



# LOTA STATE SCHOOL Newsletter

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families

As the weather continues to cool it is time for the jumpers and long pants to come out of storage. Below is an outline of acceptable winter school uniform:

Girls – may choose to wear bottle green tights under their uniforms (dress and culottes).

All Students – may choose to wear a bottle green tracksuit/pants.

School polo/check shirts, dresses, culottes and shorts still remain our uniform.

Requirements:

All tights worn must only be bottle green in colour and can be worn under culottes or the dress only.

All tracksuit or similar pants must be bottle green and are worn in place of green shorts (boys), culottes (girls), sport shorts (unisex)

All jumpers MUST be bottle green. I have already noted students wearing non green jumpers. Bottle green is part of our uniform, it unites us and we look good when all students are in uniform. Students wearing other colours will be supplied with a 2<sup>nd</sup> hand jumper to wear for the day.

Purchasing:

The Uniform Shop has a vast array of 2<sup>nd</sup> hand winter stock, and some logo printed jumpers.

All bottle green school wear can be purchased from larger department stores.

**UNIFORM SHOP OPEN BEFORE SCHOOL EACH THURSDAY.**

**STARLIGHT FOUNDATION – Free Dress Day**

Kellie T has organised for a Free Dress Day at school on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May. There is a gold coin donation with all proceeds going to the Starlight Foundation. Children can wear appropriate sun safe normal clothing or yellow/purple clothing next Tuesday. Thank you for supporting this worthy cause.

## FOR YOUR DIARY

20 May	Book Fair

## VOLUNTEERS MORNING TEA

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers who joined us for morning tea on Monday. Thank you to Mrs Cleary and members of her family who baked home-made 'treats' for us to enjoy. Schools rely very heavily on those families who volunteer in whatever capacity they can. We have volunteers in our classrooms, tuckshop, during fundraising events, at school activities like rewards day and camps and generally supporting our community. I would also like to take this opportunity to give a special thankyou to three lovely mothers who help with the transport of two students to school when needed. Did you know that over a third of our families volunteer at our school, and we currently have nearly 10 volunteers who do not have children at our school. This is truly fantastic.

On behalf of the school and P&C I extend a heartfelt THANK YOU.

## ADVENTURERS' CLUB and SCRIPTURE UNION

On Mothers' Day the Adventurers' Club and Scripture Union (Chaplaincy) combined in a Bunnings fundraising activity. They received a \$100 Bunnings Gift Card which they have presented to the Environmental Club. The Club hopes to purchase new equipment, as the number of children engaging in this lunchtime activity grows. They also hope to purchase water saving taps for the school.

The Adventurers' Club and Scripture Union will again combine, holding a barbecue this weekend at Capalaba Bunnings. All monies raised go towards keeping the cost of the camps to a minimum and Chaplains in schools.

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

### **CHILDREN AT SCHOOL AFTER 3pm**

As mentioned in previous newsletters, I am very proud of the amount of families who stay at school after 3pm as it shows our ongoing commitment to a united community. I feel it is timely that I remind everyone of the expectations:

- all children are in the total care of their parent/caregiver.
- parents must know where their child is at all times.
- any incidences which occur during this time are to be reported to me, and although I am happy to pass on any relevant information to another parent, no responsibility for loss of belongings, injury etc will be placed on the school.

Staff and myself have noted that students (many being younger) are running in out of bounds areas and playing unsafely on play equipment. Children are not to be behind the library building (uniform shop side), in the carpark or playing in the long jump pit. They should be supervised whilst on the play equipment.

### **PREPs BEFORE 8.30am**

A reminder that Preps are to be escorted to their classroom after 8.30am. No Prep, without approval from myself, is to be at school prior to 8.30am. Prior to 8.30am we require the children to sit in their eating areas. It can be impossible, as you would be aware, to make a Prep sit for an extended period of time. For their safety they must be escorted by an adult to the classroom and remain there until the bell rings to commence class.

### **SITTING BEFORE 8.30am**

I have needed to speak to many students who are moving around the school prior to 8.30am. Students must be seated in their eating areas and should not come to school prior to 8.30am unless parents are working. Due to the amount of movement, and after speaking to the children, the bell to move will now ring at 8.35am. It is therefore up to the children and the choices they make – remain seated before 8.30am and the bell will return to normal. I have spoken to year 6 and 7 students as they need to be role models.

### **LONE PINE EXCURSION**

Well done to the staff and students on a fabulous P-2 excursion to Lone Pine. I am still hearing wonderful stories about the day and have heard it described as the 'best day ever'.

### **NAPLAN**

Over the last three days students have participated in the NAPLAN tests. Well done to all those year 3, 5 and

7 students who tried their hardest. Results will be available to families later in the year.

Lota State School year 5 students were invited to join an Upper Two Band Numeracy Project as a lead in to NAPLAN. Each week 11 year 5 students participated in an online virtual maths classroom aimed at increasing their skills in problem solving. All students completed the course and enjoyed it. Thank you to Mrs Gould who supervised each week and to Mrs Jackson as being the fill-in supervisor; your valuable time is greatly appreciated. Having such wonderfully behaved students in this group allowed me to ask equally wonderful parents to help with supervision. This allowed me to be present nearby, but continuing my curriculum development work. Thank you.

### **NEXT WEEK**

Next week is going to be a little interesting for us. On 21, 22, 23 May our computer server is being replaced and therefore we will have no computer access for most of this time. In addition Mrs Buchbach and Mrs Fredrick will be attending an Admin Officer Conference on 21 and 22 May. Although we have Teacher Aide replacements in the office there will be times when it is just me. On 23 and 24 May Mrs Blanch and myself will be out of the school at a Mazarno Conference. During my absence senior teachers – Mrs Sheil and Mr Willis will be acting Principal. During sport on Friday Mrs Townsend will be Acting.

### **PAYMENTS**

Thank you to those families who are clearing accounts at the school. Payment for sport travel needs to continue. Please note that non-attendance at sport does not require payment.

Coming up we have Life Education (approximately \$8) and an Arts Council (approximately \$6). I am happy to enter a payment plan whereby parents can give any amount of money and this will be held against your account as payment for the activity.

Until next fortnight.

Regards

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