Aussie Aussie Aussie Oi Oi Oi

I sit here writing the newsletter after spending my morning watching the Boomers take on the USA. It was exciting to watch part of the game with my own children, and then come to work and watch the rest of it with staff and students (the whole school will be watching Cameron McEvoy and Kyle Chalmers at 11:30 in the Men’s 100m Freestyle). Whilst we unfortunately went down by 10 points, it was great to hear the conversations that such a game was creating amongst each other, which leads me into how to how lucky we are to have events such as the Olympic Games to engage student learning. As I move around the classrooms, it is fascinating to see how integrated the Olympics have become within the students learning at the start of this term, allowing students to learn in such a variety of curriculum areas in an engaging and stimulating manner, and I am sure similar conversations are occurring at home. An Olympics theme integrates the following learning areas in some of the following ways (plus more too long to list):

Maths – tallies, graphing, data collection, time, measurement
English: opinions, narratives, information reports
Geography: continents, countries, places, landmarks
HPE: the different sports students are exposed to, sporting stars, nutrition
History: the history of the Olympics, past Olympic games history
Science: sports science, the Amazon Rainforest
Civics and Citizenship: values of the Olympics, the athletes oath, being a good role model
The Arts: flag design, opening ceremonies

Whilst sport is not for everyone, all students are taking an interest and are learning through this sporting spectacle. The conversations, debates and questioning I am hearing are an indication that sport really does have an influence on our lives in some way. Regardless of whether you play a sport or not (because we all have an opinion on sports), we can be inspired by an athlete such as Anna Meares (she has returned to her cycling successfully after breaking her neck – inspirational). We can barrack for the athletes competing as refugees and demonstrate empathy for their situation, we are proud of our own Aussie athletes representing our fabulous country, and because of this, I am proud of the students at Laura PS.

Have a great fortnight

Kelly

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Lucy Clogg received this award for a great start to the term and for being clever, creative and careful.
Well done Lucy!

Callum Brennan received this award for putting more effort into all of his work and showing a commitment to his learning.
Well done Callum!
RECOGNITION AWARDS

Week 1 & 2

Jackson Fudge – for striving to do his best.
Hannah Zanker, Jed Griffin and Isabelle Jackson – for excellent questioning skills.
Rhys Schultz – for brilliant subtraction work.
Georgia Winter and Jez Hartmann – for making a great start to their reading goals.
Charlie Winter – for making a conscientious start to term 3.
Lara Zanker – for excellent spelling & dictation.
Jake Schultz – for an enthusiastic approach to his learning and making a great start to his reading goal.
Casey Cleggett – for making a great start to her reading goal.
Lucas Jackson – for showing leadership in class & being a fantastic helper.
Sophie Clogg – for excellent work in her guided reading group.
Emma Zanker – for having an excellent attitude to her learning in all subjects.
Will Griffin – for improved reading fluency.
Lillie Shepherdson – for continually extending herself in Maths.
Cooper Nayda-Carter – for trying exceptionally hard with his writing.
Kayden Mill – for excellent work in maths.
Hailey Zwar – for showing kindness and consideration towards her classmates.
Harry Zanker – for always trying to produce work of the highest quality.
Bella Sargent & Talia Ziepes – for well organised, accurate words study tasks.
Koby Staker – for excellent linking in handwriting.
Madison Clogg – for good problem solving in Maths.

Attendance Awards

congratulations to:

Jake Schultz – for an outstanding achievement of 100% attendance in Semester 1, 2016
Sophie Clogg, Emma Zanker, Hailey Zwar, Madison Clogg, Rhys Schultz and Lucy Clogg for 98% or more attendance in Semester 1, 2016.

SRC Semester 2

congratulations to:

4567 Class - George Klemm and Shavana Gronemyer
2/3 Class - Jobe Stevens and Madison Clogg
R/1 Class - Hailey Zwar and Lucy Kleinig

These students were presented with their badges at Fridays Assembly.
Mrs. Thomas who is on leave and travelling through Queensland found another Laura School. I think their motto would be appropriate for our school as well don’t you?

Thankyou to Helen Wurst who organises the Café every fortnight. She does a wonderful job and is much appreciated by the students as Café is a highlight. This week the food was in line with the Olympic theme (Brazilian). The students demonstrated skills in food preparation working collaboratively to successfully serve food and drinks. Thankyou also to parents, grandparents and family friends who support this.

SAPSASA NEWS

Good luck to Dusty Nayda-Carter, Georgia Winter and Casey Cleggett who travel to Adelaide next week for the SAPSASA Football and Netball State Carnival.

The Athletics trial day is fast approaching and interested students have had a nomination form sent home. Could all forms be returned as soon as possible please. With this day, a parent will be needed to help run events. If any parent can help could they please contact Robyn Staker, thankyou.

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Cardboard cylinders (toilet paper rolls etc.)
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Week 4
at Laura Primary School
Aug 15th – 19th

Hands-on Science
To celebrate the week, all students will be participating in a curious, fun-filled, moring of Science activities.
Wed. Aug 17th.
9am - 12:40pm

Throughout the week, students will be working in teams to create a sculpture made from recyclable materials. Please refer to next week’s newsletter for things you may be able to provide for this activity.
Sculptures will be on display at Assembly in Week 4

Dress up Day
Friday Aug. 19th
Students are asked to come dressed as something scientific.
Costume Parade at 9am. Parents and visitors welcome.

Idea for Dress Up Day

• A Beetle
• A Caterpillar
• A Flower
• A Plant
• A Scientist
• A Robot
• An Animal
• An Inventor
• An Instrument
• An Astronaut
• A Lightbulb
• A Machine
• The Sun
• A Lightning Bolt
• A Chef
• A Skeleton
• A Doctor
• A Professor
Keep your kids smiling

At the School Dental Service, dental care is FREE for all babies, children not yet at school and most children to age 17.

The School Dental Service is a Child Dental Benefits Schedule provider.

Call us now for an appointment!
Your local clinic is: Port Pirie West School Dental Clinic
Phone: 8632 1926

WIRRABARA TENNIS CLUB
AGM
22/8/16, 7.30pm
WIRRABARA SPORTING COMPLEX
NEW PLAYERS WELCOME
SEE YOU ALL THERE!

Annual General Meeting
MEALS ON WHEELS
LAURA & DISTRICTS BRANCH
Laura Sporting Clubrooms

1.30pm
Wednesday 17th August 2016
All Welcome
Afternoon Tea Supplied.