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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Welcome back for a busy Term 2 and we hope that you had a wonderful holiday spending time with your families. It was pleasing to see the students eager to be back at school and excited by the promise of new learning, when we met on Tuesday morning.

Last term we were saddened to say goodbye to Lucy Cameron and Makalya Fennell and their families but this term we have welcomed three new students already. Eloise Cowin joins the Year 2s and her brother Connor along with Noah Squire joins the Year 6s. We know that you will enjoy your time at Laura.

We teachers met with Teagan Sargent (UMN Partnership, Senior Leader for Learning Improvement) on Monday, to further our understandings of task design that stretches students to think deeper about their learning and develop more comprehensive understanding of concepts. We also investigated ways to involve the students more often in the development of their learning. We call this Student Voice and the negotiation of Individual Learning Goals is one way we allow for this already. As priorities in LPS Site Improvement plan, both of these areas will be a focus for staff learning throughout this year.

NAPLAN

As these tests occur next Tuesday to Thursday, it is important that students from Years 3, 5 and 7 are here on time and ready to participate in the testing. Due to our composite classes, this means a disruption to other students as well, meaning that all students from the Year 2-7 classes will need to be patient and considerate of each other.

STEM trial

Robyn and the Year 7s are involved in a partnership trial in the learning of STEM (Science, Technology and Mathematics) which saw them engage with Year 7s and Year 8s from Gladstone High School and its other feeder schools on Wednesday this week. The students are investigating sustainable energy and using some of the strategies that we talked about as a staff on Monday. They have a program of learning planned that spans the next two terms and the trial extends into next year. It will be interesting to learn what DECD discover are the best practices in delivering these curriculum areas at the end of this trial, which involves partnerships from around the state.

Brightpath trial

As a school, we are also involved in this trial. Brightpath is a program that helps teachers to moderate student writing and provides support for moving students forward with their writing skills.

Late last term all students completed a writing sample which we are now comparing and entering into a data base.

More on this as we, ourselves learn more.

ACARA Curriculum fact sheets

ACARA have provided fact sheets about some of the Australian Curriculum areas, which are accompanying this week's newsletter, with the hope that you can use these to discuss your child's learning with them.

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Mother's Day Stall

Change of date:

Mother's Day Stall will be held

next Friday 12th May (not this Friday as previously advertised).

Our apologies for the change of date.

G.C. fundraising committee.

RECEPTION / YEAR 1 CLASS TINKERING



**ANY OLD SMALL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT THAT KIDS
CAN PULL APART AND TINKER WITH !!**

Laura Kindy & Rural Care News

With the beautiful weather for the first week back after the holidays we have enjoyed lots of outside play. The children have been using magnifying glasses to observe change and notice detail in natural objects found in the yard. We have set up a worm farm and stick insect aquarium to observe growth and change.

The next Governing Council Meeting is on Wednesday 10th May at 7.00 pm. We are seeking your ideas for a cubby so please come to the meeting or let us know your thoughts.

The first Friday session this term is on 26th May and we are planning an excursion to Bundaleer Forest. This is a Nature Play Day for the upper Mid North Partnership sites. Simon Hutchison from Climbing Tree organises activities which include cubby building, fairy houses, nature walks and rope bridges. Families with young children are most welcome to attend.



Community Notices

FEMALE FOOTBALL COME 'N TRY



Come and enjoy a FREE all Female Footy session.
Learn basic skills of footy whilst having loads of fun!

DATES & VENUES

- Sunday 14th May, Crystal Brook Town Oval
Time: 11am-12pm
Age: Under12 - Open

Enjoy a sausage sizzle afterwards.

Follow the link below to register your details

<https://saflingh.com.au/for/members/141800038400/>

Or

For any further information please contact:
Craig Oliphant Northern Regional Football Coordinator SANFL
Craig.Oliphant@sanfl.com.au or 0428 851 978
Ian Lambert on 0428 834 130

Mother's Day Luncheon

Spoil your Mum, a loved one or come to remember her on Mother's Day, Sunday 14th May, at the Blacksmith's Chatter 7 First Street, Orroroo. Enjoy a lovely meal whilst listening to the harmony of musician Gabrielle Ballard. Open from 11.30am. Bookings preferred. Ph 0427 581 302.

Free parenting seminar

Understanding the 'boy code'



Are you the parent of a teen or pre-teen?
Come and join us or watch our live webcast.

Find out about:

- the 'boy code'
- what it means for boys and girls
- the influence of social media and celebrity culture
- helping young people see beyond the stereotypes and be themselves.

Presented by Dr Justin Coulson, nationally recognised parenting speaker, author and columnist.

Register to attend in person or view the live webcast at:

Online: <http://parentingsa.eventbrite.com.au>
Phone: 8303 1660
Email: health.parentingsa@sa.gov.au

This seminar is designed for an adult audience.

Tuesday 30 May

When: 7.00 - 9.00pm

Where: Riverbank Room
Adelaide Convention Centre
North Terrace, Adelaide

Hosted by Parenting SA.
For more information about raising children and teenagers visit www.parenting-sa.gov.au or www.cyh.com

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