Laura Primary School really does offer so much for our students.

Yesterday I was very privileged to host the Senior Citizen visit to our school; something that has become a tradition, with annual reciprocal visits.

Every class entertained the visitors with a musical item and then the Year 6 and 7 students hosted afternoon tea.

Things I observed included:

- Every student happily and fully participated in their class item. I believe this emanates from the regular assemblies which prepare children for performances and the way to behave for an audience. For this we must thank the teachers who prepare the students and let them practise these skills.

- The LPS band played with admirable skill, taking their music seriously. There wouldn’t be many schools where every student in their Upper Primary years learns a musical instrument. This is something to be truly proud of and I thank Josie and the Instrumental Music teachers for encouraging this love of the Arts.

- Student visual artwork was displayed in readiness for the Art Show and this was viewed favourably by the visitors. Thanks Sandra for instigating this.

- Finally, the students made me feel proud as they served afternoon tea, waited on their guests and sat with them to listen and talk, asking relevant questions. They even did the dishes! For this we must thank Helen Wurst for the wonderful Café that she runs with the students. It is here, that they have learnt how to provide a service and welcome people to our school.

However none of this would be possible if the children and we as a school, didn’t have the support from you, their parents.

Service for others, and volunteering is so important in developing students’ self-worth and well-being as it develops a sense of community. It is essential for young people to feel connected to a community so that as they grow, they care for others and the environment, making it a good, safe place for all to live; vital in light of recent world events.

If you are thinking about volunteering in 2016, whether it is on Governing Council, listening to reading or going on excursion or camps, now is the time to consider applying for a Department for Communities and Social Inclusion child-related screening. Each volunteer in a school setting must have this screening completed before they can volunteer. All you have to do is bring your ID into the front office, complete the forms and we will submit your application so that it can be processed in time for next year. The school covers the cost of the application.

Hayley Couzner, the pre-service teacher, who has been working in the Yr. 4-7 class this term, finished her practicum on Wednesday. We wish her luck for her future study.

**Student free day tomorrow**, and we will be working on planning for 2016.

Have a great week

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**Attendance Target for Term 4 - 94% - Week 5 94%**
Calendar Dates

- Fri 20\(^{th}\) Nov. – Student Free Day
- Tues 24\(^{th}\) Nov. – Kindy Transition 9-12.30
- Mon 30\(^{th}\) Nov. – Yr.7 Transition GHS
- Tues 1\(^{st}\) Dec. – Yr. 7 transition GHS
- Wed 2\(^{nd}\) Dec – Yr. 7 Transition
- Thurs 3\(^{rd}\) Dec – Yr. 7 Dinner
- Fri 4\(^{th}\) Dec. – Yr. 7 Transition – Assembly
- Tues 8\(^{th}\) Dec – School Concert
- Thurs 10\(^{th}\) Dec – Big Day In/Out
- Fri 11\(^{th}\) Dec – Last Day, early dismissal 2.30pm
Senior Citizen Visit

The band played.

Children sang.

Afternoon tea was served.

A great afternoon was enjoyed by all!
COMMUNITY NOTICES

SUMMER SWIMMING LESSONS
GLADSTONE SWIMMING POOL
(formerly known as Vacswim)
DECEMBER 14th-18th 2015
Enrolment: Saturday 28th November 10-12pm
At the Gladstone Swimming Pool
For swimmers of all levels
School starters 2016 and older
Jayne Potter: 86622338

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OUTDOOR CINEMA

St. Joseph’s will be holding an Out Door Cinema Night.
LOCATION: St Joseph’s Parish School, Gladstone “The Blocks”
DATE: Friday 27th November
TIME: 8:30pm (we may have to start a bit later depending on sunset)
TICKET: $10 per person – $5 for members
ADDITIONAL INFO: BYO chairs and/or rugs. There will be popcorn, ice creams and soft drinks for sale prior to start of the movie

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