Acquaintance Night
This enjoyable and important feature was well attended last night and provided an opportunity for teachers and parents/carers to put names to faces, to develop understanding and perhaps just to stay in touch, all of which helps when it comes to discussing individual student progress later on.
I always look forward to Acquaintance Nights not only because of their informal nature but also because they provide such a positive start to the year and opportunities to meet so many people in our school community.

Security and Safety
We need to provide a safe and secure environment for everyone who comes onto our school grounds. To help this happen please remember the following
- Parking – be aware that children sometimes walk behind parked cars. Please check your rear view mirrors before reversing.
- Speed Limit – the speed limit for vehicles within the signposted school zone is 25km/h when children are present
- Entering the school – if you have a meeting or business to attend to at school, please come to the Office first using either of the main entrances and sign in and out. This is so that we know who is on site at any time
- Smoking – is banned in school buildings at any time and there is no smoking on school grounds during working hours
- Dogs – must not be on school grounds during school hours without permission of the Principal
- Dangerous items – must not be brought onto school grounds without permission of the Principal

We appreciate your co-operation with these matters so that we continue to provide a safe and secure environment that complies with all legal requirements.

Reminders
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. 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:

PLEASE NOTE:
LUNCH ORDERS
WILL NO LONGER BE AVAILABLE ON MONDAYS

Calendar Dates
- Fri.Feb.6th - Assembly
- Mon.Feb.9th - Governing Council 8pm
- Tues.Feb.17th – Pancake Day
- Mon.Feb.23rd -27th – Swimming Lessons
- Mon. March 9th – Adelaide Cup
- Wed. March 18th – School Photos
- Fri. March 20th – Pupil Free Day
- Fri. April 3rd – Good Friday
- Mon. April 6th – Easter Monday
- Fri. April 10th – Term 1 Ends
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 Monday 9th February.

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

Grievance Procedure
Our current Grievance Procedure is included in this Newsletter. It is there to provide a constructive means by which anyone within our school community can resolve issues or concerns relating to LPS.

Chris Heading
Principal

SRC SEMESTER 1
Congratulations to George Klemm, Daisy Wooley, Tate Nettle, Asia Brand, Bella Sargent and Jobe Stevens. They have been elected by their peers to represent their class at S.R.C. along with our school leaders – Sharni Windsor, Dylan Davenport, Kyesha Perry and Georgia Wegner.

As Student Representatives, these students will be working towards being role models, good leaders, assist in decision making and fundraising. I look forward to working with these students this Semester and they will be presented with their badges at tomorrows assembly.

Sandra Zander

NORTH EASTERN SAPSASA 2015

Trial Dates – Term 1
Swimming – Week 5, Tuesday Feb. 24th (Adelaide 27th March)
Netball & Football – Week 10, Wednesday 1st April (back up date Thursday 9th)
Cricket & Tennis – Week 6 or 7 – squad selection only

Term 2
Cross Country – Week 2, Tuesday
Soccer – Week 2 & 3, Thursday 3-5pm

Term 3
Athletics – Week 5, Wednesday 19th August, Back up Week 6, Monday 24th

Students born 2002-2005 can now nominate for SAPSASA swimming. A time trial will be held at Jamestown Swimming Pool on Tuesday 24th February at 9.00am and is chosen will represent North Eastern District in Adelaide on Friday 27th March, 2015. The events will be: 100m freestyle, 50m freestyle, 50m backstroke, 50m breaststroke, 50m butterfly. Children selected from the trial will be given further details of all costs and meeting times soon after. Transport and pool entrance are the responsibility of each participant. If your child is interested please let Robyn Staker know by Monday 16th February, please.
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

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.

Could ALL intending players for season 2015 please attend registration night held at Laura Netball courts on 18th February at 6.00pm. Senior players bring your water bottles for a light training after. All players welcome. Any queries contact Bern 0439864330

Australian Government Mobile Service Centre

Serving Regional Australia

Visit the Mobile Service Centre to find out about Australian Government payments and services for rural families, older Australians, students, job seekers, people with disability, carers, farmers and self-employed people.

Laura Memorial Civic Centre Car Park, Hughes Street
LAURA
Thursday, 26 February 2015
9 am to 11 am

For more information, go to humanservices.gov.au and search for Mobile Service Centre or call 132 316.

Under 10’s and Under 12s

SOCcer/FuTsal SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

Starting Monday 9th February at Gladstone Stadium
Contact 0438660676 if interested

TWILIGHT MARKET

Hosted by Laura Events Committee at LAURA CIVIC CENTRE
MARCH 6TH 4.30PM-8PM

Entertainment, Food, Plants, Produce and More!!!

BBQ – Golden North Ice-cream
Enquiries for stallholders ring Joyce 08 86632660 or 0437345211
Ian 08 86632581

How do I get my children to “want” to play outside?

Focus on Fun!

If children enjoy what they’re doing, they’re more likely to want to keep doing it. Finding activities that kids like is one of the keys to keeping them active. Dancing, skipping, running, playing with a ball, horse riding, flying a kite, gardening or climbing a tree...

It doesn’t matter what the activity is as long as they like it!!

You go, they go!

Studies show that children LOVE playing outdoors with their parents and family. Find your own inner-child and delight in the imagination, wonderment and energy that your children long to share with you.
Laura Literary Awards

In conjunction with the 2015 Laura Folk Fair
Students can write some new work or use a piece from last year’s school efforts

Flinders News Prose Awards
Open section  a short story up to 1500 words  Prize $200
Young adult  a short story up to 1000 words  Prize $50
Junior (8-12 years) short story up to 500 words  Prize $25
Junior Primary (5-7 years) short story up to 500 words  Prize $15

CJ Dennis Poetry Awards
All sections,  a poem up to 60 lines  Prize $200
Open section  Prize $200
Young adult  Prize $50
Junior(8-12 yrs)  Prize $25
Junior Primary(5-7 yrs)  Prize $15

Entries now open. Closing date – Friday 20th Feb 2015
Entry forms available from www.rockyriverriters.webs.com

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Governor 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: ________________________________