



LOTA STATE SCHOOL Newsletter

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

It has been a delight to meet you and your children and their teachers over the last week. Your children are well mannered and attentive in their classrooms. They are very proud of their school and are keen to let me know what makes Lota such a great school.

I would like to commend students on their **great listening skills in classrooms**. In my visits to classes I note that all students are attentive to their teachers and their peers. They show great respect by following teacher instructions and working respectfully with each other.

Before school in the morning it was evident last week that some students are arriving very early and have started to run around the buildings and play ball games. This is not permitted. Students need to remain seated until the first bell rings and may then play a game of handball (only) until it is time to move into class. Please do not drop children to school before 8:30am as they are not supervised until this time and are likely to look for their own entertainment which can lead to them breaking these school rules.

Upcoming Events

To help teach your children the importance of reading signs and looking for message. I thought we would have some fun and foster a love of reading so I have put a quote from a Dr Seuss book on the notice board facing Richard Street. Encourage your children (young and mature) to read the sign and let me know which book I have quoted from. Students write their name and which book they think is my source onto a piece of paper to be placed in the raffle box in the office. A correct entry will be drawn on parade next Tuesday.

Maths Excellence Day

Year 7 students Jack Gould and Jamie Tillan will be representing Lota tomorrow at Wynnum State School for a maths extension day with fellow students from across our local area. Best wishes to them both!

FOR YOUR DIARY

August 28- 29	Father's Day Stall 8-9am
August 27 -30	Life Education
September 10	Book week parade & musical
October 8	Prep enrolment & information evening
October 17-19	Adventurers' Club Camp

Wynnum District Maths Masters

There are 10 local primary schools participating in this series of challenges to be held at Moreton Bay Boys College between September and November. The next of these is on Wednesday 11 Sept. Selected students in Year 6 and 7 have been provided with information about this competition where I am sure they will do Lota proud. Parents who are taking their child to MBBC for this event will also need to bring them back to school when it is finished at approximately 9:30am.

The P&C would like to undertake further fundraising for the school in the coming months, and they have started to recruit for helpers and are seeking input from families on the possibility of running a school disco in Term 4. The suggested theme they will work on will relate to this year's book week theme of Space. If you would like to contribute to ideas, planning and coordination of this event please refer to the P&C note on page 2 for contact details.

A Prep Enrolment and Information Evening will be held on 8 October 6:30pm in the school Resource Centre. Please spread the word about your great school and let families and friends know that it is time to enrol their child(ren) for next year. **Any children born between July 1 2008 and June 30 2009 will be eligible for Prep in 2014**

If you have any inquiries about enrolment, please don't hesitate to make a time to come and see me.

Kind Regards,
Maryanne Gosling
Acting Principal

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

Adventurers' Club Camp

The second Adventurers' Club Camp for the year will be a three day camp from **17 -19 October 2013**. It will be a beach camp at Pottsville in northern New South Wales. The cost (after a subsidy from the club because of its fund raising efforts this year) will be **\$90 per person**. Interested families should complete the form below and **return it to either the Office or Ms Clarkson by this Friday 30 August**. The number of adults that can attend is limited to approximately 12 depending on the number of accompanying children. The camp will be opened to Year 7 (and possibly Year 6 depending on numbers) on Monday 2 September . These children may attend without a parent. The total number of people that can be accommodated in our tents and transported by bus is approximately 50.

Elaine Clarkson

Book Week Celebrations - Read Across the Universe

We will be celebrating **Book Week** at Lota SS this year with a **costume parade and a musical on Tuesday 10th September**. The children will be invited to dress up as a favourite book character or as



something associated with the theme which is 'Read Across The Universe'. The children cannot come in super hero costumes. Costumes do not need to be purchased or hired for the event and we look forward to seeing the creativity of the students in putting together their costumes. On the same day, the children will have the opportunity to see a Book Week musical at school called "Space Jump". The musical is based on four of the shortlisted books for this year which the children have been enjoying during their library lessons this term. The cost and permission letter will follow shortly.

From the P&C:

Father's Day Stall - The P&C has organised a stall for father's day gifts. Gifts are available on Thursday and Friday of this week. If you can help oversee gift sales, we would love to see you between 8-9am Thu 28 / Fri 29 Aug.

End of Year Dance - This event is a tradition celebrated with glee at Lota SS. To make this tradition happen, the P&C require people to partner up with Lisa Hetherington (volunteer coordination), Emma Rogan (food), Beth Joyce (decorations) and Maree Neville (chorography/dance). Please email pandc@lotass.eq.edu.au if you are able to provide support in these roles.

Uniform Shop Co-ordinator - Do you have a few hours each week to volunteer to operate the uniform shop? If so please contact Lisa Meyer or Liz Vang pandc@lotass.eq.edu.au

Date and Time of Camp

Submission: _____

Office use Only

**LOTA SS ADVENTURERS' CLUB CAMP
CAMP ATTENDANCE BY FAMILIES
Bunya Mountains National Park
from Thursday 17 - 19 October 2013.
The cost of the camp is \$90 per person.
This form is to be completed by Families who
wish to attend the camp.**

FAMILY NAME _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

**NAME/S OF PARENT / GUARDIAN/CARER WHO
WILL BE ATTENDING THE CAMP**

**NAMES OF ALL CHILDREN & ROLL CLASS (if
applicable)**

SIGNATURE of Parent/Guardian/Carer