



# Laura Primary School

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## 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*

### *A few reminders from Pauleen*

- Years 3- 7 students **Competition returns** with money by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February please.
- **School fees** are due this week and payable to the school. You may have noticed on the invoices sent out that you are now able to transfer the fees to our bank account.
- If you think you are eligible for school card please return the 2015 school card application. A new application is required each year.
- The **student details for verification by parent’s information** needs to be returned with any corrections to telephone numbers, emergency contacts etc. etc.
- If you have any questions or queries regarding any of the above please contact Pauleen.

## Calendar Dates

- Fri .March 6<sup>th</sup> – GHS Athletics Carnival Assembly 3pm
- Mon. March 16<sup>th</sup> – School Photos
- Fri. March 20<sup>th</sup> – Pupil Free Day
- Fri. March 27<sup>th</sup> – Rocky River Sports Day
- Mon.March 30<sup>th</sup> – Interviews this week
- Fri. April 10<sup>th</sup> – Term 1 Ends

## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Week 3

**Lucy Clogg** received this award for working hard in class and being helpful to and inclusive of others.

**Well done Lucy!**

Week 4

**Kyesha Perry** received this award for being a positive learning role model for other students.

**Well done Kyesha!**

# Recognition Awards

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.

Week 3

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.

Week 4

## 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:

**SHAVANA GRONEMER**

For her kindness & helpfulness towards new reception students.

### **Laura Primary School 2015 Bulb Fundraiser**

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

Thankyou for your support

*The Fundraising Committee of Laura Primary School*

### **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

# SWIMMING LESSONS

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.

**SEW EASY,**

**SEW CLEVER!**

**Our new Chairbags**

**are**

**SO GOOD!**

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



**OPEN DAY**  
**TUESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> March and all students who may be considering attending Urrbrae in 2016 are welcome.

Life looks  
 brighter  
 outside



**Cool off outside**

Through summer take a visit to your local watering hole...the Public Swimming Pool.

Kids love splashing around or playing games like Marco Polo and water volley-ball! Just remember that children are precious and should be supervised in the water at all times.

Have fun outside but don't get fried. Make sure to Slip, slop, slap, seek and slide!



Use the warm weather to check out all

our local public swimming pools, available in Jamestown, Gladstone, Spalding, Wilmington, Booleroo Centre and Peterborough.

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**LAURA FOLK FAIR**  
**APRIL 11th & 12th 2015**

**GREAT FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT**  
 ENJOY MEETING OLD FRIENDS IN A RELAXED ATMOSPHERE

**STREET STALLS**  
 (Saturday from 10.30 am, Sunday from 10.00 am) Craft, Hobbies and Food Stalls  
 LAURA LITERARY AWARD • RHAS Art Exhibition  
 GOLDEN NORTH ICE CREAM EATING COMPETITION

**FREE ENTERTAINMENT • DONATION ENTRY**  
 Musicians, Dancers, Street Entertainment, a great day for the whole family.  
 BUSH DANCE 5.30pm  
 FIREWORKS DISPLAY 8.45pm

BJ NELSON OUTDOOR CATERING • NORTH PADDOCK ANTIQUES

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**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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