Attendance
With so many children away with illness our attendance data is looking sick as well; but then other schools in the area are suffering the in the same way. This makes it a good time to remind you that we are required to classify students’ absences, making it very important that we receive an explanation for every day away. Most parents are ringing us or using Tiqbiz to communicate the reasons for absence but a note in the diary still works. If we have unexplained absences, we are required to seek a reason and so expect a note if you haven’t caught up with us yet.

With sickness so prevalent in Terms 2 and 3 it is always important to keep incidental absences to a minimum. Medical, social and family appointments should be made outside school times, where possible, to avoid missing excessive days from school.

Sports Day
Following a request from Governing Council in November last year, students will remain in the house that they were in last year. We will review this after Sports Day.

Book Week
We have had a fabulous time celebrating Book Week with a number of activities organised by the teachers. It has been great to see the older students working with the younger ones to complete activities. I have heard from a number of children that they have already planned their costumes for the parade tomorrow.

I am disappointed that I will miss my first dress-up opportunity as I will be in Adelaide tomorrow at the DECD Leader’s Day.

Have a great week

Prue

Calendar Dates
- Fri.28th August – Assembly
- Mon.31st August- Numeracy & Literacy Week
- Thurs.3rd Sept. – Yrs. 1-3 Camp
- Wed.9th Sept. – Corridors of Green
- Thurs.10th Sept. – Assembly
- Fri.11th Sept. – STUDENT FREE DAY

REMINDER:
Tomorrow: DRESS-UP as your favourite book character.
Parade at 9am
Parents welcome!
HOW DO CHILDREN LEARN TO READ?

We are having a meeting at Laura Primary School to talk about how children learn to read and what things you can do to support your child.

**When:** Monday August 31st  
**At:** 7.30pm  
**Can you please RSVP to the school by August 28th.**

It will be an informal meeting and I will explain some of the strategies that we teach in the junior primary classes at Laura Primary.

Lyn Moore

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FATHER’S DAY STALL

**Wednesday**  
September 2nd 9am

Gifts for Dad with a limit of $10 per child

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**Woolworths Earn and Learn**

Please keep the stickers coming into the front office. The campaign will end on 8th September but we will allow extra time for the stickers to come in.
Mid North STARCLUB and Good Sports are hosting **Responsible Service of Alcohol training on Tuesday, 15 September 2015.** Jamestown Bowling Club, 6pm-10pm, light meal provided.

Cost: **$40 per person – members of STARCLUB registered clubs.** All other participants are full price - $77 per person.

Pre-registration required by 1 September 2015.

Contact:  Mid North STARCLUB on 0488 101 783 or starclub@pirie.sa.gov.au
YMCA SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMPS

Why not join the YMCA Camping team on a fun filled school holiday camp these holidays!

Running for 5 days during the first week of the school holidays, and suitable for 7-17 year olds, YMCA Camping have an amazing experience planned including tent camping, bush cooking, fishing, bushwalking, arts and crafts, and a large range of other exciting and fun activities.

YMCA Holiday Camps are very popular and places are limited. Book now to secure your place around the campfire (with marshmallows of course!) and join us for a week of Fun, Friendship and Adventure!

All the details and booking form can be found on the YMCA website – www.sa.ymca.org.au/our-services/ymca-camping/school-holiday-camps/

Contact YMCA Camping on 8406 2900 or campingsa@ymca.org.au

Gladstone Swimming Pool AGM

Wednesday 2nd September

7.30pm at the

Gladstone RSL Annexe