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IMPORTANT DATES

Fri. November 24th –
Assembly 2.50pm

Mon. December 4th –
Governing Council
Meeting 7.30pm

Tues. December 5th –
Year 7 Graduation
Dinner

Fri. December 8th –
Assembly 2.50pm

Tues. December 12th –
School Concert

(change of date)
Wed. 13th December –
BIG DAY OUT Jamestown
Pool

Fri. December 15th –
Last Day of Term 2.30pm
dismissal

CONGRATULATIONS!

We are so happy to be wishing Catherine Burton and Greg Cowin our best wishes for their wedding on Saturday.



Staffing 2018

As mentioned at assembly last week, we have finalised our teaching staff for 2018. Mrs Monica Woolford has accepted the position of Early Years Leader. She will have responsibility for the preschool and Rural Care as well as teaching in the junior primary class for two mornings each week, in Semester 1. Monica is currently the Director of Peterborough Preschool which includes a Rural Care service and she has taught in junior primary classes in the past. She visited this morning and met the staff at both the school and preschool.

Nikki Fejo will teach the fourth class that we are creating due to our numbers next year and Hilary Ferguson will replace Josie Smallacombe for Terms 1 and 2. We are very pleased that we are able to create continuity in our staffing next year.

At this stage, with the enrolments that we have confirmed, the allocation of staff to classes is:

Year R/1 – Ms Fejo

Year 2/3 – Ms Ferguson

Year 4 – Mrs Moore and Mrs Hunter

Year 5/6/7 – Mrs Staker

Mrs Zander will teach Italian and provide non-instructional time for teachers.

We are continuing to consider the composition of classes for next year. This is determined by what is best for the students' learning, as well as the number of students in each year level. We have had some possible new enrolments, **so classes are not finalised yet.**

Our SSO staff will remain the same at the school and the Governing Council voted to continue the Pastoral Care program next year. We are fortunate to have such supportive and professional people to assist our staff and students.

Rural Care

Some children have been visiting Rural Care after school as they ride past on their bikes. This is not allowed due to the staff: student ratios.

New Uniforms

Each child will receive a complimentary new school shirt next year, with our new logo on it. Shirts and jumpers with the current logo will also be acceptable as our uniform. Staff are currently writing reports and as we complete Week 5, we realise that the end of year is fast approaching. Much to do still, so busy times ahead! Have a good couple of weeks.

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BEE ATTITUDE AWARD

Is an award recognizing students who use our school values of respect, responsibility, honesty, care and compassion.

This encouragement award is awarded to:

Bodie Gilby

for consistently being a kind and considerate class member and being a positive role model to students in the school yard at Laura Primary School.



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Destiny Catford received this award for not giving in so quickly and for making such wonderful improvement in reading and writing.

Well done Destiny!



Kayden Mill received this award for a great attitude to learning, consistently trying hard to improve and prepared to challenge himself.

Well done Kayden!

Recognition Awards

Bodie Gilby – for producing entertaining pieces of writing.

Haylee Magnay – for working hard in Maths.

Jayden Walker – for working well in Literacy.

Madison Clogg – for always working hard and producing great quality learning.

Mharlly Gilby – for being a kind and thoughtful member of our team.

Lucas Jackson – for his great effort in maths.

Thomas Zwar and Oscar Fudge – for excellent independent research on bugs.

Cooper Willis – for a great fairytale book.

Nicki Zanker – for amazing Maths results.

Koby Staker – for an excellent fractions assessment.

Talia Ziepes – for improved writing and maths.

Charlotte Hatswell and Charlie Winter – for an excellent effort in dance.

Isabelle Jackson – for always focusing on the task she is given.

Clay Adams – for neat and accurate work in spelling.

Rhys Schultz – for being a hard working team member in the science research project.

Matiesha Ackland – for not giving in during maths and working hard to solve problems.

Kayden Mill – For great problem solving in Maths.






Yesterday Italian Day was a terrific success. Thank you to all the children for dressing up and the many parents who took time out to come and have a look at their children's work.

Students work will continue to be on display until the end of the week.

Buddy Reading



**Why Can't I Skip My
20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?**

| Student "A" reads 20 minutes each day | Student "B" reads 5 minutes each day | Student "C" reads 1 minute each day |
|--|---|---|
| 3600 minutes in a school year | 900 minutes in a school year | 180 minutes in a school year |
| 1,800,000 words | 282,000 words | 8,000 words |
|  |  |  |
| <i>90th percentile</i> | <i>50th percentile</i> | <i>10th percentile</i> |

By the end of 6th grade Student "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student "B" will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?

(Nagy & Herman, 1987)



COMMUNITY NOTICES

SA Dental Service

Keep your kids smiling



Dental care is FREE for ALL babies, preschool and most children under 18 years at School Dental Service clinics.
The School Dental Service is a Child Dental Benefits Schedule provider.

Call us now for an appointment!

Your local clinic is: Pt Pirie West School Dental Clinic

Phone: 8632 1926

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Gladstone Swimming Club

Training starts Wednesday 8th
November @ 5.30pm, Gladstone
Pool

Training sessions Mondays and
Wednesdays 5.30-6.30pm

All swimmers welcome to come and
try for free!

Monday 18th-Friday 22nd December
Enrolment Sat. 2nd December 10-
12am

At the Gladstone Swimming Pool
For swimmers of all levels
School starters 2018 and older

RLSS Bronze awards on request
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