



LOTA STATE SCHOOL Newsletter

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

You are very fortunate to be a part of such a beautiful little school like Lota State School. The community of families and friends that work hard to make the school grounds so inviting, have been hard at work again in the last few weeks, as have the teachers with Mrs Templeton getting ready for a fabulous book week.

CITRUS GROVE:

Thanks to Mr Holder and Mrs Mulheran for leading the charge of helpers who are putting our Fruit Grove together. The school has purchased a variety of fruit trees to start building this fruit grove which promises to bring lots of delicious learning activities to our students.



FOR YOUR DIARY

September 17	Regular Tuesday Parade
September 19	Special End of Term Parade
September 19	Free Dress Day – Gold Coin Donation
September 20	Last day of term
Sep 21 – Oct 6	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
October 7	Student Free Day
October 9	Prep 2014 Info Night 6:30-8pm
October 10	Prep Orientation Morning 9-11am
October 11	School Photos



Our P&C group will be providing funding support to purchase some new garden equipment soon too as a part of keeping our garden programs running beautifully.

Last week, Mrs Mulheran shared her secret lemonade recipe with some of our enthusiastic garden helpers to thank them for their help in making our gardens grow.



BOOK WEEK PARADE:

Thank you to Mrs Templeton and Lota Staff for making such a fun-filled book week and parade! There were some very creative minds sharing their favourite stories through character and costumes on Tuesday this week. Thank you also to Mums, Dads, Families and Friends who helped their children get into the spirit of book week and celebrate our great love of books.



Adventurers' Club

The next Adventurers' Club meeting is this coming Monday, 16 September at 7:30 pm in the Year 3 room in A Block. The main topic of discussion will be the Pottsville Camp in October. Interested parents are welcome to attend. Parents of students attending the camp are reminded that the medical forms, which were handed out last week, need to be returned to Ms Clarkson by Friday, 20 September. Payment of fees can be paid any time before Monday 14 October.

Tuckshop - each Wednesday and Friday - Admin open 8.00am - 3:00pm

Maths Masters

On Wednesday morning seven Year 7 students competed in the monthly Maths Masters Competition held at Moreton Bay Boys' College. Over one hundred students from schools in our district sent students who have an aptitude for problem solving. Although slightly nervous, Andrew, Hannah, Jack G, Jamie, Laura, Talita and Sam worked well on five challenging questions. No student, from any school solved the five. Three of our students, Jamie, Jack and Sam correctly solved three questions. Well done to everyone. Thank you to the parents who provided transport and Mrs Winchester and Mrs Sheil, who stood in for Mrs Gosling. Try this question that no-one in the district was able to solve.

A motorist travels 180km from Scone to Nelsons Bay at an average speed of 40 km/h. She returns over the same road at an average of M km/h. Her average rate for the whole trip is 60 km/h. What is the value of M ?



Congratulations District Sport Representatives

Jasmine (12 year old high jump) and Chloe (11 year old shot put). Jasmine came third with a jump of 1.38m. Chloe came eighth with a throw of 8.28m. These are spectacular results for our Lota Girls! Well Done!

Quoting Dr Seuss

Many thanks to families and friends who have supported their children in watching for signs around our school! Especially, teaching them where important information may be posted. In addition the 'find-a-quote' activity has helped teach children the importance of naming your source of information. This is a particularly important skill for our senior students to have as they enter their future high school and universities where they will be expected to *reference* all of their written work. The final Dr Seuss quote is now posted on the school sign and I encourage all students to identify which Dr Seuss book this quote comes from. Write your entry on a strip of paper with your name and class on it and place in the silver entry box in the office. We will draw these out on Tuesday at Parade.

Year 2 Research Project



I have been fortunate enough to be invited to preview some of Lota's History tomorrow with our Year 2 students.

They have been busily researching various aspects of our local community as a part of their History unit this term. Their presentations start from 12pm.



Free Dress Day

Next Thursday 19 September we will be holding a free dress day to celebrate the end of a great term of learning at Lota. Students in free dress will be asked to bring a Gold Coin donation to assist in raising funds to pay for uniforms for students attending state athletics championships next month.

Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for school. That is, shirts/tops should be sun safe with sleeves (ie no singlets, strappy shirts or shirts that expose midriffs). Shorts/pants are most appropriate for school yard play or skirts/dresses with leggings underneath will still enable girls to swing from monkey bars. Closed footwear is essential for all children's safety in classrooms and in the playground. No thongs allowed.

THANK YOU!

Finally, I would like to thank the Lota State School Community for making my short stay in your school very enjoyable. As I have said previously, you are very lucky to be a part of such a warm and friendly community. I have been so impressed by the way that families work together to support their school;

- ✓ Hardworking Tuckshop Helpers, Father's Day Stall and Adventurers Club Camp organisers
- ✓ Teachers who work long hours and give countless hours back to their students (long before and after classes are running)
- ✓ School staff who pour their love into making school a safe, happy place for learning. And for those who toil in our gardens and grounds to keep them looking fabulous too.
- ✓ Families and Friends that help make our reading programs a success by giving their valuable time to listen to students read every day in our classrooms.

Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your school this term! Ms Schembri is looking forward to her return to Lota after the holidays.

Maryanne Gosling

Rugby League Skills Camp

School Holidays

- Kougari Oval - September 23-25
- For 6-12 year olds
- \$40 for the three days
- Flyers available in the school office
- Phone: 3906 7800 for more information

Bay Quilters: Airing of the Quilts

The Bay Quilters will be having an 'Airing of the Quilts' at the Shire Clerk's cottage in conjunction with the Waterloo Bay Leisure Centre fete on Sunday 19 October from 10am to 2pm.

As well as the exhibition, the Quilters will be working on their latest projects and only too happy to explain the process of traditional and modern, machine and hand piecing and embroidery.

This is a great opportunity to discover the delights of quilt making, textiles and design.

Invitation to



Parents

WHERE: Bayside Salvation Army
Cnr McDonald Rd & Macarthur St, Alexandra Hills.

COST: \$30 singles/\$60 couples
5 Sponsorships available for those in financial hardship

WHEN: Course will run commencing first Sunday of every month

Whether the training will be Primary or Teen varies every month and monthly schedule as follows:

1st Sunday each month - 11:30am start

- Register, gain info and commit to full program requirements. Course will start 12:30pm -3:30pm BYO Lunch

2nd Saturday of every month 9am - 4pm BYO Lunch

3rd Sunday 11:30am-12:30pm - Drink and Chat or 10 min telephone session can be arranged. These sessions are for parents to gain encouragement or what is working well and to gain confidence on what might require improvement.

4th Sunday - Same as point above

TOPICS

1. Positive Parenting
2. Promoting Children's Development
3. Managing Misbehaviour
4. Planning Ahead

Your Facilitator is Linda Best, an accredited facilitator who has been delivering all triple P programs for 9 years.

Certificates can be issued on request after full completion of program.

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