



Laura Primary School



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CALENDAR DATES – Term 1 planner attached

Welcome to the 2013 school year. It has been great to have such pleasant weather to start the school year. All students are settling in well in their classes and are becoming familiar with routines and expectations. We have started the year with 49 students enrolled and this will build up to 62 by Term 4, with new Receptions starting at the beginning of Terms 2, 3 & 4. We welcome Talia Ziepes our new Reception student for Term 1.

STAFFING

We welcome Miss Morgan Slattery to our teaching staff for this year.
The staff deployment for 2013 is:

Teaching staff

Who	Days working	Main Area/s of Responsibility
Lyn Moore	Monday to Friday	R/1 Class- 12 students Term1
Sandra Zander	Monday to Thursday	Yr 2/3/4 class (17 students), & LOTE-Italian for all classes
Josie Smallacombe	Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday	Year 5/6/7 class on Mondays, NIT Wednesday & Thursdays Year 2/3/4 class on Fridays
Morgan Slattery	Tuesday to Friday	Year 5/6/7 class (20 students)
Kathy Arthur	Monday to Friday	Small group teaching support, NIT (Teacher Release Time)

School Services Officer Staff

Pauleen Thomas -28hrs per week-Finance & Admin
Bernadette Geddes -27 hrs per week – Resource Centre, Yr 2/3/4 class support , Admin
Emma Grossman-6½ hrs per week-Curriculum Computing Network
Jackie lines-15hrs per week-R/1 and Yr 2/3/4 classroom support
Judith Millington -10 hrs per week- Co-ordination program and Yr 5/6/7 class support
Catherine Burton -10 hrs per week- R/1 classroom support.

ACQUAINTANCE NIGHT (Meet & Greet)

We will hold our annual Acquaintance Night next Thursday 7th February. Acquaintance Night provides an opportunity for family members to visit the classrooms and meet the teachers. Term 1 overviews (listing what students will be learning this term) will be available on the night. Classrooms will be open from 5.30pm until 6.30pm followed by a sausage sizzle provided by Governing Council members.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 11th February at 8pm in the Library. We have 5 vacancies this year, so I would encourage you to consider nominating to join the Governing Council. If you are interested in nominating for Governing Council please let the school know - either in person, by phone, email or in writing before the AGM.

Members continuing this year include Fraser Smith, Jodie Zwar, Scott Watson, Bernadette Byron, Matthew McCallum, Koby Nettle. Members who have completed their term include Mark Amey, Cathy Combe, Julie Gambling, Sarah Laurie and Melissa Taylor.

The Governing Council Constitution allows for 11 parent reps on Governing Council.

At the Annual General Meeting a summary of the 2012 Annual Report will be presented.

Student Leaders

School Captains and Vice Captains were elected at the end of last year. Our School Captains for 2013 are Nikala Schmidt & Noah Zwar, with Steven Haynes-Nayda and Joe Smith providing support as Vice Captains.

S.R.C. Class rep elections are being held in the next few days. S.R.C. class reps, School and Vice Captains will be presented with their badges at the first assembly to be held 3pm, Friday 8th February in the Multi Purpose Room. The class reps will represent their classes for Terms 1&2, with new reps to be elected for the 2nd semester. The Student Representative Council (S.R.C.) will meet each week on Thursdays, Lesson 8 (2.50pm). Mrs. Josie Smallacombe will oversee the Student Leader group with Mrs Helen Wurst providing support.

Thankyou

A special thankyou to the Shepherdson family for looking after our worm farm during the school holidays.



FACILITIES NEWS

During the holidays new screen doors were installed on the 2 entrances to the R/1 classroom. A screen door is also soon to be completed for the Yr 3/4/5 class.

Bushfire Information & Catastrophic Weather Warnings

On Fire Ban Days the bushfire weather warning will be listed as either- severe, extreme or catastrophic. On all of these occasions we will modify activities in relation to the weather conditions and students will be able to use the Multi Purpose Room during break times. On days announced as Catastrophic, Laura Primary School will remain open but the buses will not run.

Kathy Arthur
Principal

Several of the staff attended Lisa Holbrook's wedding in the holidays. It was a hot but lovely day! Congratulations Lisa and Stephen.



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As I walk around the yard it is good to observe the children refreshed and happy to be back at school for 2013. I reflect on the positives of a small school when I see children joining in together across the various age levels. This year lunch-time activities commenced with a holiday theme in the CPS office. Children are encouraged to bring along their holiday photos and add to the collection of seaside and holiday displays.

***Monday lunchtimes** - Cooking. **Tuesday** - Craft and games.*

***Thursday** - Games.*

*I will be at school on :**Mondays** 10.45 am- 1.30pm.*

***Tuesdays and Thursdays** 8.45am - 3.45pm.*

Helen Wurst

CORNER

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Southern Flinders **Netball Club:**

Applications for all intending coaches for 2013 season are now open to register. Application forms are available from Bern and are to be returned to either-

Sandra Zander 86622355 or
Bern Schmidt 86684313
Closing date is 1/2/2013.

****Due to the lower numbers of players in our area, we are asking if all intending netballers ranging from the ages 8 years to grade 7 please contact Sandra or Bern on the contact numbers above as soon as possible.**

All new families in the area are welcome to join our club.

Laura Literary Awards 2013

Students and community members are invited to enter some prose or poetry in this year's Laura Literary Awards.

Entries close Friday 15th February, 2013 so get in the creative mood and put pen to paper, or fingers to the keyboard. Senior entrants can win a prize of \$200, young adult prize of \$50 and Juniors are eligible for a \$25 prize. This year, for the first time, there will be a prize of \$15 for authors between the ages of 5 and 7 years.

In recent years participation from within this region has been very low, so local authors are encouraged to enter and compete with writers from around Australia.

Entry forms can be downloaded from

www.rockyriverriters.webs.com .

LAURA PRIMARY SCHOOL TERM 1 -2013

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 1 Jan 29 th - Feb1 st	28 AUSTRALIA DAY	29	30	31	1
Week 2 Feb 4 th -8 th	4	5	6	7 ACQUAINT. NIGHT S.R.C	8 ASSEMBLY
Week 3 Feb 11 th -15 th	11 Governing Council Meeting A.G.M 8.00PM	12 Pancake Day	13 Gladstone H.S. Swimming Carnival	14 S.R.C	15
Week 4 Feb 18 th -22 nd	18	19 MNSEC SWIMMING CARNIVAL BOOLEROO	20	21 S.R.C	22 ASSEMBLY
Week 5 Feb25 th -March 1 st	25	26	27 SAPSASA Swimming Time Trials Jamestown	28 S.R.C	1
Week 6 March 4 th -8 th	4	5	6	7 S.R.C	8 Gladstone High School SportsDay ASSEMBLY
Week 7 March 11 th - 15 th	11 ADELAIDE CUP	12 RE Seminar	13	14 S.R.C	15
Week 8 March 18 th - 22 nd	18	19	20 MNSEC SPORTS DAY JAMESTOWN	21 S.R.C	22 Swimming SAPSASA ASSEMBLY
Week 9 March 25 th - 29 th	25	26 Validation	27	28 S.R.C	29 Good Friday
Week 10 April 1 st -5 th	1 Easter Monday	2	3	4 S.R.C	5 STUDENT FREE DAY
		Parent/Teacher Interviews Week 10 & 11			
Week 11 April 8 th - 12 th	8	9 Charity Bike Ride Visit	Sth.Flinders Health Expo Gladstone	11 S.R.C	12 ASSEMBLY

Term 1 29th January-12th April, Term 2 29th April-5th July
Term 3 16th July – 21st September, Term 4 14th October – 13th December