Welcome to the 2015 school year at LPS and a special welcome to those parents and students new to our school.
The year has started on a positive note. Thank you to all parents and caregivers for getting your child/ren to school on the first day – this helps enormously in terms of planning and helping students to understand and settle into new routines.

First Day News
Information about classes, school organisation and a range of other matters was sent home on Tuesday with students. If you didn’t get a copy, please contact the Office or your child’s teacher.

School buses and Bushfire Weather
As our school does not have a high fire risk rating, Laura Primary School will remain open on days when a Catastrophic (Code Red) level is declared for the Mid North Fire Ban District. However, our school buses will NOT operate on such days.

As the co-ordinating school for school buses, Gladstone High School has provided the following information
Therefore, when we are experiencing extreme hot weather conditions, please monitor news and weather reports and possibly the CFS and/or Bureau of Meteorology websites and please ensure that we can contact you by phone.
If a Catastrophic or Code Red Level is issued for the Flinders Fire Ban District, this will only affect the Stone Hut/Appila/Pine Creek run. This bus will not run north of Stone Hut into the Flinders Fire Ban District, but will collect the Pine Creek loop students at Staker’s Corner at 8.00am and then travel to Stone Hut and wait at the Stone Hut Hall until 8.10am for any parents north of Stone Hut to drive their children into Stone Hut and then continue on the normal bus route. The same will apply for the afternoon run with parents north of Stone Hut needing to collect their children from the Stone Hut Hall at 4.00pm and the Pine Creek loop students at Staker’s Corner at 4.10pm.

In summary
When a Catastrophic or Code Red level is announced for the Mid North Fire Ban District
• All school buses servicing our school will NOT operate
When a Catastrophic or Code Red level is announced for the Flinders Fire Ban District only
• The Stone Hut/Pine Creek bus route will be revised and stop at Staker’s Corner and Stone Hut and all other bus runs will run as usual.

Parent Teacher Communication
If you would like to discuss any particular issues with a teacher about your child early this term or at any time during the year, please contact the teacher concerned directly or leave a message at the Office.
Parent Teacher Interviews will be held during Week 10 Term1.

On Tuesday the Laura/Appila Lutheran Women’s Fellowship delivered a beautiful morning tea for Staff. We are pleasantly surprised at the beginning of each year when these ladies bring in their baskets full of food. We sincerely thank them and appreciate the support that they give us throughout the year.
Governing Council AGM
The Laura Primary School Annual General Meeting will be held on **Monday 9th February** in the school’s Staff Room starting at 8.00pm – apologies for incorrect date in First Day News. The purpose of the AGM is to receive the Annual Report and to elect the new Council and its Office Bearers. Governing Council plays an important role in the governance of our school and some of its work is outlined in the 2014 Annual Report.
The role of the Council as stated in DECD Guidelines is to

- focus on improving student learning outcomes in collaboration with the site leader and staff
- develop a cooperative working relationship between the Governing Council and the site leader and staff
- represent the whole school community in understanding local educational needs
- set general directions for the site
- monitor and report on achievements

This means that Councillors are involved in the monitoring, review and development of areas such as: school policies, Finance, Site Improvement Plan, grounds improvements and educational developments. Some of this work is carried out through its sub committees: Finance, Education, Fundraising and Grounds. Other areas that will involve the Council this year also include:

1. Principal appointment
2. Monitoring of our implementation of the Australian Curriculum

Tenure for elected members is normally two years with approximately 50% of members completing their tenure each year. These members are eligible and welcome to renominate or be renominated.

Councillors completing their tenure at the AGM are: Scott Watson, Fraser Smith, Bernadette Byron, Bianca Schultz, Liz Winter, Sarah Laurie and Jo Brand.

Governing Councillor Nomination Forms are included in this Newsletter – return date is Thursday 5th February.

Assemblies
Our first Assembly will be next Friday 6th February at 3.00pm. Parents are most welcome to attend.

*Chris Heading*
*Principal*

Sarah Lines a student teacher from Tabor College has been working with Lyn Moore in the R/1 Class this week and will be returning later this year to complete her teaching degree. Lyn and students have benefited from an extra pair of hands this week!

We welcome our new Reception students, Hailey Zwar, Rylan Broadbent, Lucas Jackson, Lucy Kleinig and Chloe Nettle. We also welcome Danni McCarthy a new student in Year 3.

We wish them all the best for their time at Laura Primary School.

Absent Chloe Nettle

All students at L.P.S. have been given a toothbrush and toothpaste to clean their teeth after lunch. It would be appreciated if students could bring a toothbrush, toothpaste holder from home. This would keep their trays a lot cleaner, thank you.
**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**SOUTHERN FLINDERS NETBALL CLUB**

Is your netball uniform too big or too small or you just need a new one for yourself or your daughter?

Please contact Liz Winter (Uniform Co-ordinator) 0419844150

Or

Bern Schmidt (0439865330)

We will be placing an order on 14th February and need to know before this date thanks.

We are seeking coaches for season 2015. All new coaches and existing coaches are welcome to apply, please contact Bern Schmidt for an application form. Please note that all coaches are to have a current police check as required by Netball SA.

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**ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVES AND GIVE BLOOD**

The Blood Service Donormobile will be visiting:

**Port Pirie**

Savoy Soccer club, 93 Main Road

- Monday 2 February 12.00 noon – 6.00pm
- Tuesday 3 February 12.00 noon – 8.30pm

Call 1314 95 or visit donateblood.com.au

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**SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE**

All babies, children and young people under 18 years are welcome to attend the School Dental Service. **Dental care is FREE for most children.**

SA Dental Service participates in the **Child Dental Benefits Schedule.** A small fee may apply for children who are not eligible for the **Child Dental Benefits Schedule.**

**All dental care provided is FREE for preschool children.**

To locate your local School Dental Clinic, or for more information about the **Child Dental Benefits Schedule**, please visit [www.sadental.sa.gov.au](http://www.sadental.sa.gov.au)
Governing Councillor Nomination Form

I, ____________________________________________ nominate

________________________________________ for the position of Governing Councillor, beginning in 2015.

I, ____________________________________________ would like to self-nominate for the position of Governing Councillor, beginning in 2015.

I understand that

• this position is for two years and that
• I have not been declared bankrupt and do not receive a benefit of a law for the relief of insolvent debtors
• I have not been convicted of any offence of dishonesty, or of a sexual nature involving a minor, or of violence against a person

Signed: Nominator: ____________________________________________

Nominee: ____________________________________________

Please return to Laura PS Office by 5.00pm Tuesday 5th February