



LOTA STATE SCHOOL

Newsletter

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families

Monday starts the 4th week of this school term; and time continues to fly by.

NEW ROLL MARKING PROCEDURES

From next Monday there will be a new way to record student absences. Although I will communicate this in finer detail in our next newsletter, I wish to bring some aspects to your attention. Absences are now categorised as 'Reasonable' and 'Unreasonable'. A reasonable absence will be recorded for: sickness (incl dental), religious significance, holidays, legal matters etc. An unreasonable absence will be recorded if your child is absent for any other reason which does not fall into the 'reasonable' category – this includes: day off for no reason, fishing excursion, sporting events that have nothing to do with the school, day off for birthday or birthday of a friend/family, day at a theme park etc. Your child will NOT be marked absent if they are: on excursion, at a school based activity, at a school run sporting event (including representative sport) or any other activity sanctioned by the school.

Please note that from now on if you intend to go on a family holiday for 10 or greater consecutive days, then a written letter must be forwarded to the Principal. For example – you wish to go on holiday for 2 weeks then you must forward me written notification. I will give more information in the coming weeks.

EXCURSION, SPORT ETC PAYMENTS

Please note that excursions and sport money etc must be paid in full or the student will not be permitted to attend the activity. Parents are given sufficient advice as to when payment is due and I welcome all part-payments and payment plans. At the moment we are seeking payment for Lone Pine (P to year 2) excursion and weekly sporting money for years 5 to 7.

I draw your attention to our refund policy which can be found in our family handbook.

FOR YOUR DIARY

08 May	Grandparents morning
08 May	Mother's Day Stall - before school
10 May	Mother's Day Stall – before school
13 May	Volunteers Morning Tea
11 May	Lone Pine Excursion
20 May	Book Fair

LABOUR DAY

Monday 7th May is NOT a public holiday. It is school as normal on Monday. Please note that the Labour Day holiday is the first Monday in October.

MOTHER'S DAY STALL

The Mother's Day stall will be held on Wednesday 8th and Friday 10th May before school only. Students can purchase gifts before school. Please remind them to place the gifts securely in their bags.

VOLUNTEERS MORNING TEA

Our school is very grateful for the time our volunteers give us each week. We have many who have children at our school and a growing number of volunteers who come to our school to support our teachers in the classroom. We thank you very much and Mrs Cleary has arranged a special morning tea on Monday 13th May. Please come along, have a chat and know that we appreciate all that you do.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to those students who represented our school at the District Cross Country. Sam W and Jamie T (year 7) will go on to represent the District at the next level of competition. We wish them the best of luck.

TUCKSHOP

Please find attached the new YUMMY menu – I can taste the hot chicken and gravy roll now. Please note that orders are to be placed directly with the tuckshop and there are NO over the counter sales on either WEDNESDAY or FRIDAY for second break. Items for

P&C Meets - 3rd Tuesday of month 6.30pm (Resource Centre) - Tuckshop - each Wednesday and Friday -
Admin open 8.00am - 3:00pm

second break must be written on a lunch bag, paid for, and will be delivered to your child.

Please note that an Ice Stick (ice block) is back on the menu. Students can only purchase these during first break (after they have eaten their other lunch). There is a strict limit of ONE ice block per student. Students caught purchasing them for other students, asking other students to purchase multiple ice blocks, or consuming multiple ice blocks WILL be banned from enjoying this treat.

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Grandparents' Morning



All Grandparents of Lota State School students are invited to a Grandparents' morning on Wednesday May 8th. Grandparents are to come to the parade area for 9.00 am where we will showcase some of our talents. They will then be invited to visit the classroom to participate in some activities before returning to the parade area for morning tea from 10.15 am - 10.30 am. Please return invitations to the school by Friday 3rd May so we know the correct numbers for catering.

National Volunteer Week[®]

13-19 MAY 2013

In recognition of the enormous contribution volunteers make to the success of Lota State School, we are holding a special morning tea on Monday 13th May. We would like to invite all of our volunteers to attend this event as a gesture of our gratitude for all that you do. Please join us from 9:30 a.m. at the parade area. We look forward to seeing you there.