Dear Families
As term 2 draws to a close, and holidays a mere hours away, I would like to give a special mention to the students, staff and families who continue to make this school such a special place to work, learn and have fun.

From our army of volunteers (families and non-families), our dedicated and hardworking staff and our wonderful students, I say thank you for a fabulous, yet speedy, first semester. We have immersed ourselves in an immeasurable amount of school and community activities; as well as many personal and class gains in learning.

Many of our children represented our school at sporting and cultural activities outside of our school. From wins, and near wins in sport, to Readers’ Cup, Young Leaders’ challenge days, cluster extension days, eisteddfods and music camps. We may only be a small school, but our students have the opportunity to be involved in as many activities as a larger school.

Of particular note is a wonderful letter sent to the Premier, Minister for Education, and our local and state members by a couple who witnessed our Adventurers’ Club in action. I have received two glowing letters from Mr Campbell Newman Premier of Qld, and Mr John-Paul Langbroek Minister for Education, Training and Employment, congratulating us on such a positive school program. Well done to everyone involved.

FAREWELL MRS KING
This week Mrs King, our much loved and respected Teacher Aide, retired from Lota State School after 26 years of service. We wish Mrs King all the best in this next phase – retirement, and look forward to her return visits. As a parting gift to the school, Mrs King and the Environmental Club planted a tree at the northern corner of the library.

We welcome Mrs Julie Mulherran who will now be a full time aide at our school, Mrs Winchester and Mrs Harding who have increased their hours, and Mrs Chambers who will work at Lota each Tuesday. Thank you.

Have a lovely holiday and we look forward to your return in semester two.

Regards
Kim Schembri
Principal

Dance Team News
A group of students will be representing our school at the Redlands Eisteddfod during the holidays. These students have been rehearsing before school each Friday morning this term and have worked extremely hard. They will compete against other Primary School groups and will be performing “Holding Out For A Hero” and “Dynamite”. They are performing on Thursday 4th July at the Lingo Lin Performing Arts Centre at Ormiston College, Sturgeon St, Ormiston. The session starts at 7:00p.m. It would be lovely to have some supporters watching in the audience and everyone is very welcome to attend. The prices for the session are: Adult: $10.00 - Concession: $7.00. Tickets can be purchased at the door on the evening.

Next term, Junior Dance Club (Prep – Year3) will be held on Tuesdays at 1st break playtime and Senior Dance Club (Year 4-7) will be held on Thursdays at 1st break playtime. We will be finishing off our new routines so that we can perform them before the end of the year. It is very important that your child attends every rehearsal if they wish to be included in these routines.

Mrs Cleary
Wynnum Softball Association is holding a softball clinic for 5 Saturdays for all children – boys and girls – from 5 years to 13 years old.

It will run from Saturday 29\textsuperscript{th} June to Saturday 27\textsuperscript{th} July from 9:30am – 11:00am.

The cost is $50 per child.

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