Testing
This past week, we have had students from Year 1 upwards, completing two different online tests; the PAT R Reading test and the PAT M Mathematics test. These online tests ask students to answer various questions that provide the teachers with instant feedback on how they are going in these curriculum areas. As teachers we can immediately see the growth that students have gained, and see where weaknesses are in students understanding that we can begin to address. During your child’s ILG reviews, the teachers will be able to share with you your child’s results and you will be able to ask questions if needed. In consultation with Lyn Moore, the Reception and Year 1 students will be trialing a new Early Years version of these tests also, and our school will be providing important feedback to DECD re these tests. The Year 1 students will be participating in both versions of the tests to see which is more beneficial to this age group. At times, testing can have a negative wrap re its uses, however staff at Laura PS value the Pat tests because of the information that they provide to help us to support your child’s learning.

Independent Learning Goal Reviews
Notes should have come home with your child this week regarding booking in a time to review your child’s ILG that was created in Term 1. Please ensure that these forms are returned as soon as possible, and if the times do not suit, you contact your child’s teacher to arrange a more suitable time for all involved.

Camps and Excursions
Next week sees one of the busiest weeks of the school year happening with 2 class camps, 2 excursions and an incursion for our students across the 3 different classes. Please ensure monies and consent forms are returned by TOMORROW and you record on your calendars or in your phones, or wherever you need to, exactly what is happening and when so that it runs as smoothly as possible for everyone. It will be an exciting week for our students and I look forward to hearing lots of stories upon my return from camp in week 9! A reminder that there will be NO ASSEMBLY in Week 8.

Independence Day
This year, we have been focusing on developing and strengthening our students Growth Mindset. In line with this, one of our school qualities is Responsibility. Given the time of year, teachers have decided to see how far our students have come in this area, and we are declaring THURSDAYS in TERM 4 to be INDEPENDENCE DAYS. Effectively, what this means is that we would REALLY like for there to be NO PARENTS/CAREGIVERS in our classrooms on these days. Whilst we greatly value your support for our students, we would like to see the students take on the morning and afternoon routines and responsibilities on their own with no guidance from anyone. This is an opportunity for parents to send their children off to class with a farewell at the gates. We teachers have every confidence our students are capable of this and that they will greatly benefit from this by gaining independence, confidence and an increased sense of responsibility by doing so. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact myself or the classroom teacher. Thank you for supporting us with this endeavour.

Governing Council
A reminder that Governing Council meeting is Monday night at 7:30pm in the Staff Room. Finance meeting will be at 7:00pm.

Have great fortnight

Kelly
## Recognition Awards

**Week 5 & 6**

- Jayden Walker & Samuel Shepherdson – for excellent work on animal research for Science.
- Shavana Gronemyer – for striving for improvement in all areas.
- Tanika Simic – for doing extra work in maths.
- Jackson Fudge – for enthusiasm and effort with science tasks.
- Isabelle Jackson – for an enthusiastic approach to all tasks.
- Nick Venables & Sophie Clogg – for writing an interesting description.
- Lucy Kleinig – for improved reading fluency & writing.

- Liam Wooley – for an excellent oral presentation in English.
- Jez Hartmann – for an enthusiastic approach to her learning.
- Lara Zanker – for producing a pleasing information report in English.
- Will Griffin – for a well rehearsed oral presentation in English.
- Eddie McCallum – for excellent money maths.
- Tess Cleggett – for a great effort with her kayak.
- Angus Kleinig – for being a super efficient fridge monitor.
- Clay Adams – for a good effort in word study.
- Jed Griffin – for working hard to reach his reading target.
- Lucas Jackson & Harry Staker – for outstanding spelling of frequently used words.
- Duncan Clogg & Emma Zanker – for great work in maths learning about tens & ones.

## Student of the Week

- **Kayden Mill** received this award for a cheerful hardworking attitude and excellent progress in all areas.  
  *Well done Kayden!*

- **Nick Zanker** received this award for mature, responsible behaviour and for working hard to improve and learn.  
  *Well done Nicki!*

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## Sports Day

The ‘Opening Ceremony’ is fast approaching and the children have been very busy practising. We expect to start the day (Thursday 22nd September) soon after 9am with a whole school torch relay around the school. This will then be followed by a Flag Parade, Dance, Athletes Oath and Marathon.

The children are asked to wear a T-shirt in the following colours:-

- R/1 - red or white
- 2/3 – red, white or blue
- 4567 – blue, white or yellow

Staff and students hope you will be able to attend and share in this very different Sports Day experience.

Thanks

Sandra
Congratulations to Callum Brennan who was selected as part of the North Eastern SAPSASA Athletics team to compete in Adelaide at the Country Championships on Monday 26th September at SANTOS Stadium. Callum was selected in the Under 13 Long Jump and we wish him well. The trial at Jamestown was a good experience for all students who attended.

CAFÉ was held on 2 consecutive weeks. We have one more group to go, this term. A huge thankyou to Parents and grandparents, neighbours and friends for your participation as invited guests. It is a real privilege for community to be involved in this activity at Laura Primary.

The students need to be congratulated for a great effort in organising their menu, preparing food and serving their guests. Their hospitality and leadership is valued.

SOUTHERN FLINDERS JUNIOR FOOTBALL AND NETBALL WIND-UP

The Junior Football & Netball windup will be held on Sunday the 11th of September at Gladstone (the day after the grand final) it will be starting at 11:30am.

All families of footballers & netballers are asked to bring a salad & sweet please with a gold coin donation to pay for the great BBQ lunch. All tiger players, members and supporters are invited to attend.
GLADSTONE SWIMMING POOL AGM

Tuesday 13th September
7.30pm at the Gilbert White Community Centre
(formally the RSL rooms) Fifth Street, Gladstone

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