I have met the resident possum! When I was told about this furry creature, I was a bit disbelieving I can admit, as looking at the tree in question, I considered that it would not provide much protection.

However, as I left one night last week and saw the offering of an apple, I discovered the hollow in the trunk and peering in, met the possum eye to eye. I am not sure who was more surprised! Sure enough, the apple was gone the next morning.

I saw it again last night, wearing my possum wool jumper, (bought in New Zealand, where possums are pests). I’m sorry Poss, I will not give up wearing my jumper until the sun shines warmly for a whole day!

Yesterday, I attended the Upper Mid North Partnership review, where leaders from the 16 schools and early childhood centres, met to discuss the partnerships’ performance data. We will receive the report later but some issues that arose included attendance, differentiating the curriculum, literacy and numeracy results and the Teaching for Effective Learning Framework. These are all issues of which we are aware at Laura and will continue to work on.

Monday 3\textsuperscript{rd} August is a student free day. Staff will be reviewing the Behaviour Management policy, completing their RAN training and sharing recent training and development information.

Please consider completing the following survey about the Australian Curriculum.

“DECD would like to hear from parents/carers about the Australian Curriculum so that we can feed into the national process of curriculum monitoring. This curriculum is used by Reception to Year 10 teachers to plan what students will learn. Your opinions will be a valuable contribution to DECD’s feedback to the national monitoring process. The survey can be accessed at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Feedback_Parents_Carers_Aust_Curric. The survey closes on Friday 7 August.”

Have a great week!

Prue
North Eastern Athletics trial day is approaching on Wednesday 19th August (Week 5) at Jamestown Community School. Students (10, 11, 12 & 13 year old) can now nominate for events. Selected students need to be able to organise their own transport to Jamestown and also if selected to Adelaide to compete in the Country Championships on Monday 21st September, 2015. Please note there are qualifying times for distances, heights and weights.

SOCCER
In Week 9 Term 2 Sharni Windsor and Daisy Wooley went to Adelaide as part of the North Eastern SAPSASA Soccer team. They played 2 matches each day and drew 3 of them. Daisy’s comment was “It was a great week, we had so much fun and met lots of nice people”.

Art Award Winners at the Laura Country Music Festival

Years 6,7
- Liam Wooley
- Samuel Shepherdson
- Kyesha Perry

Years 3,4,5
- Adam Wegner
- Danni McCarthy
- Tate Nettle

Rec. Year 1 & 2
- Tanika Simic
- Lucy Kleinig
- Tess Cleggett

*These awards will be presented to the students at Assembly tomorrow by Mr. Ian White
Is your son or daughter taking up the Challenge in 2015?

If so, please ensure they fill in their student reading records as they read their books, gets them signed off as they go and please make sure your child hands it in to their teacher or the school contact person before: **Friday 4 September.**

The Challenge is to read **12 books in total:**
- Reception to Year 7: 8 of these books are to be from the Challenge booklists, available on our website and 4 of their own choice, which can include class novels and research texts.
- Years 8 and 9: 4 books from the Challenge lists and 8 of their own choice, which can include prescribed texts, research texts and any other texts from their studies.
- Years 10 to 12: 12 books of their own choice, which can include prescribed texts, research texts and any other texts from their studies.

Student reading records are available from your child’s teacher, from the school contact person, who is usually someone in the school library (ask your child’s teacher) or download from the website.

Your son/daughter can also Rate a Read, reviewing the books that they are reading and send this in to us. We award a winner every month with a book prize and post their review, first name and school on our website. Also, we have a student blog section for both primary and secondary students to post and share thoughts about the Challenge and books that they are reading – encourage your son/daughter to have a go!

The Challenge website has a section for students, school staff and families. Check it out for some great ideas!

Don’t forget the [GreatStart](http://www.greatstart.org.au) website, developed to support families with ideas and activities to help make the most of everyday learning and events, especially important in the first five years of their life:

‘We know families are busy so we have ideas for activities that you are already doing, ideas that may be new and will only take a few minutes and others that will take longer. We have also included extra information for you if want to learn more about the literacy and numeracy that your child will be developing and how this will link to learning in later life.

We will continue to add new ideas and activities, including ideas to connect to particular events or occasions. We are also keen to hear from you on the site; how you went, what worked or other ideas that we can share with other families.’

Enjoy the Challenge,

Yours Sincerely,

*Carmel Jones*

Manager, Premier’s Reading Challenge

[www.prc.sa.edu.au](http://www.prc.sa.edu.au)
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The Australian Air Force Cadets is one of the Premier Youth Organisations of Australia. We are currently recruiting for Term 3 of 2015.
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→ Participate in Adventure Training and Field Craft Activities
→ Meet new people and make lifelong friends
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→ Have permission from your parent or guardian

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The Information Night is being held at 614 Squadron, Port Pirie Multi-User Depot, 141 Warnertown Road, Port Pirie.
FRIDAY 7th August at 8:00pm
Enquiries: contact the Executive Officer, Stefanie Schmidt via Email xo.614sqn@aafc.org.au or phone 0412 169 047

It is time to get your entries in to the Crystal Brook Show pet section.

If you think your pet is something special (and aren’t they all?) there are plenty of great prizes to be won in a number of categories in this year’s show on August 8 from Best Cat, Best Dog, Best Bird, Best Reptile and lots more.

Pets will be supervised in the pet section all day.

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A date for your diary!
A Snapshot of Life in Laura in the early years of World War 1
In the Courthouse Gallery, Hughes St. Laura
2pm Sunday August 2nd 2015
By Minister for Regional Development Geoff Brock
Followed by afternoon tea – All Welcome!
Opening Times: Aug.2nd-23rd 2015

Pop-Up Tuesday’s
Between 10am and 4pm on scheduled Tuesdays, the OPAL staff will be available as a pop-in service to meet and discuss any enquiries or ideas you may have regarding healthy eating and physical activity for kids and families in this local OPAL region.
Come and visit us:
1st Tuesday each month: District Council of Mount Remarkable Council Office, Melrose
2nd Tuesday each month: Northern Areas Council Office, Jamestown
3rd Tuesday each month: Uniting Care Wesley Building, Peterborough
4th Tuesday each month: Southern Flinders Regional Sporting Complex, Gladstone

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