Maths
A great deal has been learned about how children and adults learn mathematics. It is now widely accepted that learning is an active process – something that learners do rather than have ‘done to them’. Knowledge about the process of learning mathematics assists teachers to provide the best possible conditions for learning for their students. There is no single ‘best’ approach to teaching mathematics. In fact, a teacher may vary the style of teaching according to the particular aspects of mathematics being studied at the time and the wide range of backgrounds and experiences that the students bring to the classroom. Teachers build upon the existing knowledge that individuals have, challenging and extending their understandings and skills.

Teachers aim to provide mathematical experiences which are interesting, useful and purposeful. If students see a purpose in a particular activity and the activity is rewarding, the likelihood of their learning what was intended from the experience is increased. As well as being interesting and purposeful, mathematical tasks need to be challenging, requiring students to take risks and to deal with unfamiliar situations.

More so than some other subjects, Mathematics uses some very specialised terms and teachers take care to use that language to increase students familiarity with them, and to develop confidence and knowledge to use them independently. Similarly with the signs and symbols used in mathematics; their correct use is developed over time. Students begin recording their mathematical experiences and knowledge by drawing pictures and diagrams. As they move through school their understanding and skill in recording mathematics will develop from the familiar to the formal, sophisticated representations that are used in algebra, geometry and trigonometry.

From time to time we will be including some student work in the Newsletter that we hope shows how Mathematics can be interesting, fun, challenging and really enjoyable which is how it needs to be, because of its importance as a social skill, as the foundation for so much more learning and as a means of stretching our thinking abilities.

Thankyou
Thankyou to Bill Aslat who has done a small engineering job at the school this week free of charge. We appreciate your time.

Chris Heading
Principal
Isabelle Jackson – for excellent work habits.
Hannah Zanker – for good reading & spelling results.
Charlie Winter – for improved neatness & handwriting.
Daisy Wooley – for excellent achievement in Accelerated Reader.
Lillie Shepherdson – for an excellent start to Accelerated Reader.
Georgia Wegner – for a consistent effort.
Eric Hamlyn – for a hard working start to the year.
Makayla Fennell – for excellent storywriting.

Tait Johnson – for pleasing work in writing.
Talia Ziepes – for an excellent musical instrument design.
Jackson Staker – for great organisation of reading activities.
Elijah Byron and Liam Wooley – for an excellent start to Accelerated Reader.
Georgia Winter – for a positive attitude to learning in all subjects.
Riley Hoskin – for excellent measurement & bookwork.
Rhys Schultz – for fantastic spelling.
Bella Sargent – for a caring & helpful attitude.
Jackson Fudge – for excellent storywriting.

**BEE ATTITUDE AWARD**

Is an award recognizing students who use our school values of respect, responsibility, honesty, care and compassion.

This encouragement award is awarded to:

**SHAAM GRONEMYER**

For her kindness & helpfulness towards new reception students.

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**Laura Primary School 2015 Bulb Fundraiser**

Reminder: All Bulb Fundraising orders and monies to be returned to the front office tomorrow 27th Feb, 2015

Thankyou for your support

The Fundraising Committee of Laura Primary School

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**School Magazine**

Thankyou to all families who returned their magazine survey.

23 families replied to the survey. There was a unanimous preference in continuing to receive the magazine in paper form.

We thank everyone for their feedback.

Magazine Committee

Kelly, Catherine & Sandra
What a great week for swimming! We have had excellent weather and it is pleasing to see the students developing their skills. Thank you to Greg Day and Jane Potter for their expertise.
Well done to the wonderful team of mums who came in last Friday to work with our SSO’s, Catherine and Kelly, to make Chairbags for our class. They look great and now we finally have room on our desks, we have no excuses for not doing our work.

A big Thank you from Mrs Smallacombe and the Year 1/2/3 Class

WANTED

Plastic lids from milk or juice containers. In the holidays a few of the staff attended a Jolly Phonics conference. At this conference they used lids as an inexpensive way to make words. Can you please wash and save your bottle tops?

Thank you
Lyn Moore
COMMUNITY NOTICES

OPEN DAY
TUESDAY 17th March 2015

Urrbrae Agricultural High School is South Australia’s special interest secondary school catering for students with a strong interest in the areas of agriculture, horticulture, technology and the environment. Students have the opportunity to further their understanding of agricultural, horticultural and environmental principles and practices while at the same time completing a comprehensive secondary school curriculum.

We are holding an Open Day on Tuesday 17th March and all students who may be considering attending Urrbrae in 2016 are welcome.
COMMUNITY NOTICES

LAURA FOLK FAIR
APRIL 11th & 12th 2015
GREAT FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT
ENJOY MEETING OLD FRIENDS IN A RELAXED ATMOSPHERE
FULL ENTERTAINMENT - DONATIONS ENCLOSED
STREETTELL - Street Tellers, Same but Different, Men's Choir, Wakefield Dancers
LAURATOWN FARM - Sheep Shearing, Pig Racing, Piglet Races
GOLDEN NORTH - CHEMISTRY COMPETITION
FINALE FIREWORKS DISPLAY 9.15pm
B) NELSON OUTDOOR CATERING • NORTH PADDOCK ANTIQUES
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Phone (08) 3663 2221 or PO Box 35 LAURA SA 5400

Twilight Market
Hosted by Laura Events Committee at
LAURA CIVIC CENTRE
Friday MARCH 6TH
4.30pm -- 8pm
Entertainment, Food, Plants, Produce and More!!!
BBQ. Golden North ice-cream
Enquiries for stallholders ring
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