

# LAURA PRIMARY SCHOOL

## BIRTH TO PRIMARY

1<sup>st</sup> February, 2018



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## Principal News

Welcome to Laura Primary School, Birth to Primary! We have had a great start to the year with all students 'on deck' and settling into their classroom routines. We have a total of 83 students in our primary years and 13 at our Preschool. The new pre-schoolers and the 11 new students from other schools have all settled in well. Teachers are busy establishing routines and negotiating expectations. Central to these negotiations are our school values, which were reviewed at the end of last year. The values of Respect, Honesty and Perseverance will

permeate all that we do, how we act and interact with each other. Part of the expectation of Respect is reflected in student work and the care for their books. To support them in this, please ensure that all books are covered by the end of Week 2. Our Site Improvement focus this year is on Writing: a focus shared by the Upper Mid North partnership, of which Laura Primary School remains a part. 'Why do we focus on Writing?' I hear you ask. Being able to write well and confidently is essential, so that we can communicate our knowledge and opinions.

Writing well comes from being able to organise our thoughts and ideas, and being able to write and communicate our views, means that we have choices in life. As a birth to Year 7 site, the focus on writing starts with Oral Language acquisition and this is the focus in our Rural Care, Preschool and early years. Individual Learning Goals centred on Writing, will be developed by students in the first few weeks and you can expect to see these recorded in students' diaries.

## Amalgamation News and Acquaintance Night

I want to thank the members of all the amalgamation committees for their efforts last year in preparing for the seamless transition. Tenders for the building redevelopment will close next Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February

and so we hope that we will know when building starts very soon.

To celebrate our coming together as one community, the staff have decided to hold an Acquaintance night on Tuesday

13<sup>th</sup> February. Teachers will be in their classrooms between 5 and 6pm so that you can have a look in rooms and talk to the teachers. This will be followed by a sausage sizzle at 6 pm. All welcome and more information to follow.



RESPECT

HONESTY

PERSEVERANCE

## Governing Council AGM

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 8pm is our Governing Council AGM and you will have received a nomination sheet yesterday. All positions are vacant this year as we start our new combined school; some will be for a one year term while others will be for two years. I strongly encourage you to attend the AGM so that you can show your support for your children. Please consider standing for election as 2018 is an important year for the future of education in Laura and districts.

At the start of the meeting we will determine the composition of the Council before elections are held. The AGM will be followed by an ordinary meeting of the newly elected members so that executive positions and committees can be elected. The annual reports of the three amalgamating sites will all be presented on this night.

Even if you do not want to be on the Governing Council, you may be interested in being on one of the committees.

## School Times

*"We must be able to catch the ball that children throw and toss it back to them in a way that makes children want to continue the game with us, developing perhaps, other games as we go along." Carla Rinaldi*

As mentioned in the last 2017 newsletter, our school day now finishes at 3:20pm.

Before school we have 2 yard duties. The first duty is primarily for the bus students and finishes at 8:35am. Students are required to be in the multi-purpose room during this time, leaving teachers free to complete their preparation for the day. Students should therefore not be on school grounds until after 8:35am. If there is a reason for a child regularly being earlier, other than

being a bus student, then please contact me at school. Students are allowed in the yard after 8:35am when the second duty commences. **School commences at 8.55am and finishes at 3.20.** **Students who arrive late please be reminded that signing in at front office is required.** **Also if your child is absent for any reason a note to teacher, telephone call or flexi buzz message is mandatory.**

## Electronic Newsletter

This year we will be trialling electronic newsletters, so this will be the last paper newsletter



m. One reason for this all our parents receive letter on the same Kindy is on Monday Tuesday, and our doesn't go out until there would be a our kindy parents

receiving the information.

Please ensure that we have an up-to-date email address from your family and please let us know if you don't have access to the internet so that we can still send a paper copy home for you.

As I said this is a trial. If you

have feedback about the decision, please contact a Governing Council member before our Week 8 meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> March.

*Have a great week!*

*Prue*

### R/1 Class

Lachie Akbar, Eliza Clogg,  
Elijah Gabell, Ryder Gilby,  
Harrison Kleinman,  
Jeremy Smith, Max Staker,  
Ryder Talbot

### 2/3 Class

Lucy Cameron, Dustin Hollitt,  
Preston Kleinman,  
Cody Walker, Mia Duke,  
Teagan Hollitt

### 5/6/7 Class

Mitchell Walker, Hanna  
Woodlands, Crispin Harness,  
Danika Olsen,  
Oscar Kleinman



Flexibuzz is the schools communication app. Here are the instructions on how to download on

## Monica's News

During the Christmas break we said farewell to June Cowin, our past Preschool Director, as she prepared for a well-deserved break. We hope she has some lovely time-out as we will miss her and we thank her for all she has done for the Laura Preschool and Rural Care over the years. My name is Monica Woolford and I am excited

to join the team of educators here at Laura Birth to Primary school during our first year of amalgamation; as the Early Years coordinator for 2018. I became familiar with the school many years ago, where I did my final teaching placement in a r/1 class. My husband and I live in Jamestown, with 4 kids to keep us busy and we are

lucky to have grandparents nearby in the Mid North also. This year we have a class of 13 preschool children that have started the year with great enthusiasm and I will be spending time each week in the R/1 class working alongside Ms Fejo. I am ready for a busy year and I look forward to working with you and your children in 2018.



### Meet Monica Woolford and Pre-school Children



## Classroom Learning

The R/1 Class and the Year 4 Class are both learning about Australia. The Year 4s have been talking about Australian authors and Australian picture books.

On Wednesday we read to the R/1 Class and asked about which things are Australian e.g. Australian animals, cities, Uluru etc.



Lyn Moore

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### SOUTHERNFLINDERS NETBALL CLUB

We are seeking Coaches For 2018 season. If you are keen to coach a grade or keen to help out please contact Bern on 0439864330 or on our Southern Flinders Netball Club Facebook



### Hip Hop Bounce, fresh dance that's all about fun!

DANCE, CHEER, TUMBLE and SING, Hip Hop Bounce are now open for 2018 enrolments in our Jamestown campus, as well as campuses in Port Pirie, Clare and Whyalla.

Come and share our passion for dance; make new friends and have fun whilst getting fit, boosting your confidence and learning great dance technique. All students are invited to perform at our annual end of year Spectacular at the Northern Festival Centre. Everyone is welcome to come and try, no experience necessary.

### Enrolments are now open for our exciting 2018 timetable...

- \*Huge range of dance styles including Hip Hop, Ballet, Jazz and Contemporary.
- \*Home of the Bounce All Stars Cheerleading program encompassing Stunt, Pom and Tumble.
- \*Welcome to our first ever Jamestown based competition team - Senior All Star Cheer for ages 10-18.
- \*Our very own Little Bouncer Club specifically designed to introduce your 2 or 3 year old to the magic of dance.
- \*Take classes to perform, compete or just for fun; 2 years to adults, beginner to advanced.
- \*Two nights of classes in Jamestown, held at the RSL Clubrooms.
- \*VET/SACE dance certification options for school years 9 and up (Port Pirie)
- \*New classes with expanded timetables in Port Pirie, Clare and Whyalla.

Contact Natasha for details and to book your place- classes are filling quickly.  
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 0416 239 676  
 Find us on Facebook



### TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR SISTER EXPERIENCE FRANCE AT HOME HOST FAMILY OPPORTUNITIES

In June each year, students aged 15 - 16 years from France will be arriving in Australia to study at local schools for 12 weeks. Opportunities are available to become a host family in a volunteer/unpaid capacity.

Host families help provide each student with the chance to study and experience life in Australia. This is a great way to practice your French, share your stories, learn about another country and culture, establish a lifelong link to a family in another country and contribute to international goodwill.



Our students bring with them their own spending money, health insurance, a wonderful attitude and desire to learn about their new host country. Your extended family and friends will grow and learn as you all get to know your new 'son' or 'daughter' from another land. If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, we would love to hear from you...

For further details, please contact Jenny Hanson (SPANZ SA Placement Co-ordinator)  
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"Anything Goes is set aboard the S.S. American. Nightclub singer/evangelist, Reno Sweeney is en-route to England, whilst her pal, Billy Crocker is stowed away to be with his love, Hope Harcourt. The problem is, Hope is engaged to the wealthy Lord Evelyn Oakleigh. Can Billy get the girl before the ship arrives at its destination?"

Tickets on sale at [www.countryarts.org.au](http://www.countryarts.org.au)

Keith Michell Theatre, 16th-17th of February

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### CRYSTAL BROOK JUNIOR TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Doubles Round Robin



We make problems disappear.



Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Crystal Brook Tennis Courts  
 9.30am for a 10.00am start  
 \$10 Entrance fee per child

Age Groups: - 16 and Under, 13 and Under, and 11 and Under  
 (Parents of 11 & Under group will be required to umpire neutral games – please advise name for roster)

Lunch and refreshments available

Email registrations forms to [crystalbrooktennisclub@gmail.com](mailto:crystalbrooktennisclub@gmail.com)  
 or SMS Enquiries: Jade Inglis - 0417817218 by Thursday, 22nd February, 2018



Term 1, 2018

Laura Birth to Primary School Planner

WEEK	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
<b>1</b> <i>29 Jan—2nd Feb</i>	29	30	31	1	2
<b>2</b> <i>5 Feb—9 Feb</i>	5	6	7	8	<b>9</b> Assembly 2.45
<b>3</b> <i>12 Feb—16 Feb</i>	<b>12</b> Governing Council AGM 8pm	<b>13</b> Acquaintance Night 5-6pm	<b>14</b> GHS Swimming Carnival	15	16
<b>4</b> <i>19th Feb-23 Feb</i>	19	20 SAPSASA SWIMMING TRIALS	21	22	<b>23</b> Assembly 2.45
<b>5</b> <i>26 Feb- 2 March</i>	26	27	28	1	2
	← SWIMMING LESSONS →				
<b>6</b> <i>5 Mar-9th Mar</i>	<b>5</b> STUDENT FREE DAY	6	7	8	<b>9</b> Assembly 2.45 GHS Athletics Carnival
<b>7</b> <i>12 Mar—16 Mar</i>	<b>12</b> ADELAIDE CUP PUBLIC HOLIDAY	13	14	15	16
<b>8</b> <i>19 Mar—23 Mar</i>	<b>19</b> Governing Council Meeting 8pm School Photos	20	<b>21</b>	22	<b>23</b> Assembly 2.45
<b>9</b> <i>26 Mar—30 Mar</i>	26	27	28	29	30 GOOD FRIDAY
<b>10</b> <i>2 April-6 April</i>	2 EASTER MONDAY	3	4	5	<b>6</b> Assembly 2.45 FOLK FAIR
<b>11</b> <i>9 April—13 April</i>	9	10	11	12	13 Last day of Term 1.
	← Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews →				

Happy Holidays—Term 2 starts Monday 30th April, 2018