

LOTA STATE SCHOOL Newsletter

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families

On Friday 25th October we celebrated World Teachers' Day. Teachers around the world were honoured for the contributions they make to educating, and caring for, generations of young people. Many of our students thanked their teachers and I know I received some lovely drawings.

During first break the P&C presented teachers with a coffee machine, a selection of coffee, tea and hot chocolate; as well as a card signed by students and parents. On behalf of the staff at Lota we thank our P&C for their thoughtful gift.

The Lota P&C is organising our school dance to be held on Friday 15th November from 5.30pm to 8.00pm. A flyer has been sent home complete with information, a return slip for purchasing tickets and pre-ordering food. Students are reminded that they **MUST** be accompanied by an adult in order to be allowed entry into class dances led by Mrs Neville. Thank you to Mrs Hetherington and parents for organising this fun event.

Administration

Mrs Frederick has decided to reduce her working days to two days per week. Until the end of the school year Mrs Buchbach will work Monday to Friday, Mrs Frederick will work Wednesday and Friday and Mrs Winchester will work each Friday.

Cluster schools moderation

Yesterday all teachers participated in a Cluster Moderation afternoon. Teachers in each year level met with their colleagues across the Wynnum Manly cluster of schools to moderate student writing. Moderation

FOR YOUR DIARY

12/11/13	Crazy Hair Day
15/11/13	Friday Lota State School Disco in Space! 5:30 - 8:00pm
28/11/13	Instrumental Music Concert Awards on Thursday starting at 2:20pm - 3:00.

involves teachers discussing student work and coming to an agreement as to the assigned grade level. This process develops teacher judgement and assists in ensuring consistency of student grading across our region.

Kim Absent

During my absence this week, Mrs Blanch and Mrs Albrecht will be Acting Principal on Wednesday and Thursday. If I am absent on Friday, Mr Willis will be Acting Principal for the morning and Mrs Townsend for the middle and afternoon session.

Principal Network Meeting

On Thursday 7th November Lota will host the term four Principal Network Meeting. Principals from Manly, Manly West, Tingalpa, Wynnum West along with the Assistant Regional Executive Director Mrs Karen Howes and Principal Advisor Mrs Sandy Scanes will visit our school and observe our Prep to Year Two reading program. The students have been briefed on the visit and parents of those year levels notified of the visit.

Crazy Hair and Glasses Day

Parkinson Disease is a neurological disorder which affects the movement and muscle coordination of those who live with this disease. On Tuesday 12th November students can come dressed in free dress, create crazy hair and decorate glasses to wear. A gold coin donation, and proceeds from the sale of icy-cups, will be donated to this worthy cause on behalf of our Student Council.

Icy Cups
.50 cents each



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

Instrumental Music Awards Concert

Thursday Afternoon 28 November 2:20pm- 3:00pm

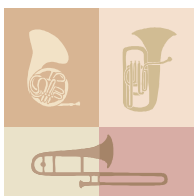
- Parents are invited to join Lota Students and staff to our Music Concert on Thursday the 28th of November starting at 2:20pm - 3:00. Our Music Students will be showcasing their skills learnt during the year. Concert Band will be performing along with some small ensembles. Awards will also be handed out during the concert to pay recognition to the students' achievements in the program this year. We look forward to seeing everyone there!
- Meet and Greet Afternoon with Miss Steffen: 3:10pm-3:40pm All parents welcome**

Parents of Students in Year 4. Students will be tested in week 4 on instruments to see if they will be offered a position in the band next year. Our program has been very successful this year and next year we will grow in numbers.

If parents would like to know more about what our Instrumental Music program offers for students (learning an instrument), **please feel free to come and meet me after our Music Concert on the 28th November, Thursday afternoon.**

I look forward to answering any questions you may have about next year. Also if current parents of students would like to meet me you are welcome to come to this too. Thanks!

Miss Jess Steffen



Dance Club News

Students in both the **Senior and Junior Dance Clubs** will be performing at the school dance on **Friday 15th November and the school parade on Tuesday 3rd December starting at 2:15 pm.** All of the dance students have worked very hard and shown a great deal of commitment.

I would like to say a **special thank you** to the **Wynnum Manly Physical Culture Club for their generous donation** of a large number of costumes to our school Dance Club. **Thank you also to the Bielby family** for organising this donation. All students who are involved in the Dance Club performances have been given a letter this week containing more information about these performances. If you think your child is in Dance Club and have not received this letter please see me as soon as possible.

Kind regards

Mrs Tanya Cleary

(Year 3 Teacher / Dance Team Co-Ordinator)

Chaplaincy

A new High Court challenge means School Chaplaincy is under threat again. If you wish to give support to the chappies, the form below is available at the school office.

Statement of Support,



FOR CONTINUED FEDERAL FUNDING OF SCHOOL CHAPLAINS.

Dear Prime Minister & Minister for School Education,

I value and support the worthwhile investment the Federal Government is making in children and young people through School Chaplaincy.

I urge you to do everything in your power to ensure the federal funding of School Chaplaincy continues and that the spiritual and pastoral care role school chaplains perform in school communities is maintained - because I believe our school chaplains are a worthy and valuable investment in young lives, and because our kids are worth it.

Get set to Blast off to the Lota State School Disco in Space!

Date: Friday 15th November

Time: 5:30- 8:00pm

Tickets: \$6 per person or
\$25 per family of 5

Pre-Purchase your tickets by Friday 8th November

- Pre-purchase your pizza order by Friday 8th November
- Help with fundraising for the school by selling raffle tickets
- Drinks, food, glow sticks available on the night
- Lucky Door Prize and Raffles with fantastic prizes to be won!

All proceeds go to support our school!

Any volunteers very welcome!

We hope to see you there!

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