Calendar Dates

- Tues. Feb. 17th – Pancake Day
- Fri. Feb. 20th – Assembly
- Fri. March 6th – GHS Athletics Carnival
- School Photos Changed Date TBA
- Fri. March 20th – Pupil Free Day
- Fri. April 10th – Term 1 Ends

Governing Council News
The Annual General Meeting of the LPS Governing Council was held on Tuesday 9th February. The 2015 Annual Report was received and three people were elected to Council. A short meeting was then held after the meeting to elect office bearers. Our Council for 2015 is as follows:

Chairperson: Matt McCallum
Vice Chairperson: Andrew Zanker
Secretary: Liz Winter
Treasurer: Kristen Cleggett
Members: Koby Nettle, Lyn Zanker, Bianca Schultz, Christie Sargent, and Kelly Zwar

Staff Representative: Robyn Staker

Sub committees:
- Education: Lyn Zanker, Kelly Zwar, Robyn Staker, Christie Sargent, Matt McCallum
- Finance: Matt McCallum, Pauleen Thomas, Kristen Cleggett
- Fundraising: Liz Winter, Bianca Schultz, Kristen Cleggett, Christie Sargent
- Grounds: Koby Nettle, Andrew Zanker, Matt McCallum

Congratulations and thank you to these people for choosing to support our school in this way. We also extend sincere thanks to retiring members Scott Watson, Bernadette Byron, Fraser Smith, Sarah Laurie and Jo Brand for their contributions to Governing Council. Governing Council extends a warm welcome to any parents/carers who would like to join any of the sub committees or participate in any of the valuable work that they do.

2015 Annual Report and Site Improvement Plan
The following points have been taken from the Report as presented to the AGM:

- Students have opportunities to participate and excel in a wide range of activities
- There is a high level of community support for school
- Parents are confident that the school provides safe learning environment for all students
- The school is in a strong financial position
- LPS Student Achievement data in Literacy and Numeracy indicate good results overall. Areas for improvement have been noted identified and include: Reading Comprehension and mental computation. Specific recommendations for improvement are outlined in the Report and form the basis of the 2015 Site Improvement Plan.
- Unexplained student absences are concerning. Procedures are in place to address this matter.

Pancake Day - next Tuesday. Donations of eggs would be greatly appreciated.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Week 1

Miriam Byron received this award for being kind, helpful and considerate to her classmates and for working hard at all times.

Well done Miriam!

Week 2

Eddie McCallum received this award for a super helpful & responsible start to the year and consistently trying his hardest.

Well done Eddie!
Next Tuesday 17th February is Shrove Tuesday. The early Christians used this day to eat the stores of food that they would not be using during the Lenten season which begins on Ash Wednesday, being the 40 days leading up to Easter. The use of eggs, milk and flour then became what is known as Pancake Day today. Christians use these traditions today to give up certain foods and donate to those less fortunate. This is why we ask for a gold coin donation which SRC will put towards one of our charities for this term – Cora Barkley and Guide Dogs. This year we invite parents to assist with the preparation of the pancakes from 9.30am to 11.30. If you are able to assist could you fill out the form below. Any eggs which can be donated would be greatly appreciated.

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………………………………………………. am able to assist preparing pancakes, next Tuesday 17th February.  
Signed…………………………………………………………………. 

Chris Heading  
Principal
The Laura Primary School is seeking assistance in raising money to purchase new IPADs for the students to use at school. All efforts are gratefully appreciated. This fundraiser will run for the month of February. Order forms are attached to this newsletter and can be returned to Laura Primary by the 27/2/15, all payments to be made to the school.

Thankyou for your support

The Fundraising Committee of Laura Primary School

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Swimming Carnival GHS

Last night our Year 6 7’s competed in the Gladstone High School Swimming Carnival. Ribbons were won! We thank Kristen Cleggett and Robyn Staker for their help organising the students.

Congratulations to Crystal Brook Primary School on winning the 6/7 Cup and good luck to those competing in MNSEC on Tuesday evening at Booleroo Centre.
Southern Flinders Football Club
Colts Committee AGM
Monday 16th February 7:30pm
Laura Sporting Complex
We encourage all parents of Colts players
to come and support their club.
Hope to see you there.
Any Queries contact
John Hennessy 0409723622
Leonie Harris 0400267152

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 yrs) short story up to 500 words Prize $25
Junior Primary (5-7 yrs) short story up to 500 words Prize $15

CJ Dennis Poetry Awards
All sections, a poem up to 60 lines
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

Southern Flinders Netball Club:
Could All intending players for season 2015 please attend registration night
held at Laura Netball Courts on 18th February at 6:00 p.m.
Senior players 16yrs and over bring your water bottles for a light training.
All players welcome. Any Queries contact Bern on 0439864330.

We are seeking coaches for season 2015, all new coaches and existing coaches are welcome to apply, please contact Bern for your coaches application form. Please note that all coaches are to have a current police checks in which the club can send into netballSA.
Thanking you

Opal Pop-up Tuesday’s
During March OPAL will commence 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, Port Wakefield
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, Glendon

We hope to see you there!!
Emma Young
OPAL Program Manager
Email: Emma.Young@NACouncil.sa.gov.au

Twilight Market
Hosted by Laura Events Committee atLaura 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
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| LITERACY     | Whole school approach to Guided Reading  
• Introduce Accelerated Reading in all classes  
• Focus on non-fiction texts  
• Make up Guided Reading packs  
• Training for teachers in Guided Reading | Expected Achievement: Stanine 4  
Students to achieve > or = to previous stanine (PAT R Test) |
| NUMERACY     | Whole school focus on tables and mental calculations  
• Individual progression charts for each student  
• Parent program to support students at home | X tables knowledge according to:
Yr 2 – 2,3,5 x tables  
Yr3 – 2,3,5,10,11  
Yr 4 – 2-7, 10-11  
Yr 5 – 2 – 11  
Yr 6/7 – 2 – 12  
Achieve within normal range in 1 minute basic number facts test > or = to stanine 4 |
| ATTENDANCE   | letter to all families with attendance rate below 90% explaining policy and expectations for 2015  
• teachers to follow up all unexplained non attendances | Attendance rate 2014  
Those below 80%, an increase of 10%  
Those below 90% to >90%  
Those above 90%-93% to >93%  
Those >93% to > or = to 95% |