HELPING AT HOME WITH WRITING

Children begin writing from their first day at school and are invited to write on a whole range of topics throughout their school life. It is important to encourage and praise all attempts from an early age. Children will soon get the message that written language conveys a message that can be kept, and shared with others.

You can support your child at home with writing by:

- Providing a range of materials for them to use. Think about chalk, crayons, textas, pencils, glitter pens, biros, novelty pens, paint brushes, charcoal, sticks in the dirt.
- Encouraging them to write at home: write their own shopping lists, jobs to do, letters on the notice board, emails, cards and letters to friends and relatives, signs and labels around the house, instructions to games.
- Talking about and modelling the different types of writing you do at home such as writing cheques, application forms, emails, letters, lists and cards.
- Praising all attempts at writing and encouraging them to have a go at new words before giving them the correct spelling. Don’t always tell them how to spell a word or they will rely on you every time they want to spell a new word.
- Playing word games with them like scrabble, hangman, I spy.
- Reading to, and with, them regularly.
- Using a word processing program with them and allowing them to experiment with fonts, sizes and colours.
- Being interested in what they write, even if it makes no sense to you at all!

Happy writing!

TIQBIZ

Attached to last week’s newsletter was a brochure about Tiqbiz. We are trialling this app as another way for staff to communicate with parents and for parents to communicate with us. Just follow the instructions on the flyer to download the app for your phone or tablet.

You will need to register and once you have registered you will be able to see Laura Primary (Whole School), click on that then you will see 6 icons which include:

- newsfeed - we have uploaded the Koffi n Kandi Canteen Price list, this weeks and last week’s newsletters in this section.
- one2one – general questions to admin and will be monitored throughout the day.
- Absence – use when your child is absent, you can even sign your name on the screen
- Calendar – a few calendar dates in here for you to look at.
- Contact – to make contact with staff members e.g. setting up interview dates maybe
- Website – a link to our website

FOLK FAIR

Each year the student of Laura Primary School participate in the Folk Fair parade and opening ceremony. This year’s theme for the parade is “Ancient History”. We ask that the children dress up to this theme and participate in the parade. All children who take part will receive a Golden North Ice Cream voucher.

Further details regarding meeting time will be published in a future newsletter.

Chris Heading
Principal
SAPSASA Netball and Football trials will be held on Wednesday 1st April at the Jamestown Oval. Nominations are due by Friday 20th March. A canteen will run on the day and students and adults will be able to pre-order their lunch. Information will be sent out shortly. Because of limited student numbers our students will once again combine with Rocky River Schools to be able to send a team. Parents also will be needed to umpire and transport the children. If you are able to help out please contact Robyn Staker.

CONGRATULATIONS to Georgia Wegner and Dylan Davenport who were part of the winning Year 6/7 Gladstone High School team who participated in the MNSEC Athletics Carnival in Jamestown yesterday. Georgia came 1st in High Jump and Relay and Dylan got a 1st and 3rd in Discus and Javelin. Well done.

SRC NEWS
The SRC will be having a casual day on Thursday 2nd of April. The SRC is asking for a gold coin donation with the money raised going to the Guide dogs. Thanking you, SRC

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 enquires 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

We hope to see you there!!

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Dear Parent/Guardian/Carer,

In March 2014, the Premier, Hon Jay Weatherill MP, announced an election commitment to provide a sport voucher to the value of $50 for every primary school student in South Australia.

I am delighted to invite you to take part in the Sports Vouchers Program for 2015. The Sports Vouchers Program aims to reduce the cost of living for South Australian families by providing all primary school-aged children (Reception to Year 7) with a subsidy towards the cost of sport fees or sporting club memberships.

Every child wishing to participate in organised sport should have the opportunity to do so. Organised sport is a great way for children to be active and stay healthy. The Sports Vouchers can be used to encourage your child to try a new sport or to keep your child playing the sport they are already involved with.

The vouchers can be used to subsidise membership or participation fees for a sporting activity or program which involves a weekly match or training opportunity for at least 10 weeks. If the cost of the activity you select exceeds the value of the Sports Vouchers, you will still be responsible for payment of the difference.

To redeem the Sports Vouchers you can complete the voucher enclosed and present it at a Sports Vouchers registered club. You can use one voucher per child, per calendar year. Vouchers can be used at any time from March, through to 31 December 2015. Some registered clubs require online registration and many have already incorporated the redemption of the Sports Voucher into their online systems.

From March 2015, you can go to the Sports Vouchers website: www.sportsvouchers.sa.gov.au to search for a registered club in your local area which will accept the Sports Voucher toward club fees. A fact sheet and short video explaining the program can be found on the Sports Vouchers website.

If you don’t have access to a computer at home, your local library provides computer use and free access to the internet. If you require any additional information or assistance please email: sportsvouchers@sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

Leon Bignell MP
Minister for Recreation and Sport

12 February 2015
To be presented at an approved Sports Voucher provider. Not redeemable for cash. Redemption value not to exceed $50.00
To find your nearest provider or for more information please visit www.sportsvouchers.sa.gov.au