



Laura Primary School

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We are in the grip of some nasty colds and other illnesses, with many students and some staff unwell. While I am often talking about attendance and making sure that children attend, when they are ill, children should stay at home.

Please talk to your child about coughing into their arm and not their hand and provide them with tissues so that we can avoid the spread of too many germs.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

One of the things that impressed me when I came to Laura was our music program. It is rare for students to all be able to learn a musical instrument and the enthusiasm of the Year 4s when they auditioned for their instrument was a great thing to witness.

Learning to play an instrument uses different parts of the brain and just like sport, playing with others in a band, develops a child's skills in cooperation and consideration for others.

The instrumental music reports from semester 1 went home early this term and on a large number of reports, I read that students would improve with more practice at home. I am not surprised that some students find it difficult to practise when their instruments are left at school, as is often the case.

I am a believer in, *'if you're going to do something, do it the best you can'*. Music is a part of the curriculum and students are expected to practise their instruments for their own benefit and for those who have to play with them. Please support your child to practise at home by encouraging them and reminding them.

BRIGHTPATH: SENTENCES

All classes are focussing on the construction of sentences, as a way of improving writing, during the first 5 weeks of term. There are three basic types of sentences and good writers use a combination of these. In the junior classes we are concentrating on simple sentences and the use of interesting verbs and adjectives (describing words).

As student's progress, they use compound sentences and complex sentences by selecting conjunctions to join sentences together.

How you can help:

- When speaking with your child listen carefully to their sentences, to ensure that they do actually speak in sentences.
- Writing begins with speaking, so talk with your child often.
- Rich language use comes from rich reading experiences. Read to and with your child from a variety of texts.
- Remember that we have guides for Parents in the front office on how to help your child with Grammar, Reading and Writing.

REMINDER!

**Teachers are
monitoring
sentences in
this area!**

Barks Chips and Wood Information

Bark chips will be available to buy on Saturday 12th August between 8 a.m. – 11 a.m. \$10 per 6x4 trailer or equivalent. Please bring own shovel to load. Entry will be through the East Terrace gate. The wood that is down throughout the school yard is going to be dealt with by the governing council and will be available to buy next year (2018) in March. So watch this space in March 2018. For further enquiries regarding either the wood chips or wood please contact Matt McCallum on 0438895167.

BOOKWEEK: 21ST August – 25th August

ESCAPE TO EVERYWHERE

We have a number of celebrations planned for this week:

Monday 21st: Book activities. Before recess, students will rotate between teachers for activities based on stories.

OPEN MORNING: Wednesday 23rd: Visit your child's classroom to watch and join in with literacy activities.

Friday 25th: Dress up day. Come dressed as your favourite book character. (Or come dressed in a costume and then find a book to match). Children will read and share their books with other classes.

CATERING

Thank you to everyone who sent food for the Partnership meeting this week. The leaders were very impressed and appreciative of the selection. Containers can be collected from the front office.

SPORTS DAY

Planning has commenced for Sports Day which is on the last day of Term 3, September 29. Sports teams are attached to this week's newsletter.

PAT Testing

All students will participate in the testing of Reading and Maths skills during weeks 7 – 10. This data is used by students and their teachers to develop learning goals and monitor the effectiveness of our teaching programs.

NAPLAN results should be received by the school in the next 2 weeks.

NATIONALLY CONSISTENT COLLECTION OF DATA ON SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY

We have commenced the annual nationally consistent collection of data on school students with disability ('the Collection').

This will involve the collection of: the number of students receiving adjustments to enable them to participate in education on the same basis as other students; the level of adjustment provided to students; and where known, the student's type of disability.

Under the Collection model the definition of disability is broad and includes learning difficulties, health and mental health conditions.

If your child is identified for inclusion in the Collection, the required information about your child will be included in this year's data collection.

If you have any questions about the data collection, please contact Prue Hunter on 8663 2543. Further information about the Collection can be found at: <http://www.education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability>.

WOOLWORTHS' TOKENS

Laura Primary School supports the philosophy of shopping locally. However, if you do shop at Woolworths and receive the tokens we will collect them.

Busy times!!

Have a great couple of weeks and hopefully I see you at the **wood chopping working bee on Saturday morning.**

Prue

\$67.5 million funding boost to accelerate student achievement The State Government will provide a \$67.5m funding boost to public school students who have been identified as needing more help to lift literacy and numeracy across the state. Primary school students who are not achieving expected standards or growth will benefit from dedicated intervention funds provided to their school. Under the 4 year \$67.5m *Literacy and Numeracy First* plan, schools will use extra funds on high-impact teaching strategies to lift student achievement. Schools will use a range of evidence-based teaching strategies, including extra teachers, literacy and numeracy coaches or targeted programs. Improvement strategies will be overseen by a newly-established independent panel of education experts. The recent NAPLAN results show there has been improvement in numeracy across all year levels in the state, but more work is needed to lift achievement to a higher level for all students in numeracy and in literacy.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Thomas Zwar received this award for working with more determination & independence and for excellent co-operation during group activities.

Well done Thomas!

Kye Duke received this award for a hard working start to the new term.

Well done Kye!

Recognition Awards

Koby Staker & Lucy Clogg – for an excellent start to reading goals.
Tom Winter – for working hard in writing groups.
Charlie Winter – for a great scaled map.
Bodie Gilby – for some pleasing pieces of writing.
Sky Sargent – for interesting story writing.
Lachie Schultz – for working well on spelling & writing.
Georgia Fowler – for improved reading & story writing.
Xyler Dawson – for a calm and co-operative start to the term.
Madison Clogg – for working hard in all learning areas and always helping others.

Adam Wegner – for achieving his reading goal.
Amber Duke – for improving her multiplication skills.
Eloise Cowin – for her amazing effort in reading.
Jed Griffin – for great work in spelling activities and for always encouraging others.
Destiny Catford – for improved reading.
Imogen Pech – for a hard working start to the term.
Cooper Willis – for doing extra homework to improve his spelling.
Rhys Schultz – for working hard in reading.

In week 2 a group of students planned and prepared the first Café for term 3. It was a pleasure to welcome Parents and grandparents to Café. The students went about preparing and serving their menu enjoying this responsibility. Table arrangements made with slices of timber from the logs in the yard added to the beautiful table settings. Congratulations students, well done.

It is time to get your entries in to the Crystal Brook Show pet section. If you think your pet is something special (and aren't they all?) there are plenty of great prizes to be won in a number of categories in this year's show on August 12 from Best Cat, Best Dog, Best Bird, Best Reptile and lots more. Pets will be supervised in the pet section all day. For More Information Contact:
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WIRRABARA TENNIS CLUB AGM

30/8/17, 7.30pm

WIRRABARA SPORTING COMPLEX

NEW PLAYERS WELCOME

Meals on Wheels AGM

The Laura and District Meals on Wheels AGM will be held at the Laura Sporting Complex building on Wednesday 16th August 2017, commencing at 1:30pm.

Community are welcome to hear the review of the past year and see Service Awards presented. Afternoon tea will follow the meeting.

PARENTS in EDUCATION WEEK

Families and educators working together

18 to 22 September 2017

Free speaker sessions for parents

Learn practical tips and easy ways to support children's learning at every age and stage.

7:00pm to 8:45pm
 The Adelaide Entertainment Centre - Star Room

Tuesday 19 September	Wednesday 20 September	Thursday 21 September
<p>Minister Susan Close, Dr Kristin Alford, Niki Buchan, Jodie Benveniste</p> <p>An evening with Minister Susan Close and guests</p> <p>The 21st Century child</p>	<p>Professor Lea Waters</p> <p>Unlocking your child's potential and learning through strength-based parenting</p>	<p>Dr Justin Coulson</p> <p>9 Ways to a Resilient Child</p> <p>Learn how to build a strong connection with your child</p>

Get involved! In person View online

www.decd.sa.gov.au/pieweek

The first five minutes

Discover simple life-saving tips on what to do in the precious minutes before an ambulance arrives.

Wednesday 23 August 2017

Laura Football Clubrooms
 7-9pm
FREE - just turn up

Topics covered include heart attack, stroke, seizures, snake bite, anaphylaxis, burns, meningococcal disease, public access defibrillators, spinal injuries, car crashes and more.

Presented by regional team leader for Upper Mid North Chris Cotton

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