve Giddens on 0400 255 563.