Attendance
Our attendance target for 2016, as set by DECD, is 93%, and together as teachers and parents we need to be doing all that we can to support our students to achieve such goals. Whilst we understand that there are genuine times when your child will be sick, it is important to remember that days can add up quickly, so having days off for other reasons, such as its their birthday, or their sibling was sick, will affect their learning and engagement here at school. Below is a table of statistics for you that will demonstrate the impact of missing days and learning time can have on a child’s learning.

1 or 2 days a week doesn’t seem much, but…..

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<td>16 weeks per year</td>
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<td>120 days per year</td>
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How about 10 minutes late a day?  
*Statistics taken from a Bomaderry PS (NSW) information sheet

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Every day counts!!

Student Pick-ups after school
Staff members are on duty after school until the bus students have left which is usually between 3:30 – 3:35pm. Any students that are not picked up prior to this time will be sent to the Front Office to be supervised, and will require an adult to collect them from there. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

Folk Fair
Thank you to those parents who have returned their Folk Fair roster with a time they are willing to help added to it. Governing Council members are expecting all parents to work on one shift (2 hours) to support the schools main fundraiser. If you are yet to return yours, please do so as soon as possible.

The theme for the Folk Fair parade this year is *100 Years of CJ Dennis*, Sandra has started work on the float with the students and they seem to be brainstorming some creative costumes.

GHS Athletics
Well done to the Year 6/7 students who participated in the GHS athletics carnival last Friday, and represented Laura PS and themselves proudly. We came third out of all of the primary schools. A BIG congratulations to **Samuel Shepherdson** who was the **WINNER** of the Yr 6/7 boys athlete section, and to **Daisy Wooley** who was **RUNNER UP** in the girls year 6/7 category. It was pleasing to see our students represent Laura PS with pride and determination. A great day was had by all!

SAPSASA Swimming
Good luck to Casey Cleggett, George Klemm and Lara Zanker who are competing tomorrow in Adelaide.
FOLK FAIR PARADE
Once again, the students at Laura Primary have been asked to participate in the opening parade at the Folk Fair. The children assemble at the caravan park at 11.45am for a 12 noon start. They then walk down the street accompanied by school staff and make their way to the centre stage to sing our National Anthem. Once this is over, they make their way to the rear of the court house for a parade of their costumes. All children who participate receive a Golden North ice cream voucher.
This year’s costume theme is 100 years of C. J. Dennis. This can take many forms from dressing up as C. J. Dennis himself or a character from one of his many poems. Google is very helpful. If you have any queries ask your child’s teacher or myself.
Sandra Zander

Monday 21st March is Harmony Day

In celebration of this, the children are asked to wear something orange. The children will participate in doing an activity as part of Harmony Day within their classes.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Jayden Walker received this award for being a helpful class mate and for persisting with and then improving his work presentation skills and general class behaviour.

Well done Jayden!

Eddie McCallum received this award for consistent effort, excellent behaviour and striving to do his best in all tasks.

Well done Eddie!
RECOGNITION AWARDS
Week 5 & 6

Bella Sargent – for valuable contributions to class discussion.
Tate Nettle – for persistence with his fact file which demonstrated great pride and great presentation in his final work.
Rylan Broadbent – for neat handwriting and bookwork.
Hailey Zwar – for a responsible and helpful behaviour.
Lucy Kleinig – for a great effort learning her words.
Angus McCallum – for improved work habits.

Clay Adams – for working hard and doing his best.
Cooper Nayda-Carter – for a positive effort on his narrative writing.
Jed Griffin – for good number skills.
Nicki Zanker – for improved spelling and writing.
Thomas Smith – for improved spelling test results.
Adam Wegner – for listening to feedback on his work and enacting it to achieve better results.
Nicholas Venables - for a great effort writing words.
Sophie Clogg – for amazing reading.
Jake Schultz – for excellent problem solving in Maths.
Jayden Walker – for persisting with problem solving in Maths.

SRC NEWS

The SRC selling Quelch Bars at lunchtime

SRC have purchased two colourful floor cushions for the Multipurpose Room. This has been funded through the selling of Quelch Bars.

SRC have kindly donated $100 (part of which was raised from Pancake Day) to the charity “Cows for Cambodia”.

SAPSASA All students with sporting talent who are eligible for a SAPSASA 12 and Under State team to go to the SAPSASA website and nominate to trial in their sport. Eligible students are those who do not turn 13 this year – ideally born in 2004. http://www.decd.sa.gov.au/sport/pages/sapsasa
GHS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2016
SOUTHERN FLINDERS NETBALL CLUB:
On Thursday March 17\textsuperscript{th} at Laura, training will start for the I and J Grade at 4:30 p.m. G and H grade at 5:30 p.m. Training rosters will be given out this night.
Subbies and the Minis will start at 4:30 p.m. on Friday 1\textsuperscript{st} April at Gladstone. This will be a family night joined with the footballers the A and B grade footballers will be having a trial match Barbeque will be available on the night so come down and spend an enjoyable night in Tigerland.
The age for starting subbies is 8 years of age within this season, so anyone born in 2008 are able to start.
The new dress is to be worn (no old styles) so uniforms need to be obtained from Liz Winter our uniform coordinator ASAP. You can contact her on 0419844150.
Any queries please contact Bern on 86684313 or 0439864330.

Jamestown Junior and Senior Futsal
Registrations are now open. Junior competition will start Term 2, Friday 6th May. Age of participants has been extended to include players 18 years and under. Youngest participants must be born in 2010. (Turning 6 years old this year) Please email your child/ren’s name, date of birth and age, along with parents contact details to jamestownfutsal@gmail.com to register.
More details on our website www.jamestownfutsal.com and Jamestown Junior Futsal Facebook page as it becomes available. Any enquiries contact Claire Smallacombe on 8664 1848 or 0417867654.
Senior competition will begin within the first week of Term 2. Please email name and contact details, or team name, contact details and members, to jamestownfutsal@gmail.com Please contact Marie Irrgang on 0427 282 670 with any queries.
ALL REGISTRATIONS WILL CLOSE ON MARCH 31ST.

Gladstone Cricket and Tennis Clubs
Junior and Senior end of season wind up
Sunday 20 March 2015 at the Stadium
Junior presentations will start at 11:30am
Followed by lunch with the senior presentations in the afternoon
Cricket A-grade and U16 families please bring a salad to share
Tennis families please bring sweets
Cost will be $5 per adult and $2 per child for lunch

Gladstone High School’s students are dependent on buses and therefore bus drivers. Our bus driver group is decreasing and will continue to do so over the next year or two. Having investigated Driver’s Licence Classifications the rules are:
• To get a LR Class of licence a person needs to have held a Class C (car) licence for at least one year. The LR qualification is needed to drive our small yellow school bus, carrying 24 students.
• To get a MR licence it is the same as the LR minimum ie a Class C licence for one year. The MR licence is needed to drive our larger yellow school bus which carries 44 students.
There may be some people in our community who are interested in becoming a bus driver and already have the driver qualifications listed above. The driver qualification is one part of the requirements of driving a school bus. If you are interested in becoming a bus driver please ring the school and ask to make an appointment to talk to me.
Denise Higgins
Principal
COMMUNITY NOTICES

Southern Flinders Football Club

Junior and Senior Colts players
Pre-season training commences
Thursday 17th March
At Laura Oval
Starting at 5:00pm

Mini’s and Sub Mini’s
Training commencing
Friday 1st April
At Gladstone Oval
Starting at 5:00pm
This is also the Football Registration Night

Chook Harslett - 0407618008
Lachlan and Di Smart - 0428684268

LAURA FOLK FAIR
Saturday 2nd April 2016
Sunday 3rd April 2016
OFFICIAL OPENING
Saturday @ 12.30pm
By Cosi (South Aussie with Cosi)
Support the Laura Folk Fair

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Saturday April 9th – Booleroo Centre Oval
Gates open 11am – free entry
First race 12 noon
6 sheep races + Booleroo cup
Cash prizes
Fashions on the Field
Bar – Wine Marquee
Evening dinner meal + entertainment
Laser Skirmish + bouncing castle
Face Painting
Novelty races
BBQ lunch

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Following completion of the course, we invite you to stay for a sausage sizzle available at a small cost.
Certificate of participation will be presented to each participant and prizes for the best dressed team and highest individual and team fundraisers.
If you are unable to participate but would like to provide a donation then it is fast and easy. Simply visit www.justgiving.com and look for Mt View Homes Memory Walk. Any amount, large or small, helps Alzheimer’s Australia get closer to its goal of improving the lives of people affected by dementia.

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FFSA Futsal/Soccer skills April School Holiday Clinic
To be held on Thursday 28th April at the Big Shed, Jamestown. Cost $5.00 per child.
Open to all players registered to play Futsal and or Rangers Outdoor Soccer this season.
Coaches for clinic are from FFSA, including FFSA Coach Cristiano Dos Santos (Ex Adelaide United player). Great opportunity to practise your soccer skills before season kicks off in May.
Please register your child/ren’s name and age, along with parent contact details to smallie06@bigpond.com
Any enquiries contact Claire Smallacombe on 86641848 or 0417867654.
Will be split into age groups pending registrations. We will email you with your child’s session time closer to date of clinic.

COME AND TRY AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION DAY
Rangers Soccer Club was formed to service all the school age children who live in & around the areas of Crystal Brook, Gladstone, Laura, Georgetown, Jamestown etc, to play in Saturday competitions in Port Pirie. U6’s,U8’s,U10’s,Primary, High School.

Tuesday 29th March 2016
4pm onwards @ Gladstone High School Oval.

If you cannot make it but would like to be involved with the club, please call Tracey :8662 2246 or E: conynghamcottage@bigpond.com