



2025 LAURA PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT INFORMATION BOOKLET

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Honesty

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Welcome to Laura Primary School. We hope that it will be an enjoyable experience.

In this booklet we have listed most of the general information you will need to know about the school, so please read it and keep for future reference.

Please do not hesitate to contact any of the staff if you have a query.

Laura Primary School (Birth to Year 6) is a small rural school, which includes the preschool and rural care in the mid north of South Australia. Located on the banks of the Rocky River near the southern slopes of the Flinders Ranges, Laura is a service town for the surrounding rural area but cottage crafts and tourism play an important role in the local community.

Student Well-being Programs

BREAKFAST CLUB

Laura Primary School has a Breakfast Club, held on Monday mornings from 8.30am until 8.50am in the school Multipurpose Room. This program is supported by the combined churches of Laura, and also Kickstart for Kids.

Breakfast Club enables students who haven't had an opportunity for breakfast before arriving at school, or those who need a 'top up', a chance to start the day ready to learn.

Breakfast gives the body the energy it needs to start the day well. Research supports a positive link between eating breakfast and cognitive and academic performance. More specifically, students who eat breakfast have better focus, problem-solving ability, and improved memory.

Breakfast Club also provides an opportunity for students to connect with their peers, SRC leaders and community members in a relaxed and inclusive setting.

Parent and Community Involvement

Strong and active support is given. All sections of the community are represented in school affairs including Senior Citizens, RSL and local sporting bodies.

Good numbers of parents attend assemblies and working bees.

Laura Folk Fair is a major event on the local calendar attracting up to 10,000 visitors annually. The Governing Council run a stall over the weekend which is the school's major fundraiser.



School Lesson Times

Day commences at 8:55 am

Lesson 1	9:05 - 9:55
Lesson 2	9:55 - 10:45
Recess	10:45 - 11:15
Recess Eat	11:10 - 11:15
Lesson 3	11:15 - 12:05
Lesson 4	12:05 - 12:55
Lunch Play	12:55 - 1:22
Lunch Eat	1:22 - 1:35
Lesson 5	1:35 - 1:25
Lesson 6	2:25 - 3:20

Term Dates

2025	28 January to 11 April	28 April to 4 July	21 July to 26 September	13 October to 12 December
2026	27 January to 10 April	27 April to 3 July	20 July to 25 September	12 October to 11 December

2025 Teaching Staff

Leanne Opperman	Principal	Full time
Marianne Clarke	R/1 Class	Full time
Hannah Mezzino	2/3/4 Class	Full time
Leonie Harris	5/6 Class	4 days
Bridie Perriman	5/6 Class	1 day
Sandra Zander	Non-Instruction time (NIT)	3 days
Hilary Ferguson	Intervention Wellbeing Leader	3 days
Jodie Flitton	Pre-School Teacher & PE/STEM NIT Teacher	4 days

2025 Non-Teaching Staff

Catharine Schulz	Admin/Finance	Mon - Fri
Julia Hammill	Admin	Wed, Thurs, Fri
Catherine Cowin	Classroom Support/Library	Mon - Fri
Celina Lynch	Classroom Support	Tues, Wed, Thurs
Madisyn Cox	Classroom Support/Wellbeing	Mon, Tues, Fri
Lynn Dawes	Preschool / Rural Care	Mon – Thurs
Kelli Earle	Rural Care	On Leave
Matilda Heinrich	Rural Care	Mon, Thurs, Fri
Hayley Finlay	Rural Care	Wed
Sienna Bishop	Rural Care	Wed
Phoebe Glenn	Rural Care	Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri



Governing Council meetings are held at the school on the Monday of weeks 3 and 8 of each term.

The Role of the Governing Council

- To exercise a general oversight over the well-being of the school to advise the principal as necessary, on the correlation between work of the school and the educational needs of the district.
- To note the accommodation, grounds and equipment provided at the school.
- By agreement with the Principal, to decide on the distribution of any grant made to the Governing Council by the Minister.
- To consider in broad outline, the general educational policy within the school, of which the Principal shall keep the Governing Council informed, and advise them of the considered view of the local community regarding educational developments within the school.
- No Governing Council or member of the Governing Council, when acting in that capacity, shall give instructions to teachers concerning their professional duties.
- The above points are taken straight from the departmental Regulations, but obviously depending on a school's situation, flexibility is a built-in component to these.

2025 Governing Council Members

Ricky Pech (Chairperson)

Nikki Downing (Secretary)

Leanne Opperman (Principal)

Leonie Harris (Staff Rep)

Mel Fudge

Tammi Duke

Phil Schultz

Bec Lines

Laura Lines

Jenna Turner

Kaitlyn Jebb

Sophie Millington

Committees

Finance and Education

Grounds

Fundraising

OSHC/Preschool/Rural Care

Principal and Chairperson are members of all sub committees. Parents may attend any Governing Council meeting, but do not have voting rights.



Assemblies

Assemblies are held on Friday afternoons on mornings of weeks 3, 6 and 9 at 2.50 pm or 9am in the Multipurpose Room.

Student of the month, kindness awards and class recognition awards are announced. Students share their learning.

Parents and families are very welcome.

Reporting to Parents

Teacher interviews are available for parents in Terms 1 and 3. A written report is provided at the end of Term 2 and Term 4. Members of staff are always available for any queries or concerns that parents may have.

Sports Days

An annual Sports Day is held on the school grounds. Events include: tabloid events and championship events, and relays. Parents and their families are very welcome.

The school has 2 teams Hughes (red) and Bristow (black).

School Photographs

Photos are taken annually. Parents are under no obligation to purchase.

Recommended School & Sports Day Uniforms

School Uniform

Jade green polo shirt

Navy jumper

Navy jean, track pant, short

No thongs

School hat (bucket and broad brimmed available)

All uniforms are available for purchase from the school at very reasonable prices.

Students, as part of the school uniform, are to wear a hat **all year**. Failure to do so will mean that the student will not play outdoors but sit in a sheltered area under solid shade. Hats are supplied free of charge by the Governing Council on enrolment. Further hats can be purchased from the front office.

Sports Day Uniform

Red (Hughes) and Black (Bristow) for our school Sports Day.



Preschool

Children attend Preschool sessions the year prior to commencing school for four (4) or six (6) terms. Each child is entitled to 15 hours of Preschool education per week. Support is provided for children with additional needs.

Preschool sessions times are Tuesday and Wednesday; and Monday in Weeks 3, 6, 9; 8:30am to 3:10pm.

Rural Care

Rural Care operates in the same building as the Preschool for children birth to school age. The Service is open Monday to Friday, from 8am to 6pm.

Newsletters

Newsletters are emailed in weeks 3, 6 and 9 on a Thursday. Copies can be found on our website and Seesaw.

Lunches

Lunches may be ordered on Friday from Gladstone High School using the Qkr! app. A parent roster is organised to pick up the lunches. Price lists are available from the front office. Fridges are available for children to put their lunches in.

Dental Clinic

Students from our school are allocated to the Port Pirie West School Dental Clinic. Telephone (08) 8632 1926.

Mobile Library

Children wishing to borrow books, CD's, DVD's etc. from the Flinders Mobile Library can do so at school every second Tuesday.

School Bus Transport

If you wish your child to use the two available government bus service please contact the Gladstone High School on (08) 8662 2171 for availability and more information.



Health

Good health is vital to regular attendance at school.

It is probable that at some time during your child's schooling they will contract one of the common diseases listed below. Please notify the school immediately and observe the following regulations.

Measles: Exclude 7 days from the appearance of rash

German Measles (Rubella): Exclude 5 days

Mumps: Exclude 10 days from onset of symptoms

Chicken Pox: Exclude 5 days from appearance of spots

Impetigo (School Sores) and Ringworm: Exclude until treatment commenced and are properly covered

Head Lice: From time to time it has been noticed that some children have hair lice in their hair. Whenever children play together this condition is likely to spread. These head lice live on the scalp and deposit their eggs on the hair (nits). Nits can be recognized as small whitish specks glued firmly to the hair, especially around the nape of the neck. If your child should become infected, please advise the school immediately. Information on treatment is available from the school. Whenever possible, we would like children with longer than shoulder length hair to have their hair tied up.

Medical

If your child has a medical condition or allergy, or takes medication at school, the Preschool and School will require a medical plan and/or medication plan from your child's doctor and/or pharmacy.

Absences

If your child(ren) will be absent from School, please contact the school on (08) 8663 2543, mobile 0409 699 338 or via email dl.0220.admin@schools.sa.edu.au to inform of the reason for their absence.

Enrolment Guidelines

It is the Department for Education's policy that children enrolling in government schools have 12 terms in Early Years classes. That is Reception - 4 terms; Year 1 - 4 terms; and Year 2 - 4 terms.

All school aged children start school in Term 1 or 3.

Students can start Preschool and School at the beginning of Term 1 and Term 3.



Parent Library

Books are available from the library for borrowing on family issues. Please contact Office staff for information.

School Fees

School fees are known as 'Material and Services Charges' and have a legally enforceable component. Fees are set by Governing Council and help to provide extras (e.g term time swimming and excursions) that make Laura Primary School a quality learning environment. Material and Services Charges invoices will be posted/emailed to Caregivers at the start of the school year.

2025 Materials and Services fees have been set at \$342.

School Card

Please see our newsletter or Catharine Schulz to apply for School Card.

Preschool Fees

Preschool fees are set by Governing Council each year. Invoices will be posted/emailed to parents at the start of each term.

2025 Preschool Fees have been set at \$85.50 per term.

Swimming Lessons

Students attend swimming lessons at the Gladstone Swimming Pool in fourth term.

Website

Policies, guidelines and information can be found on the school's website www.lauraps.sa.edu.au or look us up on Facebook and "like" us: Laura Primary School

